

#FossilFuelFree253

Protect Tacoma's Tideflats Coalition Talking Points

WHAT Public Hearing on Tideflats Interim Regulations

WHERE Tacoma Municipal Building (747 Market Street) | Council Chambers | First Floor

WHEN Tuesday October 1, 2019 | 5:00PM | Meet in lobby at 4:15pm for pre-hearing huddle

BACKGROUND

Interim Regulations put a temporary pause on all **new** fossil fuel terminals and refineries in the Tacoma Tideflats while the Tideflats Subarea Plan is developed. These regulations must be renewed every 6 months until the Subarea Plan is complete. At each 6-month mark, we also have the opportunity to amend these regulations to make them stronger, so that **existing** terminals and refineries cannot grow. All of our voices are needed to make sure City Council knows there is a giant **loophole** in the current regulations that allows existing terminals and refineries to bring more oil through our town without much consideration for environmental or public health.

TALKING POINTS

- ★ **Thank you for not allowing new fossil fuel terminals and refineries in Tacoma.** Fossil fuels threaten our health, our environment, and our economy. Continuing to rely on fossil fuels will make the Climate Crisis worse, and will make this planet unlivable for future generations.
- ★ **Tacoma is at great risk from falling to the demands of the fossil fuel industry.** Fossil fuel companies in the Tideflats want to bring more oil through our waters and over our railways. To avoid the worst consequences of the Climate Crisis, we cannot continue to let these refineries and terminals expand.
- ★ **Interim regulations should be strengthened to include a ban on the expansion of existing fossil fuel terminals and refineries, as originally recommended by the Planning Commission.** I support closing the loophole in the Interim Regulations by requiring an additional review process for any existing fossil fuel terminals or refineries seeking expansion. This type of review is common and ensures a transparent process for growth in the Tideflats.

TIPS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- ★ Introduce yourself and the personal stake you have in this issue. *[e.g. Are you a Tacoma resident concerned about health impacts? A local business owner? A paddler or recreationist? Let's show our diversity of perspectives!]*
- ★ Thank the City Council for their work.
- ★ Write your comment in advance and practice with a timer.
- ★ Comments are usually limited to three minutes, but be prepared for City Council to shorten the time limit to two minutes. If your comment is longer, choose just a few of these points to shorten it.

Can't attend or don't wish to speak? Email your comments to cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org by 3pm on October 1st.

Email Erin Dilworth (edilworth@healthybay.org) for more information.

These notes were developed by:



Citizens for a
Healthy
Bay



WASHINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL
COUNCIL