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July 21, 2003

Mr. Jerry Clark
Pope & Talbot, Inc.
PO Box 217
Port Gamble, WA 98364

Dear Mr. Clark:

Re: Independent Sediment Characterization
Former DNR Aquatic Land Lease Area
Pope & Talbot, Inc.
Port Gamble Bay, Washington

Thank you for submitting the results of your independent sediment characterization for review by the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology appreciates your initiative in pursuing this administrative option under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program has reviewed the following information regarding the Former Pope & Talbot, Inc., Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Land Lease No. 20-12795 located 2 miles south of the former Pope & Talbot, Inc. mill operations in Port Gamble Bay:

1. Sediment Characterization Report
Former Pope & Talbot, Inc.
Department of Natural Resources
Aquatic Land lease No. 20-12795
Port Gamble, Washington
Parametrix, dated April 2003

The report listed above will be kept in the Central Files of the Northwest Regional Office (NWRO) of Ecology for review by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling Sally Perkins at the NWRO at (425) 649-7190 or -7239.

Based upon the information in the report listed above, Ecology has determined that, at this time, the release of cadmium and wood waste into the sediments do not poses a threat to human health or the environment.



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Therefore, Ecology is issuing this determination that no remedial action is necessary at this site under MTCA, chapter 70.105D RCW. However, please note that because your actions were not conducted under a consent decree with Ecology, this letter is written pursuant to RCW 70.105D.030(1)(i) and does not constitute a settlement by the state under RCW 70.105D.040(4) and is not binding on Ecology.

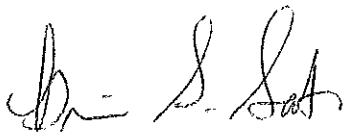
Ecology's no further action determination is made only with respect to the release identified in the report listed above. This no further action determination applies only to the area of the property affected by the release identified in the report at the Former DNR Aquatic Land Lease No. 20-12795 located 2 miles south of the Pope & Talbot mill facility on Port Gamble Bay. It does not apply to any other release or potential release at the property, any other areas on the property, nor any other properties owned or operated by State of Washington Department of Natural Resources/Pope & Talbot, Inc.

Ecology will update its database to reflect this "No Further Action" determination. Your site will not appear in future publications of the Confirmed & Suspected Contaminated Sites Report (previously known as the Affected Media and Contaminants Report).

The state, Ecology, and its officers and employees are immune from all liability and no cause of action of any nature may arise from any act or omission in providing this determination.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (425) 649-7265 or bsat461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Brian S. Sato, P.E.
Toxics Cleanup Program

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