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**Subject:** Bellingham Central Waterfront: clean-up action plan

Hello Lucy and thank you for your time,

I'm writing to request a public meeting on the Central Waterfront clean-up plan in Bellingham.

Although I missed the July 10 walk-through, I did attend a walk-through earlier this year of the "I" and "J" Waterway that abuts this site.

Then and now I am unimpressed with the level of clean-up proposed and the overall lack of consideration for long-term habitat. While there was much focus on the polluted soils and monitoring, the solutions of capping or ignoring the creosote-based sea-wall seemed inadequate and poorly thought-out: Our Port of Bellingham and the City of Bellingham promised us a thorough and careful process that would deliver the cleanest redevelopment prospects possible on these former industrial sites. But they appear to be eager to hustle through with the bare minimum instead.

We need to have a public meeting on these topics, more input, more time, and more review.

The walk-throughs are great, but they are reaching a small number of people during a compressed time period and, with so many things going on in Bellingham nowadays, we really deserve to give the community a chance to understand what the options and consequences are -- especially considering how much of our local tax dollars are being used to support these redevelopment and re-investment schemes.

Thanks, in advance, for granting us at least one, if not two, open public meetings on these clean-up plans and opportunities for more public comment as they move forward.

Sincerely,

Alex McLean