

Appendix E

## **News Releases**

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**Department of Ecology News Release - September 21, 2012**

## **Scoping begins Sept. 24 for proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal EIS**

### ***Agencies seek input before reviewing Cherry Point export terminal proposal***

BELLINGHAM –The public is invited to comment on the scope of an environmental impact statement (EIS) that three agencies plan to jointly prepare for a proposed bulk-cargo shipping terminal and rail spur improvements at Cherry Point.

Whatcom County, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) are together conducting the EIS process for the proposed terminal projects and will jointly produce one EIS. Whatcom County and Ecology must follow the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), and the Corps must follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Pacific International Terminals, a subsidiary of SSA Marine Inc. (SSA), proposes to build and operate the Gateway Pacific Terminal between Ferndale and Blaine. The terminal would provide storage and handling of exported and imported dry bulk commodities, including coal, grain, iron ore, salts and alumina. BNSF Railway Inc. proposes to add rail facilities and install a second track along the six-mile Custer Spur.

A 120-day comment period for the NEPA/SEPA EIS scoping process will begin Sept. 24, 2012, and end Jan. 21, 2013.

Through scoping, the agencies will decide what impacts to analyze in the EIS. The three lead agencies will ask other agencies, tribes and the public to comment on what impacts the EIS should address. After considering comments, the lead agencies will decide what should be included in the EIS.

Further phases include researching and preparing the draft and final EIS.

People can view information about the proposed projects and comment at any time during the 120-day comment period:

- Via the official website established by the three agencies for the EIS process: [www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov](http://www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov).
- By email: [comments@eisgatewaypacificwa.gov](mailto:comments@eisgatewaypacificwa.gov).
- By mail: GPT/Custer Spur EIS, 1100 112th Ave. NE, Suite 400, Bellevue, WA 98004.

The lead agencies also will host seven scoping meetings, which will include information on the proposed projects, staff available to answer questions, and opportunities to provide oral or written comments. There will be no formal presentation, and people may arrive and leave as they choose during the meeting hours.

Meetings are set for these dates and locations:

- **Bellingham:** Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Squalicum High School, 3773 E. McLeod Road
- **Friday Harbor:** Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012; noon to 3 p.m.; Friday Harbor High School, 45 Blair Ave.
- **Mount Vernon:** Monday, Nov. 5, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; McIntyre Hall, 2501 E. College Way
- **Seattle:** Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; North Seattle Community College, 9600 College Way N.
- **Ferndale:** Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012; 3 to 7 p.m.; Ferndale Events Center, 5715 Barrett Road
- **Spokane:** Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; Spokane County Fairgrounds, 404 N. Havana St., Spokane Valley
- **Vancouver:** Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; Clark College, Gaiser Student Center, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way

The official website, [www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov](http://www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov), provides additional details about the scoping process and meetings, and will display the comments received. The site's full set of features will go on line at about midnight on Sept. 24, 2012.

The joint NEPA/SEPA EIS process enables the co-lead agencies to avoid duplicated efforts where the two laws overlap, while meeting each statute's separate requirements. Parts of the joint EIS process described on the website apply to both statutes and parts apply to one or the other.

In scoping, the lead agencies seek comments that will guide their decision on how the EIS will address:

- A reasonable range of alternatives for the proposals.
- Potentially affected resources and the extent to which the EIS should analyze those resources.
- Identifying significant unavoidable adverse impacts.
- Measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate effects caused by the proposals.

The scoping process does not address whether the proposal should receive permits. Scoping only helps define what will be studied in the EIS. Decisions about issuing permits to construct the proposed projects will not be made until after the EIS is complete.

Later in 2013, after the comment period, the lead agencies will issue a scoping report and begin work on a draft EIS, which may take at least a year to prepare. The lead agencies will seek public comment on the draft EIS, and then produce a final NEPA/SEPA EIS.

