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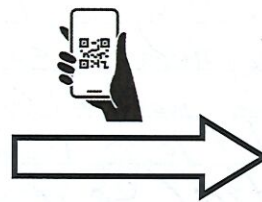
Port Angeles Rayonier Mill: Consent Decree, Draft Interim Action Plan, and SEPA Checklist & Determination of Non-significance

Please note that this comment form is for the purpose of submitting a comment to the Washington Department of Ecology. Commenter contact information is optional. Contact information is necessary if you want to receive future notices or responses related to this topic.

We would like your input on the following documents:

- **Consent Decree** – To move the cleanup forward, Ecology will enter into a legal agreement called a consent decree with the parties responsible for cleanup—Rayonier A.M. Properties LLC and Rayonier Advanced Materials (collectively referred to as “RAMP” or “Rayonier”). The consent decree is a legal agreement that would require RAMP to carry out Ecology’s Interim Action Plan.
- **Draft Interim Action Plan** – Ecology’s proposal of how to clean up the study area. It includes a schedule and cleanup requirements.
- **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance** – Based on an environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the proposed cleanup is not likely to result in significant environmental impacts.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the cleanup or review documents.



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Next Steps: After the close of the comment period, Ecology will review and consider all comments received as we finalize the documents and respond accordingly.

Ecology has a remarkable opportunity to "renature" the Port Angeles waterfront. I worked for Ecology for over 30 years as an environmental engineer, mostly in FAP. I moved here several years ago. Almost immediately, I discovered the Olympic Discovery Trail and applied a position as a volunteer steward. As such, I ride my bicycle through this area regularly. It is a remarkable area with so much potential to restore its natural capital and environmental services. It has cultural importance - the former location of a Native American village. It has importance as the mouth of Ennis Creek, the most important salmon stream between the Elwha River and Horse Creek. It has waterfront and near-shore marine habitat of priceless value. I call this "renaturing" because we have an opportunity to create a magnificent natural area. This would be an investment in our community. It also represents this area's shift from a wild economy to a tourist & retirement economy. I'm sure I speak for my son & his wife, their children, and many other local businesses and residents. We need the best cleanup possible. Ecology should require the highest level of restoration. Rayonier can afford it. The community and our environment needs it. Leave no toxic material on the site. Complete removal is necessary. Do this for us, and for future generations.