

#FossilFuelFree253

Protect Tacoma's Tideflats Coalition Talking Points

WHAT Final Reading and Council Vote on Tideflats Interim Regulations

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

WHEN Tuesday November 12, 2019 | 5:00 PM

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 these regulations are not protective as intended as long as existing terminals and refineries can expand and 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.** Proposed and potential expansion activity from existing companies is already threatening to undermine the intent of the Interim Regulations and the integrity of the Tideflats Subarea Planning process
- ★ **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 adding an amendment in the Interim Regulations that requires 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.

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