

From: steve@stevekoehler.com

To: Abbett, Marian L. (ECY)

Cc: Sixkiller, Casey (ECY)

Subject: Interim Cleanup Action Program for the Rayonier Mill's Hazardous Waste Cleanup

Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 1:49:15 PM

Marian Abbett, Section Manager

WA State Department of Ecology

PO Box 47775

Olympia WA 98504

Marian.Abbett@ecy.wa.gov

Re: Interim Cleanup Action Program for the Rayonier Mill's Hazardous Waste Cleanup

We have lived 10 miles from the Rainier Cleanup Site for over 40 years. Taxpayers should not pay Rayonier's business costs. WA State Department of Ecology needs to do the following:

- Support the Port Angeles City Council decision - Option 5
- Factor in to its cleanup cost analysis impacts to fish, wildlife, the environment and human health
- Support a full cleanup, not a coverup of soils and sediments. Remove all contaminated soils and sediments.
- Oppose leaving contaminated soils and sediment; then having to monitor them for 30 years.
- Support short—and long-term protection of the environment and public health; not a cheaper cleanup cost for Rayonier
- Remove all soils from the remaining concrete pad built hundreds of feet over the Harbor on fill that once held Rayonier's pulp mill

- Do not pile onto the concrete pad toxic sediments or wharf infrastructure; send these to appropriate hazardous waste landfills.
 - Remove the concrete pad and restore the original shoreline now under the foundation
 - As soon as possible, relieve remove that dock pilings covered with creosote that is harmful to fish and other marine life.
 - Ensure Ennis Creek is restored to its original shape and given space to continue the movement essential for a salmon stream
 - Recreate the brackish water at the mouth of Ennis Creek for the salmon
 - Support returning this area to its natural state to attract wildlife and connect it with the wildlife corridor to the east towards Sequim and Jefferson County.
 - Oppose rebuilding on the site. Construction will face the same climate conditions as the mill infrastructure—sea level rise, storm surges, tsunamis, earthquakes,
 - Ensure the Natural Resource Damage Assessment parties complete their work for cleaning up and providing other restoration for federal resources contaminated by the Rayonier Pulp Mill. The decision makers are NOAA, USFWS, the Klallam Tribes and WA State Ecology
 - Support solid and high fencing surround the upland polluted area along with large signs that fully inform the public of the cleanup and the importance of staying off the site.
- * Keep the public updated as the cleanup moves forward.

Thank you for reading our comments.

Sincerely,

Steve Koehler

steve@stevekoehler.com

360.670.3158

Sharle Osborne

sharleo@stevekoehler.com

360.670.6124

80 Percy Ln.

Sequim, WA 98382