

Protect Tacoma's Tidelands Coalition

Talking Points for Oct. 17th City Council Hearing – Tidelands Fossil Fuel Pause

WHAT: City of Tacoma Public Hearing on Interim Regulation

When: Tuesday, October 17th -- Arrive at 5:15pm (hearing starts at 5:30 pm)

Where: Pantages Theatre (901 Broadway, Tacoma)

Talking Points

- Focus the interim regulations on fossil fuel infrastructure
 - This is most urgent threat to our city and region
 - Fossil fuels threaten our health, our waterways, our economy
- Ensure regulations put a pause on all NEW fossil fuel infrastructure AND expansion of EXISTING facilities
 - While I would like to see a moratorium, the recommended 10% limitation is a fair compromise with predictable results for businesses.
 - The City Council has worked hard to increase transparency and public input, and the conditional use permit requirement is exactly in line with these goals.
- This is an urgent issue! Please pass this NOW.
 - The longer we wait, the longer our community is left vulnerable to projects that would be grandfathered in.
- Ensure these regulations are in place so that the Sub-Area Plan can occur
 - We'd like these regulations to be 12 months.

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!]
- Recognize the coalition you are part of. [e.g. I am commenting in solidarity with the Protect Tacoma's Tidelands Coalition.]
- Thank the Planning Commission for their work and City Council
- Choose just a few of the main talking points.

Background:

The City of Tacoma has the opportunity right now to protect the Tacoma Tidelands from new or expanded fossil fuels. The Tacoma Planning Commission recently recommended Interim Regulations to the City Council, which would pause fossil fuels while we work out a long-term plan. We need your help to tell the City Council why this is important and what Interim Regulations need to include!

Upcoming Public Hearing

City Council Hearing – 5:15pm, Tuesday October 17th at the Pantages Theatre (901 Broadway, Tacoma)

- Comment signup ends promptly at 5:15pm, so be sure to sign up early!
- **Pre-hearing huddle 4pm at Tully's (764 Broadway, Tacoma) to finalize your comments and get ready for the night.**
- Can't attend or don't wish to speak? Please submit comments to cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org by 1pm on the 17th. Tell your friends and help spread the word!

Email Ryan Cruz at rcruz@healthybay.org to RSVP and stay up to date as things progress