

1 with a destination of survival down to the seventh
2 generation.

3 I thank you for this opportunity to speak.

4 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

5 MS. MACY: My name is Shayleen Macy
6 and I am a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm
7 Springs. I'm Wasco and my tribe is from the Columbia
8 River.

9 For my people salmon and the water are sacred, and
10 we depend on them culturally, spiritually and
11 traditionally. And that's why I've traveled here from
12 Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Oregon today to let
13 you know that I oppose coal extraction and export project
14 expansion and urge you to move towards sustainable energy
15 sources that won't negatively impact salmon fisheries and
16 contribute to global climate change.

17 I'm a fisher on the Columbia River. I fish for
18 traditional subsistence and commercial purposes.
19 Traditional fishing for salmon, trout, lamprey, and
20 sturgeon is a practice at the Columbia River and coastal
21 tribes that date back for a millennia.

22 For the Warm Springs tribes, these rights to
23 continue these practices are guaranteed by federal
24 government treaties, yet these rights have been
25 threatened and harmed by fossil fuels, exports and

1 consumption.

2 Coal export projects are having a negative impact
3 on our fishing rights and traditions. Coal traffic poses
4 a physical threat to our people on the river and an
5 environmental threat.

6 For example, fishermen have been hit and killed by
7 rail traffic. Also, fishermen and their families live at
8 campsites provided by the Army Corps of Engineers and are
9 mostly placed adjacent to the rail lines within as few as
10 1 to 50 yards from the trains on the riverbanks in Oregon
11 and Washington for over a hundred miles stretches.

12 These toxic coal -- the toxic coal dust blowing off
13 of trains is toxic and inhalable. These hazardous
14 circumstances need to be addressed, as they are an
15 injustice to our people.

16 We have tried again and again to communicate with
17 the Army Corps and federal government, but we remain
18 largely neglected, continuously impacted by these issues.
19 We as a people are fighting for our rights to continue
20 our fishing practices.

21 Our fish are dying by the thousands. Last year
22 hundreds of thousands of Sockeye were killed in the
23 middle of their run due to high water temperatures. As
24 we know, that -- and we know an entire run of salmon can
25 be killed in one hot season. We have already lost an

1 entire species of salmon on the Columbia to extinction.

2 Water acidity from coal falling directly into the
3 river from trains also kills salmon by impacting their
4 food chain.

5 In addition to the salmon, our people have seen
6 detriment to -- from other impacts of climate change.
7 The huckleberry, for example, a wonderfully nutritious
8 and delicious indigenous food is sacred but also in
9 danger. Last year we saw our huckleberry's harvest time
10 as -- at an astonishing one month early; this year, even
11 scarier, about two months early.

12 We live in fear that in our lifetimes we'll see the
13 extinction of some of our first foods. We see these
14 changes because we are part of the natural environment
15 traditionally, culturally, and spiritually. Our
16 practices are passed down generation to generation. We
17 have people out interacting with the environment every
18 day of the year and we see what's going on.

19 It's not an abstract idea that we just talk about.
20 It's right there. It's part of our life. It's right
21 there just like the coal trains. I am urging you to
22 leave fossil fuels in the ground, to realize and accept
23 that we must move away from burning fossil fuels, to save
24 the environment and ourselves.

25 Please give my people and our first foods a break.

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1 Please give the salmon and the huckleberries a break. No
2 coal exports, no coal project expansions. We can do
3 better. Thank you.

4 MR. BATTIS: Group 26 through 30. So
5 we've gone through 20 people, and just real quickly to
6 check in, Commenters, you're doing an awesome job.
7 Wonderful comments, really informative comments. Thank
8 you for sticking to the time limits. We appreciate that.
9 Audience, thank you for giving everybody respect.

10 All right. We're going to move over here to
11 Microphone No. 1. Number 21.

12 MR. LETTLELEAF: Greetings. My name
13 is Elke Littleleaf. This is my wife Alysia and my son
14 Shane. We reside in Warm Springs, Oregon, and we have
15 our fishing guide service there.

16 This is a big concern with this oil transportation,
17 the coal. As a family, our river is our way that we
18 live. It's a way that our ancestors taught us for
19 thousands of years and we are proud of what we do. And
20 not only through our guide service, it's the way we make
21 a living, but we use it as an education to teach
22 non-tribal members what's in our rivers, because it's not
23 just about catching the fish, it's about, you know,
24 respecting the fish.

25 We're one of the only guide services that teaches