

# Port of Port Angeles

*Port Angeles, Washington*

**Commissioners' Resolution No. 10-994**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF PORT ANGELES, DIRECTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY (DOE) COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AGREED ORDER DE 6815.

WHEREAS, cleanup of the Rayonier Site in Port Angeles has been pending since the Rayonier Mill closed in 1997; and

WHEREAS, DOE's proposed Agreed Order DE 6815 extends for at least an additional 3 years the time allotted to develop a feasibility study and clean-up plan for the upland Mill property; and

WHEREAS, DOE's proposed Order further delays the clean up process for the overall site; and

WHEREAS, there has already been substantial cleanups of the uplands under numerous voluntary and directed cleanups; and

WHEREAS, delaying the cleanup process for another 3 years substantially hinders efforts to return the property to beneficial use; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best economic and environmental interest of our community that Rayonier property be available for beneficial use as soon as possible, and without further prolonged delay; and

WHEREAS, since 2007 the Port has been attempting to accelerate the process of returning the Rayonier site to some beneficial use; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Angeles and City of Port Angeles have been working cooperatively together, through the Harbor Works Public Development Authority, for the purpose of restoring the Rayonier property to community use and to accelerate the cleanup process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port of Port Angeles as follows:

The Port hereby directs the following comments to DOE on its proposed Agreed Order DE 6815:

1. The Schedule of Deliverables, Exhibit C of the proposed Agreed Order, establishes a time frame of at least 3 years for development of an Interim Action Plan. Given the status of investigatory work performed to date and the Port Angeles community needs, that is too long. It is not in the best interests of the Port district's economy or environment to allow such a prolonged extension of time. The Schedule, in all of its particulars, should be substantially condensed.
2. The uplands portion of the work can be expedited. For that reason, the uplands schedule and cleanup activities should be separated from the marine work to allow the uplands work to be completed as soon as possible.



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3. If it is unwilling to amend the said Agreed Order to compress the schedule, DOE should devise a process that will help facilitate Harbor Works and Rayonier to effect a transaction, and development of the property to proceed, and agree to an interim action without waiting until the end of the 3-year schedule.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Port Angeles this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2010 and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the Seal of the Commission duly affixed.

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