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Subject: Comment on Non-Interim Regulations
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Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee
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August 30, 2021

Re: Comment on the Non-Interim Regulations

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for considering these comments and recommendations for the Non-Interim Regulations of the Puyallup Tribe's ancestral tideflats, known today as the Port of Tacoma, as you make amendments and final recommendations to the entire city council.

While the original intent of the Interim Regulations was to prevent fossil fuel expansion during the Subarea Plan process, the exemptions currently being proposed create so many loopholes that they subvert the intent of the entire process.

During the last four years, despite public outcry, existing industries have used the City of Tacoma's delay as an opportunity to file expansion plans. Twice, the City's planning commission has invested time and energy to research alternatives and returned recommendations to halt fossil fuel expansion in the tideflats. It's time to listen.

350 Seattle advocates for climate justice and a stable climate. The decisions made by the City of Tacoma regarding the tideflats affect the entire Salish Sea region. It is important that the City gets it right.

Now is the time for decisive action

The [science is clear](#) (1) that allowing global temperatures to rise above 1.5 degrees Celsius would be catastrophic, and can only be avoided by deep emissions cuts in the next few years. According to the [flagship report](#) (2) just released by the International Energy Agency detailing how to reach this goal, it is only possible if, "*beyond projects already committed as of 2021, there are no new oil and gas fields approved for development*".

We call on the City of Tacoma to join with [Whatcom County](#) (3) and [King County](#) (4) and end the expansion of fossil fuel industries in the tideflats.

As the contentious Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) refinery indicates, the fossil gas industry intends to keep expanding. That is unacceptable. Any additional gas projects in our region would come from [increased hydraulic fracking](#) (5), which has been [definitively linked](#) (6) to increasing concentrations of methane in the atmosphere. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report [singled out methane reduction](#) (7) as one of the most important strategies for addressing climate change, given its outsize warming potential and more immediate warming effects compared to carbon dioxide.

The Puyallup Tribe has been very clear regarding the need to stop permitting polluting and toxic industries on the tideflats. The City says it wants a relationship with the Tribe but as Council Member Anna Bean has asked, *What kind of relationship?* It is time to listen and respect the original inhabitants and caregivers of Tacoma's lands and waters.

Public health and wellbeing

Public health must come before the profits of fossil fuel companies and their executives. What's bad for our climate cannot, by definition, be good for human health. The census plots in and around the tideflats are among the most unhealthy in the state, as shown in the [Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map](#) (8).

It is time for the City of Tacoma to create an economic environment that prioritizes less-toxic industries and businesses. Polluting businesses should not be the city's economic backbone.

The tideflats receive the largest number of potentially explosive oil and ethanol trains in the state, in proximity to homes and businesses, while lying over an earthquake fault on soil prone to liquefaction. The city has already determined that the tideflats will flood regularly within just a few decades -- the risk to local water quality, marine life and local residents is significant. It is time for Tacoma to transition to less dangerous businesses.

The residents of Tacoma need jobs that are resilient, and support a sustainable community. They need affordable housing, upgrades to water infrastructure, and more community gardens. The majority of jobs connected to fossil fuel industries are created during the construction phase. The ratio of jobs per acre for permanent fossil fuel jobs is extremely low.

As Tacoma's own history, littered with dozens of Superfund sites, illustrates: polluting industries leave behind toxic legacies and the communities they poison are additionally burdened with cleanup costs. The Commission's decision to end fossil fuel expansion in the tideflats is an opportunity to break that cycle of misuse and harm.

Transitioning away from fossil fuels

As the [2021 State Energy Strategy](#) indicates (9), Washington is headed toward a decarbonized future while growing a prosperous state economy. The City of Tacoma should waste no more time taking its first meaningful steps down that road.

Regarding maritime fuels, [a study](#) (10) by the International Council on Clean Transportation showed that when full life-cycle comparisons are made, LNG is even worse for the climate than existing oil consumption. Even the International Maritime Organization [concluded that](#) (11) LNG results in "*little or no carbon*

savings and, in many cases, worse performance compared to HFO/MGO”.

For shipping, so-called “green” hydrogen, made entirely with electricity sourced from renewables, is a promising alternative. Although “blue” hydrogen can also be made from fossil fuels, a [recent study](#) (12) shows that this is still worse than just burning fossil fuels directly because of methane leaks, insufficient carbon capture, higher energy requirements, and the inherent inefficiency of producing hydrogen.

