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On behalf of Karl Spees, M.D. (whose computer did not allow him to submit on this form), the following comment is submitted:

I am a scientist, a pragmatist, and a student of Natural history.

I will accept the premise that the historical PA Industries were producing some very toxic wastes at one time which they deposited in the harbor.

In today's Peninsula Daily News we have some public official who has come up with a reasonably expensive (multi-million dollar) solution to assuage the guilt trip the DOE has laid on the current inhabitants of Port Angeles. (Minimal improvement of the real problem but at a very large expense to the current general public.)

Here is the reality. Mother Nature has a phenomenal ability to heal herself. The best solution to a defiled-environment is to quit doing the destructive activity. Time heals all (mostly). The defiling of PA harbor has ceased many decades ago. Most of the problem has eroded away, been diluted, or has been embedded in a layer of silt. Ten thousand years from now the PA pollution of the 50's, 60's and 70's will be a thin line in a sedimentary mud or rock which is part of a mountain or ridge. (OK the layer could still be in some ocean location.) (Mother Nature herself has deposited some toxic materials in rock formations.) The bottom line is that if we 'do nothing', the crabs and shrimp of PA harbor will be nontoxic and edible. The Salmon traditionally bypass the harbor going to sea and returning. Doing it for the Salmon (or the children) is just emotional gibberish, blackmail. (The real reasons for our salmon resource's precipitous decline is a politically-incorrect cause which is unmentionable in bureaucratic circles.)

The Pragmatic Solution to our polluted PA Harbor is to 'do nothing'. "Stop the damaging behavior and "DO NOTHING!" Nothing will be lost and the problem which has already virtually disappeared will continue to be less of an issue.

Of course this policy will not satisfy the DOE, which makes this proposal unacceptable. (The DOE is about politics and control not acting on behalf of the WA State Citizens and the Environment.)

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