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Re: Western Port Angeles Harbor Cleanup RI/FS

Ms. Groven:

I would like to provide comment regarding the draft Western Port Angeles Harbor cleanup plan, officially the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. To provide context, I retired from the Port Angeles police chief position in March 2016. Perhaps more importantly, I am a member of a pioneer family that settled in the Clallam County area circa 1887.

As you no doubt know the plan was produced through a cooperative effort between the five Potentially Liable Persons (PLP's): City of Port Angeles, Port of Port Angeles, Merrill & Ring, Nippon Paper Industries, and Georgia Pacific. It is the result of more than ten years of study that involved extensive public outreach and includes protections for important cultural and ecological resources.

I am not qualified to speak to the science behind the document. I can, however, speak to the integrity of the process and the commitment of those involved in producing the draft plan. The RI/FS is a serious effort on the part of the PLP's to identify an economically viable path to a healthier Port Angeles harbor.

I am pleased to add my name to the list of those in support of the draft RI/FS as proposed.

Respectfully,
S/Terry Gallagher