

Coal-Free Northwest

Clean Air - Healthy Communities - **No Coal Exports**



Coal is a Dirty Business

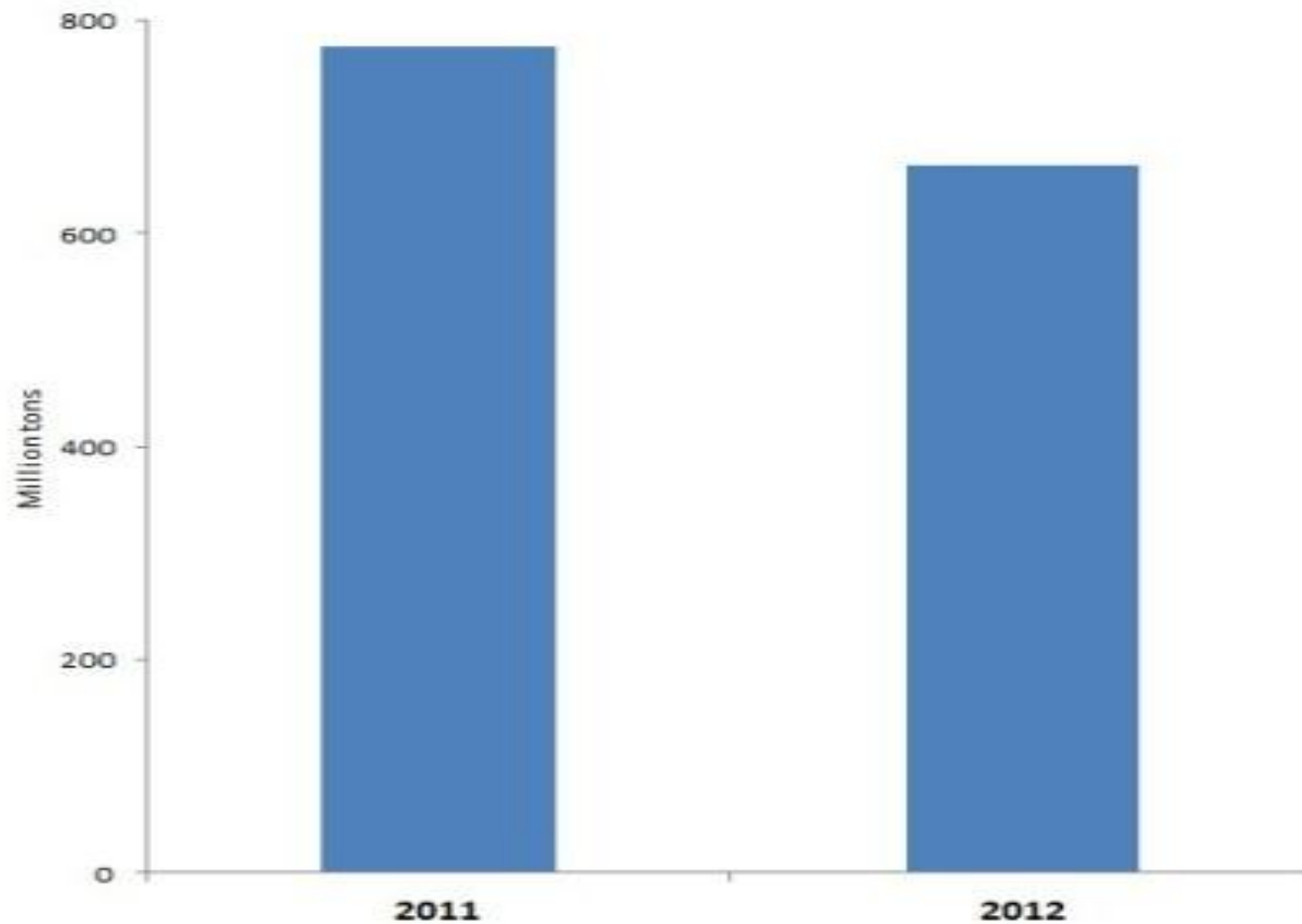


Big Coal Threatens Our Progress



Why the Coal Industry is Worried

(Total US coal consumption, Q1 to Q3 only)



Despite a record-smashing summer heatwave, **US coal consumption nose-dived 14% in 2012**, according to most recent available data.

