

1 **KRISTINA PROSZECK:** My name is Kristina Proszeck.
2 I'm the Environmental Review Coordinator for the Yakama
3 Nation. I've been asked to deliver these comments on behalf
4 of the Yakama Tribal Council.

5 As previously requested, the Yakama Nation
6 continues to ask the federal government to conduct a
7 comprehensive region wide analysis of the coal export
8 proposals in the Northwest in addition and prior to
9 completing project specific EIS's for each proposed
10 terminal.

11 All coal that would be exported through terminals
12 in Washington and Oregon would first be transported through
13 the ceded lands in the usual and accustomed-use areas users
14 of the Yakama Nation, including those trains heading towards
15 the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal at Cherry Point.

16 It is also our understanding, the return trains
17 from the Cherry point terminal will also pass through the
18 Yakama Reservation. We ask that the scope of the Cherry
19 Point EIS include the evaluation of all potential impacts to
20 public health, safety, the environment and treaty reserve
21 resources from the coal's origins in the Powder River Basin
22 through our homelands to Asia and back as the effects of
23 this proposal are not limited to the state of Washington and
24 do not recognize the political boundaries that have been
25 created.

1 It is imperative that this EIS includes but is not
2 limited to an evaluation of the additional fatality --
3 fatalities among our members attempting to fish at their
4 usual and accustomed places that would most certainly result
5 from increased rail traffic through the Columbia River
6 Gorge.

7 The amounts and effects of coal dust that may
8 deposited upon our lands, in our waters, the likelihood and
9 frequency of coal train derailments and their effects, the
10 toxic emissions from transporting the coal and bringing it
11 to Asia has our effects, as we have seen already in the
12 Columbia River Gorge, this area is already known to have
13 some of the worst air quality and acid rain in the
14 Northwest.

15 The Yakama Nation also requests that you hold
16 public hearings in Central Washington, from the Columbia
17 River north where tribal members and other who stand to be
18 affected by this proposal also deserve the opportunity to be
19 informed and engaged in this process. Thank you.
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