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I live near the mill site and when I access the Discovery Trail off Ennis Street, the very first thing I see is a chain link fence between me and the strait. When I start my run to the east, there's a chain link fence between me and the shoreline for quite some way, and my mind always goes to the birds and sea creatures and wildlife that continue to be exposed to contamination over these many years. That fencing and the entire site are bleak and unnecessarily ugly sights, and I always breathe more freely once past that long stretch of contaminated land. It boggles the mind that the Department of Ecology isn't pushing for Alternative SL-5: a full and permanent clean-up of the contaminated soil. It isn't as if the taxpayers would foot the bill for a full and permanent clean-up since it's Rayonier Mill's responsibility to clean up their industrial waste. How are we even debating this issue? How can you possibly believe that residents and visitors would prefer a capped mound of toxic soil behind a chain link fence to an unobstructed view of clean/safe land and water? PLEASE, listen to the citizens advocating for the collective health and well-being of people and planet! Choose Alternative SL-5!