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Dear Department of Ecology,

As a long time resident of Edmonds, and a great admirer of our place on the water, I have enjoyed the Marsh immensely. While there have been some improvements, they have not restored the Marsh to its original status. As I have read about this specific situation, and as a person committed to the environment, I strongly believe that those who create problems for the environment should be the ones who pay for it, it is clear to me what should be done in this case. Unical-Chevron are the ones who created the contamination, so they must be the ones to clean it up- completely, covering it up is not cleaning it up. In order for it to be returned to its estuary status, it is essential that the Marsh be completely cleared of contamination so that fish and other wildlife and vegetation can be safe and productive in the area. As our representative in this matter, it is your responsibility to insist that Chevron return the Marsh to its original, natural state. I strongly urge you to demand that since they are the ones who caused the contamination, they must fulfill their obligation to return to us a healthy, non-polluted Marsh, as it was before they polluted it.