COAL EXPORT IN THE NORTHWEST

- Potential Train Routes
- ☀ Proposed Coal Terminals



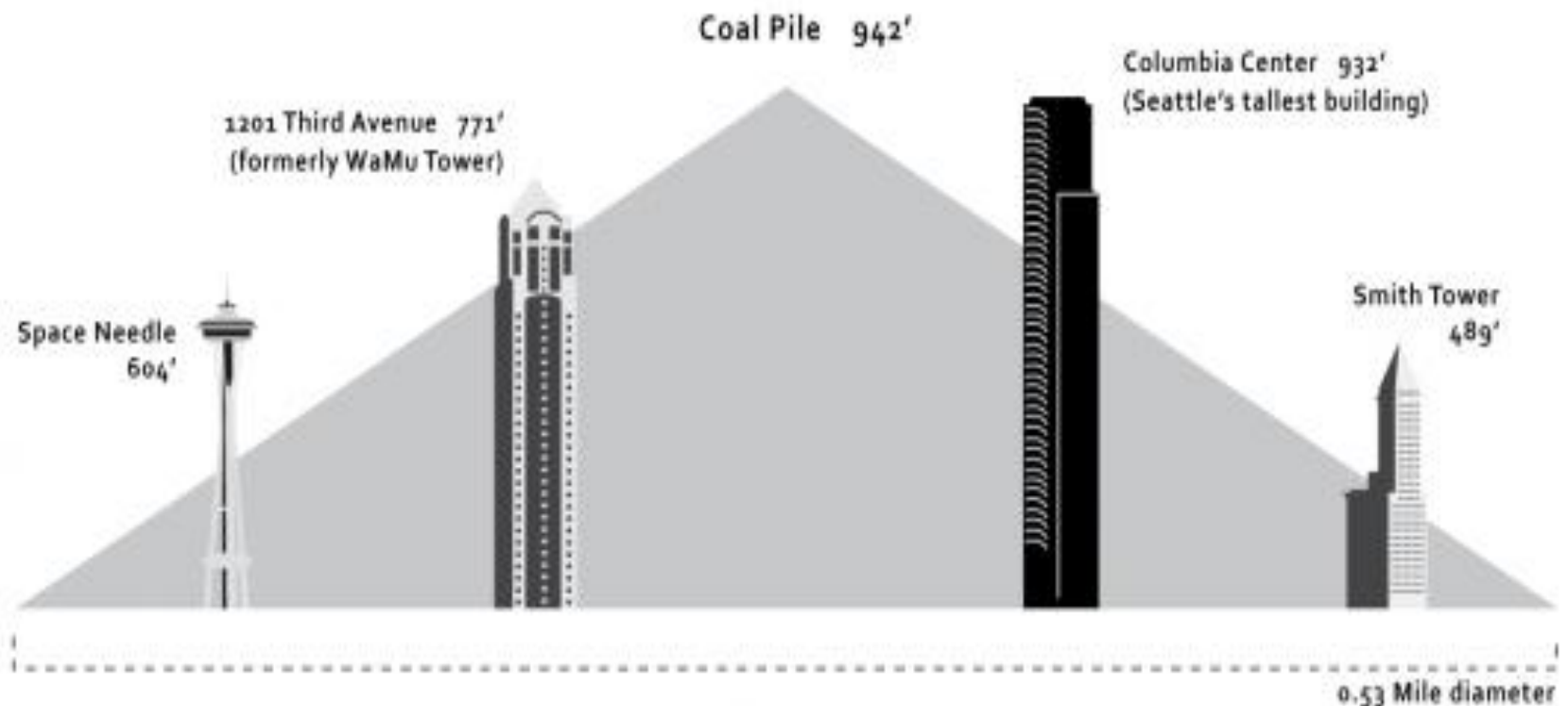
Cherry Point, WA



Point Roberts



The 48 Million tons of coal slated to come through Seattle annually would make a pile 1/2 mile in diameter and ten feet taller than the Columbia Center.



Coal Exports Threatens our Health



“After completing a careful and detailed review of the medical literature, we believe that the health impacts would be substantial, including increased rates of many diseases and increased death rates directly attributable to this project. The effects of air pollution are not hypothetical, but real and measurable.”

**-Dr. Frank James, Whatcom
Docs**

Coal Exports Threatens our Safety



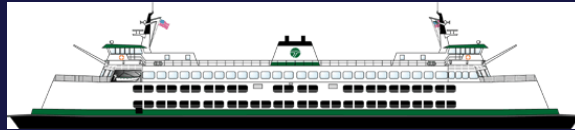
In July, the U.S. suffered **6 coal train derailments** in the span of two weeks.

Mesa WA (seen here): 31 overturned railcars spilled an estimated 6 million pounds of coal.



Derailements in Kansas, Texas, Chicago (killing 2 people), Indiana and North Carolina.