Until abundant supplies of green hydrogen are available, and since investment in any type of new fossil fuel infrastructure is incompatible with a transition to a clean energy economy, we recommend that ships use marine gas oil to meet sulphur requirements rather than switching to another fuel source that will have to be abandoned once green hydrogen becomes available. By delaying until we’re ready to convert to a truly clean fuel, the Port of Tacoma will be in a position to be a leader in the next generation of maritime solutions.

This is not the time for half-measures

Regarding the requested exemptions cited above, it is clearly unethical that the industries subject to expansion limits are providing language for exemption amendments. Given existing and foreseeable consequences of the climate crisis, it is, in fact, unconscionable.

We strongly urge the Commission to reject any exemption for the LNG facility, which has been the focus of sustained public outcry over the last four years. We agree with the statements submitted by Earthjustice outlining the legal parameters of this specific claim, and urge the city not to hide behind the legal arguments put forward by Puget Sound Energy.

We also urge the Commission to resist distractions and false solutions in the form of requests for exemptions from the fossil fuel industry. For example, the idea that the addition of an unnamed, minority percentage of landfill or food waste gas into fracked gas creates a cleaner or renewable fuel mix is greenwashing (13). Similarly, as noted above, so-called “blue” hydrogen is not an acceptable climate solution (12) and should be avoided in favor of a focus on “green” hydrogen generated with renewable energy.

Finally, regarding the need for fossil fuels for national defense purposes, it is important to recognize that the climate emergency itself is a [top threat to national security](#) (14). The job of your Commission is to protect the residents of Tacoma. Joint Base Lewis McChord has not officially commented because they do not feel impacted; don’t allow fossil fuel companies looking for more exemptions to exploit Tacoma’s relationship with JBLM.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We urge you to act decisively and close the door on any further fossil fuel expansion in the ancestral tideflats of the Puyallup Tribe, known today as the Port of Tacoma.

Sincerely yours,

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From: [Carla Penderock](#)
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: Why are you furthering climate change?
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 8:21:36 AM

IPS Committee ,

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We need to start transitioning Tacoma away from fossil fuels or we'll be left behind and dealing with a toxic legacy when the rest of the country converts to green, renewable energy and industry. Why can't we attract a turbine manufacturer here? With the port and rail access it would be perfect for distribution.

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I hope you will deliver to us the fossil fuel regulations we need.

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From: oneida226@rainierconnect.com
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: Non Interim Regulations
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 5:58:36 PM

Dear IPS Committee:

I spoke at the August Seaport Alliance meeting about no expansion of the fossil fuel industry at the Port of Tacoma. Afterwards, I received a letter from Commissioner Marzano. He assured me that **"The Port of Tacoma has taken a strong stance supporting the eventual transition away from fossil fuels" and that "Moreover, as part of the industrial land use regulation process, we have advocated for the City to reconsider any restrictions to existing businesses that would limit their ability to provide or transition to cleaner/greener fuels and practices."** I hope that you will listen to the hundreds of residents, the Puyallup Tribal Council members and elders, the youth, environmentalists and more. Will you acknowledge the urgency of the Planning Commission's recommendation and cease fossil fuel expansions both new and existing?

Thank you for your immediate consideration.

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From: [Barbara Church](#)
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: IPS Tideflats Non Interim Regulations
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 5:47:08 PM

I did send this letter to the City Council but I also wanted it to go on record with the IPS team, so I apologize if this is redundant.

Dear IPS Committee:

I'm a resident of NE Tacoma, live two miles from the Port of Tacoma, I'm an elder and part of the BIPOC community most adversely impacted by fossil fuel expansion projects. For the past four years, I have been involved with the Subarea Planning process, Interim Regulations and currently the Non Interim Regulation process. I've attended meetings via zoom or video recordings throughout the Covid pandemic.

I've heard Tacoma City Council members refer to Bill Adamson with the South Sound Military Community Partnership as spokesperson for JBLM and Department of Defense. When I called JBLM Public Affairs Office, I spoke to Jeannie, the Community Affairs Director. She said she had not heard of Bill Adamson and that he wasn't listed in their official phone book. She was familiar with SSMCP, had worked with them, but said it was a **.org**, and has no official capacity to speak on behalf of JBLM, the Department of Defense or the Federal Government.

In recent City and Port meetings, the fear that JBLM might leave is been being fostered with comments like: "If JBLM doesn't get he fuel it needs from US Oil, JBLM will probably go somewhere else...and expansion's the issue" (Quote from Deanna Keller, June 17th, Port of Tacoma meeting, 2:22, that has since been reinforced by some Council members) The JBLM Community Affairs Director, said that "JBLM has been in the same location since 1917, is in a strategic position and has no plans to relocate."

