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The cleanup of this site should be expedited much quicker than outlined as in the draft agreed order. Within the plan, RYAM has 12 months to complete the investigative work which can be completed in six months or less. This plan should include a requirement to have a fully clean site within 18 months of execution of the agreement. The former Rayonier Paper was demolished over 6 years ago. Ecology has been working on a draft cleanup agreement for the past 5 years which if implemented then could have seen this site cleaned up by now. The contamination on this site has prevented the property from being purchased on multiple occasions which cost the City of Hoquiam and the Washington State with much needed new industry and family wage jobs. The contamination is in extreme close proximity to critical aquatic and salmon habitat that should further prioritize this site for a quicker restoration.