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Subject: Rayonier Draft RI Upland Soils Report

To Whom It May Concern:

We are concerned that the cleanup at the Rayonier site meets the strictest of standards.

This site is a hazard to the health of the community and to the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

We must not continue to endanger life with practices that bow to old paradigms rather than hard facts that show the disastrous effects toxic pollution and the accumulated soup of combinations from PCBs and PAHs, dioxins and heavy metals are having on human life and the natural environment. We all desire to live healthy lives, to have healthy environments. As it is stated on Ecology's website.

"We take accountability very seriously. Our job is to protect, preserve and enhance Washington's environment and ensure that our air, land and water are safe for both people and animals."

With that thought in mind, we support the Olympic Environmental Council's recommendations:

There should be complete sampling in all areas to determine exact distribution of cumulative toxic contaminants. These and all areas that contain toxins that do not meet criteria protective requirements for human and environmental health should be cleaned up.

Dioxin sampling must continue especially in areas known to have been in the mill's emission pathways. Ecology must look at the air deposition analysis previously done by EPA showing high levels of dioxin impacting surrounding areas. The hard data collected over the years while the mill was operating must be used in evaluating the extent of possible toxic soil contamination. Cleanup of areas that may be found containing high concentrations of toxic compounds from sampling using all data showing Rayonier's air deposition pattern should proceed without delay. Cleanup standards should be those supported by the World Health Organization.

Current groundwater samplings should be taken soon. Comparisons of accurate soil and And groundwater runoff is imperative to understanding the relationship between soil contamination and marine environmental health.

As you well know we are in a battle for the health of the entire Puget

Sound Area's marine health and along with that our own. The life- blood of Native Americans has been immensely impacted by accumulative toxins in their main food source of shellfish, crabs and seafood. Whales and Orcas at the top of the food chain are suffering from the results of our unconscious acts. You have the job to help all of us reverse this damage. The impeccable cleanup of the Rayonier site and all that it affected is the only possible way to address the issues involved. To bow to legal and political pressure is not Ecology's job.

Cleanup must be set on an enforceable schedule. We must have ways to insure timely cleanup. The public, who are at risk, need to be notified and informed of progress or delays and have an avenue to hold parties accountable for acceptable progress.

Thank you for representing the highest standards for environmental health.

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