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**More information:**

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- [Washington Office of Regulatory Assistance](http://iprmt.ora.wa.gov/) (<http://iprmt.ora.wa.gov/>) requires registration
- [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District](http://www.nws.usace.army.mil) ([www.nws.usace.army.mil](http://www.nws.usace.army.mil))
- [Ecology's social media](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/about/newmedia.html) ([www.ecy.wa.gov/about/newmedia.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/about/newmedia.html))

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## Seattle meeting for proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal EIS changed to accommodate high public interest - *Agencies gathering input before review of Cherry Point export terminal proposal*

SEATTLE – To accommodate high public interest, the three agencies gathering public comment on the scope of an upcoming environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed bulk-cargo shipping terminal and rail spur improvements at Cherry Point, have rescheduled a public meeting originally set for next week in Seattle.

The new location will have room for a larger number of participants. The Seattle meeting is now set for Dec. 13, 2012, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Ballroom 6F.

Pacific International Terminals, a subsidiary of SSA Marine Inc. (SSA), proposes to build and operate the Gateway Pacific Terminal between Ferndale and Blaine. The terminal would provide storage and handling of exported and imported dry bulk commodities, including coal, grain, iron ore, salts and alumina. BNSF Railway Inc. proposes to add rail facilities and install a second track along the six-mile Custer Spur.

Whatcom County, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) together are conducting the EIS process for the proposed terminal projects and will jointly produce one EIS. Whatcom County and Ecology must follow the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), and the Corps must follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Scoping is a preliminary phase of the EIS process when the agencies identify potential adverse impacts to decide what impacts to analyze in the EIS. The three lead agencies are gathering input from other agencies, tribes and the public. After considering comments, the lead agencies will decide what should be included in the EIS.

The EIS will evaluate the adverse impacts of various alternatives and explores possible mitigation to reduce the impacts.

In all, the lead agencies are hosting seven scoping meetings, during which staff will be available to answer questions and people can view information about the proposed projects and have opportunities to provide oral or written comments. There is no formal presentation, and people may arrive and leave as they choose during the meeting hours.

A 120-day comment period for the NEPA/SEPA EIS scoping process began Sept. 24, 2012, and ends Jan. 21, 2013. So far, the three agencies have received more than 6,000 comments.

The first three meetings, in Bellingham, Friday Harbor and Mount Vernon, drew 1,800, 450 and 1,000 attendees, respectively. The remaining four meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **Ferndale:** Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012; 3 to 7 p.m.; Ferndale Events Center, 5715 Barrett Road
- **Spokane:** Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; Spokane County Fairgrounds, 404 N. Havana St., Spokane Valley
- **Vancouver:** Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; Clark College, Gaiser Student Center, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way
- **Seattle:** Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Ballroom 6F

People can comment at any time during the comment period:

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**Joint news release:**

**Whatcom County, Washington Dept. of Ecology, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers -  
December 7, 2012**

## **Drawings set for spoken comments at upcoming meetings for proposed Gateway Pacific**

### **Terminal EIS Agencies gathering input before review of Cherry Point export terminal proposal**

SEATTLE – The three agencies gathering public comment on the scope of an upcoming environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed bulk-cargo shipping terminal and rail spur improvements at Cherry Point have modified the speaker selection process at two upcoming public meetings to accommodate high public interest.

People interested in speaking at the verbal comment sessions in audience halls at next week's meetings in Vancouver, Wash., and Seattle will enter random drawings for about 150 two-minute speaking slots at each event. The drawings will occur at the start of each hour during the three-hour public meetings. People can enter the drawings at any time before the final drawing.

The drawings replace a process at five previous meetings that assigned speaking slots based on the order in which people arrived. This prompted many attendees to arrive hours before the meetings.

The scoping process and the meetings provide several ways for people to comment. The Vancouver and Seattle meetings will have two concurrent verbal comment sessions in audience halls, which will provide more opportunities for people to speak publically. People also may submit written comments or record verbal comments at individual recording stations.

Aside from the meetings, people may comment online, by email or by letter.

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The meetings also include staffed informational displays and non-audience comment areas where people can record comments orally or submit them in writing.

