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Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2019 4:14 PM
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Subject: Clean up of Bellingham's Central Waterfront Site

To Washington State Department of Ecology;

As a concerned citizen and I am commenting on the cleanup of Bellingham's Central Waterfront Site. The current Cleanup Action Plan is not appropriate and there should be more in-depth cleanup of more sites; especially the smaller, non-contiguous spots to the North and South of the already asphalted area.

Your department should hold at least one, if not two ,open public meetings for more public comment on this important and long lasting action plan that leaves too much contaminated soil in the ground by capping instead of removal. Your website says the DOE will hold such a meeting if you get 10 requests.

Currently, Bellingham has serious political races occurring for City, County and State Representation. The limited 30 day window for public comment is not enough during this incredibly busy and important time. As such, request your office hold an extended comment period and an open public meeting on this issue essential to the future of Bellingham.

Sincerely,

Richard Conoboy

“What is this you call property? It cannot be the earth. For the land is our mother, nourishing all her children, beasts, birds, fish, and all men. The woods, the streams, everything on it belongs to everybody and is for the use of all. How can one man say it belongs to him only?” Massasoit