

Rich Riski

Dear WA Dept. of Ecology officials:

I strongly support the extraction and full removal of toxic waste material from the former Rayonier Mill in Port Angeles, as described in Option 5 and recently advocated by the Port Angeles City Council.

Such actions will be costly and time-consuming. However it is the responsible and ethical course of action necessary from a corporate player who gained historic profits from the labors of local workers and left behind decades of waste. The time for measured negotiations is long past.

The Department of Ecology has been witness to this long-running environmental violation. It needs to act decisively to begin the first steps of cleaning up and restoring the Port Angeles waterfront and Ennis Creek estuary ecosystem.

A full clean up will help some measure of biological restoration begin in our community that relies so heavily on recreation and ecotourism.

Sincerely,

R. Riski