Coal Exports Threatens Our Marine Economy and Wildlife



Cape Violet seen recently transporting coal from Westshore ,BC is 180,000 tons . The ferry below is 2,500 tons and holds 1,000 passengers.

Coal Exports Threatens Business Along the Rail Line



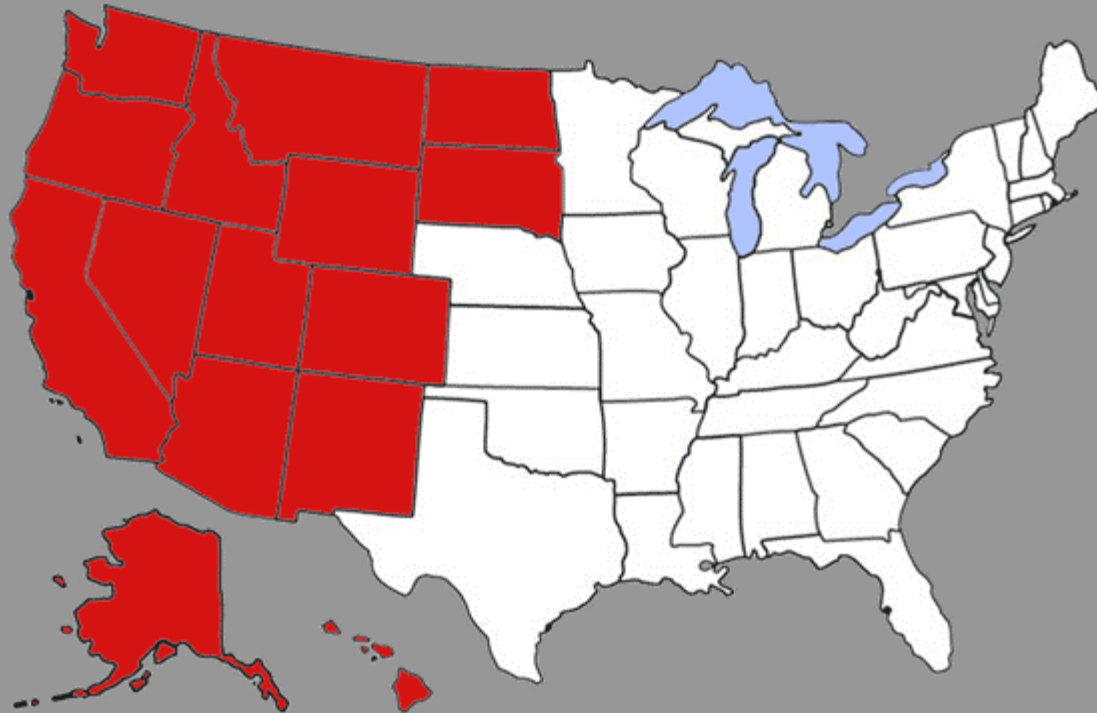
“Our purpose is local economic development leading to the creation of good family wage jobs in our community. Let there be no doubt, the Gateway project as currently proposed will have a very negative impact on our local economy.”

-Port of Skagit, letter to SSA Marine

Coal Exports Threatens our Climate

Coal Exports in Context

145 million tons would cause as much carbon pollution as a year's worth of gasoline for the states shown in red.



Let's Get Real About the Jobs

	Size of labor force	Jobs	Employment rate change
Cowlitz County	44,797	20	0.04%
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Whatcom County	106,748	89	0.08%
Whatcom County	106,748	213	0.20%
Whatcom County	106,748	430	0.40%

No, It Won't Just Go to Canada

- Canadian ports are actually at full capacity.– [Ashley Ahearn](#), coal export journalist, KUOW Public Radio
- At present, there is limited terminal capacity for the export of PRB coal to foreign markets.– [Cloud Peak Energy](#)
- Pacific Northwest would be a “game changer” that would likely boost US coal exports past 200 million tons annually. – [John Eaves](#), CEO of Arch Coal
- Ten years from now, maybe there will be some export capacity on the West Coast, but for right now, **what we have is completely full.** – [Brian Schweitzer](#), former Montana governor

China's Coal Market Not the “Promised Land” for International Suppliers



Around the Region People Are Taking Action



Montana to Spokane



Seattle



Unprecedented Participation



This is Just the Beginning

- Oregon, Port of Morrow Permitting
- Longview Terminal Scoping Period
- Draft EIS on Cherry Point
- Otter Creek Mining Challenges

So What's Next for Us?

- Area Wide Impact Study
- Health Impact Assessment
- Continuing Education of Elected Leaders
- Constituency Building
- Longview Scoping Hearings

We Can Make Difference!



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