

1 CHAIRMAN MEL SHELDON: Good afternoon. My
2 name is Mel Sheldon; Chairman of Tulalip Tribes.

3 We have a success of interest to the
4 Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish and other tribes and
5 ban signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott.

6 Tulalip supports job creation. We are one
7 of the largest employers in Snohomish County and
8 contribute economic solvency in the Northwest.

9 However, we do not support an industry, such
10 as this one, that we believe will damage our natural
11 and cultural resources or diminish existing jobs in
12 our region.

13 Tulalip will not tolerate impacts to the
14 health of our tribal members and to our treaty reserve
15 fishing, hunting, and gathering rights.

16 These projects pose significant threats to
17 our natural environment; including additional tanker
18 traffic in the fragile waters of the Salish Sea,
19 directly interfering with our treaty fishing areas,
20 contamination of our waters, lands, and traditional
21 foods. Impact to air quality that not only affect my
22 people, but everyone.

23 Nor can we tolerate the impacts to our
24 tribal and regional economies.

25 18 New trains a day, up to a mile and a half

1 long, equates to an additional wait of two to three
2 hours daily at each main access point at Tulalip and
3 Marysville. Need I say more how this will affect the
4 economy. This cannot be allowed.

5 Let me remind you, as Chairman of Tulalip
6 Tribes, each federal agency is responsible for
7 fulfilling its trust responsibility to avoid putting
8 our treaty rights at further risk.

9 You, as Army Corps of Engineers, are a
10 federal trustee in this process and we ask that you
11 not permit any project that significantly impacts our
12 way of life and further erodes exercise of our treaty
13 rights.

14 Tulalip says no to coal. Tulalip says hell
15 no to coal.

16 Thank you.

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