Introducing and fostering the idea that JBLM might leave, is a strategy the the fossil fuel industry is using to: delay a decision that was started over 4 years ago with Interim Regulations...delay a decision that has for four years allowed existing fossil fuel industries to expand... and who's fostering these delays?

- 1) *Manufacturing & Industrial Council*, (whose Executive Board consists of US Oil, Seaport Sound Terminal, Targa, PSE, Thompson Consulting who are oil lobbyists)
- 2) *Bill Adamson from SSMCP*— whose organization suggested language for Lilian Hunter's amendment to the Non Interim Regs.(This org also has Puget Sound Energy on its steering committee)

Who will write the next amendment to the NonInterim Regs.—US Oil? One of the Port's emails says that US Oil also has language they are recommending.

Why is the City letting the fossil fuel industry write our amendments to Non Interim Regs?

Why aren't we honoring the Puyallup Flag that hangs in City Hall and honoring the words of Tribal Council members Bryan and Bean and tribal elders by supporting the Planning Commission's Non Interim Regulations?

Why aren't we honoring the City of Tacoma's Climate Emergency policy and the United Nation's Code Red for Humanity (the City's policy brought tears to the eyes of youth, tribal members and residents witnessing that declaration)?

And finally, why aren't we listening to our greatest voice, mother earth herself, who is crying out through

wildfires, floods, heat domes and more?

Will you acknowledge the urgency of the Planning Commission's recommendation and cease fossil fuel expansions both new and existing?

Best Regards, Barbara Church

From: [Ellen Floyd](#)
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 5:09:39 PM

Dear IPS Committee,

I'm writing as a Tacoma resident, and Co-Chair of Indivisible Tacoma, which represents hundreds of civic-minded Tacomans. Indivisible Tacoma wrote a letter to the Seaport Alliance asking for no expansion of existing or new fossil fuel projects. President Marzano responded to our email where he clearly explains that the Port of Tacoma has taken the stance that it will be transitioning away from fossil fuels toward cleaner/greener fuels and practices. He emphatically denies that Commissioners are lobbying for expansion of fossil fuels in their role as Commissioners and any other statements or actions they may make are only their personal opinions and do not express the position of the Port.

Taking President Marzano at his word means that the Port is not supporting expansion of fossil fuels. Indeed, they are advocating for transitioning to clean fuels.

Further, the City of Tacoma has declared a Climate Emergency, a policy under which the finding of facts allows no argument that would support expansion of fossil fuels.

Therefore, given the Port's position, the City's declaration, plus the recent International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, our region's experience with deaths from the heat dome this summer, wildfires, and so much more, the Non-Interim Regulations should be made permanent with no exemptions and no loopholes!

Indivisible Tacoma stands with the citizens of Tacoma looking into an uncertain future endangered by fossil fuels, to ask you to make the scientifically-based and morally right decision to save the very lives of your constituents, to save our beautiful city, state, and world. We ask you to be the leaders and protectors of your constituents. It is long past time for equivocation on this life-or-death issue.

Vote in full support of the Planning Commission's recommendations for permanent Non-Interim Regulations – no amendments, no exceptions!

Sincerely,

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From: [Linda Parrish](#)
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: No Fossil Expansion
Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 8:16:44 AM

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Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 5:06:41 AM

IPS IPS Committee ,

Dear IPS Chair & Vice-chair,

Stop the environmental damaging impact of the fossil fuel port industries. Please do not return Tacoma to being the arm pit of Washington State. We deserve better from you. Have the courage and intelligence to do better.

Tacoma is growing fast, and that means we need sensible policies to make sure that growth is not at odds with the surrounding environment. We must ensure we limit fossil fuels in Tacoma so that as we continue to grow, we are not exposing more people to increased risks from air pollution that comes from industry and transportation. If we pass strong Tideflats regulations we can ensure polluting industries in the Tideflats can only expand if they are developing low carbon fuels, that will serve us with cleaner energy for generations to come.

We have less than a decade to realign our economy and communities around a low carbon future, and decades more of progress that can only truly begin once we stop fossil fuel expansions.

City Council, please pass policy that will -

- Stop the expansions of dirty fuels like oil & fracked gas
- Incentivize renewable & low carbon fuels
- Ensure there are minimal industrial impacts to residential areas as Pierce County continues to grow

Tacoma needs sensible policies for managed growth, and that starts by making room for cleaner industries and communities. No longer can Tacoma afford to be corporate polluters' favorite city, we must be a city that leads on climate because the stakes are too high.