A 120-day comment period for the NEPA/SEPA EIS scoping process began Sept. 24, 2012, and ends Jan. 21, 2013. So far, the three agencies have received nearly 9,000 comments.

The first five meetings, in Bellingham, Friday Harbor, Mount Vernon, Ferndale and Spokane drew 1,800, 450, 1,000, 1,300 and 850 attendees, respectively.

The remaining two meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **Vancouver:** Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; Clark College, Gaiser Student Center, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way
- **Seattle:** Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012; 4 to 7 p.m.; Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Ballroom 6F

The Vancouver facility overall capacity is 800, and Seattle's is 3,500. When facilities reach capacity, additional people cannot be admitted.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. for people to take seats and to enter the drawings to speak at either of the two audience halls at each meeting. Drawings will take place at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. at each comment hall.

In Vancouver, access to the meeting will be at the entrance to Clark College's Penguin Union Building.

In Seattle, access to the Convention Center's sixth floor will be available after 3 p.m., with space provided for a waiting line in Ballroom 6F at that time.

In addition to attending or speaking at the public meetings, people may comment at any time, with no limit to the length or number of comments, during the comment period:

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There is no distinction involving the method used to make comments.

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**From:** Altose, Larry (ECY) [LALT461@ECY.WA.GOV]  
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**Subject:** EIS scoping meeting on proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal -- some additional details

Editors, reporters, news directors:

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As noted there, this meeting will take place on Nov. 3 from Noon to 3 p.m. at Friday Harbor High School, [45 Blair Avenue](#).

Anyone is welcome to attend and there is no need to sign up ahead of time.

This is a community open house, not a public hearing. People will be able to participate in concurrent activities, listed below, and can come and go as desired during the meeting hours.

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2. A written comment area, with tables, comment forms and writing materials
3. Spoken comment area with audience seating.
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The co-lead agencies have a strong commitment to public involvement in scoping and the rest of the EIS process for the proposed terminal and rail modification project. We will review all comments received during the 120-day comment period.

Thank you,

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As the Mount Vernon open house on EIS scoping for the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal and Custer Spur modification projects approaches, we thought you would appreciate some further local details.

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As noted there, this meeting will take place on Nov. 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at McIntyre Hall, [2501 E College Way](#).

Anyone is welcome to attend and there is no need to sign up ahead of time.

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**Subject:** EIS scoping meeting for proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal - local details

Hi Addy, Scott and Betsy. I don't know who will cover this meeting, but here are some details. I'll be there to help reporters grab interviewees!

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As noted there, this meeting will take place on Dec. 4 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Spokane County Fair and Events Center, in the Plaza and Bay 1, [404 N Havana Street](#) in Spokane Valley.

Anyone is welcome to attend and there is no need to sign up ahead of time.

This is a community open house, not a public hearing. People will be able to participate in concurrent activities, and can come and go as desired during the meeting hours.

1. Information displays with staff available to answer questions.
2. A written comment area, with tables, comment forms and writing materials
3. Spoken comment area with audience seating, in Bay 1.
  - Speakers called in the order signed up, three at a time, with the next three asked to be ready "on deck" nearby
  - Two minutes per person to accommodate as many speakers as possible (which should allow about 75 people to speak)
  - All the time is for comments; no opening presentation
4. Individual spoken comment, with no audience present
  - Recording attended by a staff member
  - If needed, people will queue in a single line
  - Two minutes per person to accommodate as many speakers as possible (which should allow about 75 people to speak)

All comments, regardless of how submitted, are transcribed and [posted on the website](#).

Thousands of people are commenting on line, either [via the website](#), or by [email: comments@eisgatewaypacificwa.gov](mailto:comments@eisgatewaypacificwa.gov). There will be no electronic facilities for commenting at the meeting.

The co-lead agencies have a strong commitment to public involvement in scoping and the rest of the EIS process for the proposed terminal and rail modification project. We will review all comments received during the 120-day comment period.

Thank you,

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