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**Governor's Office of
Regulatory Assistance**

Meeting Notes

**Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Team
Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project
Community Meetings**
May 18, 2011

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Meeting Locations	Re-sources – 2309 Meridian Street, Bellingham (Matt Krogh, Bob Ferris – 11:30 a.m.)
	CommunityWise Bellingham – 412 16th St, Bellingham, WA 98225 (Jack DeLay, Patricia Decker – 2 p.m.)
Meeting Purpose	Brief on ORA and MAP Team. Listen about community interests and concerns

Introduction

The community meetings were set up by the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) to talk with community groups who are actively participating in review of the GTP Project. The agenda included a brief overview of ORA mission and MAP Team mission and goals, and listening to community concerns about the MAP team process and GPT project.

We had also made an appointment to meet with Salish Land Policy (Tom Ehrlichman and Barbara Dykes) the same day, but they cancelled the meeting on May 16, 2011 (via e-mail) due to family matters.

The following notes provide a brief summary of discussion items with representatives of Re-sources and CommunityWise Bellingham.

Re-sources

This meeting included Bob Ferris, Matt Krogh, and Erin Murray of Re-sources. ORA representatives included Jane Dewell and Scott Boettcher.

Key Points

The following feedback was provided by Re-sources:

- It is difficult to obtain access to the Secure Washington site where the GPT MAP Team website is housed.
- It would be helpful if ORA issued a press release that explained about access to information on the GPT project and MAP team.
- There appears to be uneven access to the MAP process where the company (project proponent) is able to meet with agencies while others are not.
- Downloading large files is difficult from the website. They suggested that a FTP site be used for posting large files.
- The regulatory process diagram has been useful in understanding the process.

- There is concern about pre-decisional studies being completed before scoping occurs. If studies are being conducted to establish baseline conditions that would be helpful to know.
- The term 'streamline' is a concern with regard to permitting and SEPA and NEPA review.
- They have toured the Westshore Terminal facility at Roberts Bank and provided us with contact there.
- All issues that need to be looked at for the GPT project review should be looked at.
- They believe that the regions of influence for some aspects of the project include areas outside of Whatcom County, especially regarding health issues.

CommunityWise Bellingham

This meeting included Jack DeLay and Patricia Decker of CommunityWise Bellingham. ORA representatives included Jane Dewell and Scott Boettcher.

Key Points

The following feedback was provided by CommunityWise:

- They are concerned that off-site impacts, outside of the GPT project site, would not be evaluated and wondered who decides this. We discussed the NEPA/SEPA process and agencies with jurisdiction.
- They are concerned with how the vessel traffic analysis will be conducted. This concern goes beyond Bellingham to the Rosario Strait and other shipping channels.
- The two-step process for access to the GPT MAP website makes it difficult to access information.
- They wondered how notifications about the website and updates are handled. We let them know that e-mails are sent to the MAP team and a weekly update is posted each Monday.
- They believe the GPT project is similar to the Westshore Terminal, which has had equipment upgrades in the last few years to expand its capacity.
- They wondered about schedule and when scoping will begin. We discussed that the official NEPA and SEPA scoping process has not yet begun.
- The petition CommunityWise initiated focused on Bellingham, with other versions for non-Bellingham residents in Whatcom County and state residents.