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Whatcom County Planning Office
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Dear Sirs,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to strongly object to the latest regulatory action in regard to the unauthorized work and environmental damage done due to road clearing at SSA Marine's proposed shipping terminal site at Cherry Point.

A blatant violation has taken place and it is totally inappropriate to issue permits retroactively for the work. Of course, the environmental damage must be remediated but this will take time and it certainly is not a justification for retroactively issuing permits, which is a bad precedent in itself.

The developer of this proposed project has shown an arrogant and heavy-handed approach in dealing with community concerns regarding the impacts of this massive development. They have also clearly violated established procedures and regulations. Whatcom County officials have a responsibility to county residents. Because of that responsibility, they should not condone such action by retroactive authorizations.

Sincerely,

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