

## Port Angeles Hardwood LLC

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Re: Comments, Western Port Angeles Harbor Cleanup  
Facility Site ID: 18898  
Site Cleanup ID: 11907

Dear Ms. Groven:

Port Angeles Hardwood is a thriving company that provides high quality Alder, Maple, Cottonwood and Birch hardwood lumber for furniture and cabinet industries worldwide. Our Port Angeles facility has 72 full-time employees and is dependent on a healthy, functioning Port Facility for delivering logs to supply our mill.

We have reviewed both the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and Amendment to the Agreed Order (DE 9781) as relates to the Western Port Angeles Harbor Cleanup. We feel that the comprehensive study and the preferred cleanup remedy identified, a combination of excavation, capping and enhanced monitored natural recovery (EMNR) are fact/science-based after analysis of the historic contamination, feasibility of alternatives and possible future uses of WPAH.

We feel that the draft RI/FS that the WPAH Group, five public and private entities, in cooperation with Ecology, has found a cost-effective remedy for the three sediment management areas and that with implementation of the various remedies will meet the standards for cleanup in the Model Toxics Control Act, RCW Chapter 70.105D.

In summary, we agree with the preferred cleanup remedy supported by the thorough study initiated by Ecology in 2008, as well as compliance monitoring to ensure success over the long-term. We feel that it is time to move forward with the cleanup to assist mother nature and make Western Port Angeles Harbor safe for human health, wildlife and the environment. We feel that the time to act is now, with minimal disruption to Port operation and traffic flow, after full input of the public through the comment period, and that Ecology should finalize this plan.

Sincerely,



Marc Mendenhall  
Chief of Operations  
Cascade Hardwood Group