

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALL COAL EXPORT FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WHEREAS,

There is industry movement in proposing, permitting, and building coal export terminal/facilities at several Pacific Northwest ports, including at Cherry Point, Longview, and Grays Harbor in Washington state, and

WHEREAS,

burning coal is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide that contribute to global climate change, when green alternatives are increasingly available, and

WHEREAS,

the process of transporting and exporting coal in the Pacific Northwest will harm our environment and the public health in a manner that cannot be sufficiently mitigated at this time, and

WHEREAS,

the exportation of coal contradicts our own state's efforts, as articulated by the Governor's Executive Orders to curb greenhouse emissions, and

WHEREAS,

WSACC supports well-designed, appropriately sited, renewable energy projects; therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,

that the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee (WSACC) opposes any and all proposals for the export of coal from the Pacific Northwest.

Passed unanimously at WSACC Meeting on December 10, 2011, in Olympia, Washington.