



May 16, 2024

Ryan Hardwick
Site Manager and Bay-Wide Coordinator, Port Gardner Bay
Toxics Cleanup Program
Washington State Department of Ecology

Dear Ryan,

I am writing to inform you that we need to temporarily pause the RI/FS activities at the Bay Wood site. As you are aware, we are currently allocating all available human resources to a larger project at the Mill-A site, valued at more than \$200M.

Despite this pause, we are making tangible progress at Bay Wood. Notably, we are planning to remove the derelict barge located just off the north shoreline, a significant cleanup item for the site, potentially in late 2024.

Additionally, as requested by the Department of Ecology, the Port agreed to release all of its grant funding for the Bay Wood project in early 2024. This action reflects our mutual effort to temporarily pause the work at Bay Wood. We did apply for new grant funding for the 2025-2027 biennium to support critical funding requirements for moving the RI/FS forward in the future at this site. The project offers great cleanup, restoration and public access opportunities.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we focus our efforts on the Mill-A site.

Sincerely,

Erik Gerking
Chief of Planning and Development
Port of Everett