Thank you,

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Subject: stop fossil fuel expansion
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 11:58:22 AM

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From: [Meredith Adler](#)
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Subject: Thank you for your Efforts to Protect Tideflats Jobs
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 7:27:36 AM

Dear Comment Email Email,

Dear Chair McCarthy and Members of the IPS Committee:

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Subject: Thank you for your Efforts to Protect Tideflats Jobs
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 7:22:00 AM

Dear Comment Email Email,

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Subject: Thank you for your Efforts to Protect Tideflats Jobs
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 7:20:30 AM

Dear Comment Email Email,

Dear Chair McCarthy and Members of the IPS Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the member companies of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA). PMSA represents marine terminal operators, vessel lines, agents, rail, and others in the West Coast trade community.

This comment is for your consideration during your IPS Committee meeting today. As I mentioned in a previous comment to the City Council, the Puget Sound Gateway, including Seattle and Tacoma, is competing with other North American ports, including Canada, for market share. Industry consolidation and larger vessels mean that there will be big winners and losers in port competition. One of the things ports and surrounding communities can do to compete is to provide reasonable costs and predictable regulations for companies making port call decisions. The companies that operate port marine terminals sign long-term leases and invest millions of dollars in infrastructure. Without some guarantee of cost, reliability, and predictability, those investment decisions become more difficult.

The City of Tacoma has an opportunity to send a signal to the trade community that the regulatory framework moving forward will be fair and predictable. Unfortunately, the current effort to increase the use of Conditional Use Permits on the Tideflats sends the opposite signal. Therefore, the IPS Committee should not recommend the increased use of Conditional Use Permits to the Mayor and Council.

As you may know, our industry is in the midst of massive investments and experimentation in new cleaner technologies at ports around the world. The investments are in zero and near-zero emissions equipment and fuels. Adding a layer of regulatory confusion like Conditional Use Permits threaten to delay that innovation in the Tideflats.

Thank you for your consideration and your support for the men and women who work in the Tideflats. Please contact me if you have questions or comments at (206) 604-1850.

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From: [Jeremy Rood](#)
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: Thank you for your Efforts to Protect Tideflats Jobs
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 7:20:22 AM

Dear Comment Email Email,

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From: [Nancy Farrell](#)
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: Tacoma Needs Room to Sustainably Grow
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15:27 AM

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From: [Beverly Hendricks](#)
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: Tacoma Needs Room to Sustainably Grow
Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 9:11:08 PM

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From: [Chris Covert-Bowlds, MD](#)
To: [IPSTideflats](#)
Subject: Stop fossil fuel use, for our health
Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 6:36:34 PM

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Dear IPS Committee,

Our community has been asking the City to stop fossil fuel expansion for the past four years. We are asking yet again.

I was quite disappointed when the City Council failed to adopt the non-interim regulations as proposed by the City Planning Department. These would have included a ban on fossil fuel expansion. Just as in their first recommendation four years ago.

I also understand that some council members were poised to amend the non-interim regulations to death, and that is why the Mayor put it to a vote to send it to your committee. From my point of view, this is just further wheel spinning and delay to let industry do as it pleases. We don't need more studies or review - we know exactly what we need to do. So let's do it.

I hope you will prove me wrong by maintaining the ban on fossil fuel expansion as you do your own take on the non-interim regulations. Ideally, I'd ask that you include a ban on the establishment of any new fossil fuel industry, no matter the size (as I understand it anything under a million gallons is allowed).

Undoubtedly industry will turn to talk of biofuels to try and seek expansion of their facilities. It would be good for you to know that two refineries built for biofuels in the PNW ended up just processing fossil fuels in the end. If the fossil fuel companies are so keen to do biofuels, which are of questionable sustainability and scalability to my knowledge, then let them use whatever storage tanks they currently have. We don't want to be home to another refinery spewing toxins into our air, biofuel or not.

We need to start transitioning Tacoma away from fossil fuels or we'll be left behind and dealing with a toxic legacy when the rest of the country converts to green, renewable energy and industry. Why can't we attract a turbine manufacturer here? With the port and rail access it would be perfect for distribution.

Please remember that the City passed a climate emergency resolution. Banning fossil fuels is the next logical step. Then we need to start weaning off them, and rapidly. I noticed that the climate education promised in the Climate Emergency Resolution oddly didn't include Council Members - would be great to see you all insist on having that education for yourselves as well.

I hope you will deliver to us the fossil fuel regulations we need.

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