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Subject: comments on Rayonier cleanup

Dear Ms. Abbett:

I am a resident of Clallam County who often visits the area near the Port Angeles Rayonier Mill site, often by bicycle on the Olympic Discovery Trail. This letter constitutes my comments on the cleanup.

I attended the Ecology presentation at Field Hall as well as the virtual meeting/presentation at Port Angeles City Hall. It is clear that the best and only option for the cleanup is **Option** 5.

The public has paid a huge price for the damage Rayonier did through its operations and continues to do through the delays in cleanup, and should accept nothing less than the total cleanup of the site.

Leaving contaminated materials onsite would mean that the public would continue to bear the burden, risk, and uncertainty associated with them, including the potential for climate-related factors that could undermine their stability. All contaminants must be removed from the site.

It was clear from the presentation made by the City's consultant that the cost for Option 3 was underestimated, and the cost for Option 5 overestimated. With these options closer in cost than suggested by Rayonier's/Ecology's analysis, and factoring in the risk of retaining and capping the materials onsite, there is no excuse to do less than full cleanup through Option 5.

Cleanup and restoration of Ennis Creek must be completed as soon as possible.

The site should be left undeveloped, and when safe should be made accessible to the public, which has endured the presence of this toxic eyesore for decades.

Thank you for accepting these comments.

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