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I am writing in support of the City of Port Angeles request for a full cleanup of the site, SL-5. Rayonier benefited from releasing pollutants into the air, water, and sediments for 70 years; now it is time to give back to this bay and community and clean up the mess they left, thoroughly and completely, so that the land can be used again safely. We can't assume there will be funds for a cleanup in the future, if monitoring shows issues. Some of these chemicals will last for hundreds of years, and who will be monitoring then? We now have a major trail that goes along the edge of the site, and all of the waters within Ediz Hook are polluted. After wading in the water of the bay, I have been treated for what my dermatologist calls a "toxic burn." Yes, it's expensive to clean it up completely, but think of how much profit came from this site. I believe we - and more importantly, Rayonier - owes it to this community and to the water and soils it damaged, to clean it up completely for future generations of people, fish, and other animals.