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Please see attached letter, incorporated by reference. Thank you.



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Submitted via on-line comments

Washington Department of Ecology

Re: Grays Harbor Paper Administrative Order and Public Participation

Dear Department of Ecology Staff,

I write to you on behalf of the North Olympic Peninsula Broadband (“NOP BB”), a chapter of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, a national conservation organization with over 8,500 members nation-wide. NOP BB currently has 34 members, who engage in activities such as hiking, bird-watching and paddling kayaks and canoes around the Olympic Peninsula and Washington coast, including the Grays Harbor area. Our organization is vitally concerned with restoring contaminated sites for the benefit of the public and wildlife, and enhancing recreational opportunities. I am providing the following issues for consideration.

Currently, this site is valuable waterfront property with no public access and no economic future without a thorough and effective cleanup.

This site is harmful to people, pets, wildlife and the environment as a whole. It needs to be cleaned-up quickly and thoroughly to allow for future community and public uses.

The community needs a public hearing to learn more about the site and the cleanup process.

Ecology should provide Spanish translation and outreach to advertise the hearing and public comment period.

Ecology must consult with the interested Tribes with traditional territories in this area, and include them in decision-making in a meaningful way during the clean-up and future uses and management.

Please ensure that I am placed on your list to receive notices of actions and future comment periods.

Broad Regards,

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