

THE SPEAKER: Che Leah Ten Clifford Cultee, chairman for the Lummi Nation. I'm here to honor our ancestors and our ancestral burial ground. Also here to fight for our natural resources that all of our people share, that we rely upon, and for our livelihoods and our sustenance and our ceremonial practices.

We also fight to protect and preserve resources for the next seven generations. And I know coal is a step in the wrong direction. We have to stand united to oppose coal. There -- we should be looking at clean energy. Clean energy, solar and wind power, so that's the way that we should be moving. There's so much at risk here. We have to stand united. There's so much to fight for here. But I know that coal just provides a few jobs for construction, but in the end it's just a very few amount of jobs. All the coal terminals, they're promising a handful of jobs available. I've seen the Cape-size ships. They're huge. They have big impacts on the environment. The coal dust. Not to say, you know, the big impact on the fishing, crabbing. Those areas out in the Cherry Point, Xwe'chi'eXen.

So I want us to stand united and protect this area and  
say no to coal.

Thank you.