



# Friends *of the* San Juans

## **TESORO REFINERY DEIS COMMENTS ARE DUE by Monday, May 8**

### **Why this project is not in the best interest of islanders, orcas and the Salish Sea:**

- Tesoro's 2010 fatal refinery explosion and the refinery's recent violation of the Clean Air Act raise questions about whether this refinery is prepared to safely manufacture and export xylene.
- More tank vessel traffic will increase the risk of xylene, reformate and propulsion fuel spills.
- The increase in vessel traffic also increases noise impacts to our endangered orca whales.
- A xylene spill would cause severe air quality impacts to our residents, visitors, boaters, first responders, and marine ecosystem.
- Any accident or spill from project vessels could cause delays to essential ferry traffic.
- Any spill from project vessels could cause impacts to boaters, fishers, and whale watchers.
- A project vessel spill would result in significant and long-lasting impacts to our islands' natural beauty and tourism economy.
- The DEIS spill modeling did not include all the project cargos or any propulsion fuels or complications from adverse weather conditions — as required by state law.

### **What you can ask the Final Environmental Impact Statement to include:**

- A project alternative that includes ONLY the production of low-sulphur fuels.
- A full account of all greenhouse gas emissions from the project.
- Spill modeling methods and scenarios that have been developed in consultation with marine science institutions, environmental organizations, and local governments.
- Consultation with NOAA to fully address the project's impacts to the state and federally listed as endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, including impacts from project vessel noise and spills of all cargos and propulsion fuels. **If the project's impacts to our orca whales can't be mitigated, the project proposal should be denied.**
- A comprehensive vessel traffic and spill assessment that analyzes all project cargos and propulsion fuels and all reasonably foreseeable future vessel traffic in the Salish Sea, including Canadian vessel traffic and the increase in the size of container ships calling at ports in the US and Canada.
- Mitigation of all impacts to Washington State Ferries, including the risk of disruption in service if there is a spill of any cargos and/or propulsion fuels.
  - A requirement that all project-related laden tank vessels of any size be escorted by tugs that will assure safe transit through the Salish Sea east of Port Angeles.
- Economic and environmental impacts to the San Juan Island National Historical Park from all project-related vessel cargo and fuel spills.
- Potential damage to our region's "beautiful marine environment" brand from all project-related fuel and cargo spills, including the impacts to tourism, vacation and retirement home revenues, and fisheries — impacts that will persist longer than the duration of any spill.

### **COMMENTS ARE DUE MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (email and phone by 11:59pm)**

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