

Clallam County Board of Commissioners

See attached letter for comments from the Clallam County Board of Commissioners.

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Rich Sill, County Administrator

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Department of Ecology
Connie Groven
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Re: Port Angeles Harbor Cleanup Site Cleanup ID 11907

Dear Ms. Groven:

We appreciate the scientific work and information your department has developed for cleanup alternatives in the Western Port Angeles Harbor after over a decade of study.

After the Department of Ecology thoroughly investigated the alternatives in collaboration with the five public and private entities, we believe the science based protective remedy recommended is cost effective, can be implemented on a timely basis, and meets the Model Toxics Control Act. We recognize that this information and recommendation was the result of hard work over many years. One of the very important factors in your preferred remedy is the fact that there are case studies showing that your recommendation has been successful in other locations.

The preferred cleanup remedy includes intertidal excavation, intertidal capping, and subtidal enhanced monitoring. This combination of remedies when coupled with compliance monitoring and institutional controls (we believe) will result in a successful outcome. This remedy is comprehensive, and includes protections for ecological and cultural resources during construction to protect salmon and shellfish habitat. In addition, you have recognized that this project will be taking place in a working harbor, and your recognition of this fact will help to sustain water based operations during the cleanup period.

Thank you for accepting our comments, and we appreciate the Department of Ecology's proactive stance on this very important project.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Excused absence
Mark Ozias, Chair

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