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I can't think of a more broadly based local issue that has triggered the overwhelming and unanimous public response Ecology is receiving on implementation of SL5 for eliminating the ongoing environmental, economic, and health risk damage emanating from Rayonier's 80 acre mill site. Rayonier has been coddled since '97 with one extensive study/report after another allowing it to skate by for 28 years without financing a permanent/comprehensive rehabilitation of what existed as a spectacular example of what made the North Olympic Peninsula shoreline the world class attraction it is. This lack of financial responsibility by Rayonier for covering the complete and total costs of its own environmentally bankrupt behavior sticks deeply in the craw of this community while expensive tax-funded remediation for enhanced anadromous fish passage is currently conducted within 2 miles of Rayonier's desecrated mill site just upstream on the same body of water Rayonier trashed down below near the beach: ENNIS CREEK! Neither the public funding of the Department of Ecology's oversight on the mill site fiasco nor the fish enhancements under Hwy 101 on Ennis Creek are of ANY benefit to this area without the full implementation of SL5.