

## Cleanup Progress Update

Ecology signed an agreed order with Rayonier on March 25, 2010. The agreement requires the company to develop a cleanup plan for the Study Area. The Study Area includes the 75-acre former mill property and around 1,300 acres of marine environment. Rayonier has stayed on schedule and is currently finishing data collection on the property.

### Work Completed

Rayonier is collecting data on the upland property in four phases, under an Ecology-approved work plan. Sampling began in August 2010. Major tasks already completed under the agreed order include:

- Baseline groundwater sampling to tell what levels of contamination are currently in groundwater.
- Sampling water in Ennis and White creeks.
- Soil sampling, especially around known hotspots.
- Checking old pipes for contamination.
- Submitting an outline of the marine data summary report.

### Next Steps

During the first week of March, Rayonier is working on the fourth phase—installing new groundwater sampling wells to fill data gaps. Ecology expects to get a technical memo summarizing the upland results around mid-June of 2011. Rayonier will be using both upland and marine data to evaluate cleanup options.

### Updated Timeline

Ecology has updated the timeline for the current cleanup agreement (see Rayonier Mill website). Rayonier had planned to do upland sampling all in one step, which Ecology estimated would take six months. However, both parties agreed that phased sampling would be more thorough. Based on work done so far, the phased approach should take closer to ten months, ending around May. The good news is that ten months is fast for a sampling project of this size and level of detail.

**Visit Ecology's blog (right) for more details on the Agreed Order timeline and progress at the site.**

### More Information

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#### Ecology's Toxics Cleanup website

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/rayonier/rayonier\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/rayonier/rayonier_hp.htm)

Stay updated through Ecology's blog: <http://ecologywa.blogspot.com/search/label/Rayonier%20Mill>.

### Related Projects

#### Rayonier Mill Off-Property Soil Dioxin Study

Ecology is working on further revisions to the study report. Ecology is now planning to release the report in the spring of 2011. For background on the study, please visit:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/rayonierOffProp/rayonierOffPr\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/rayonierOffProp/rayonierOffPr_hp.htm)

#### Port Angeles Harbor Sediments Investigation

Ecology plans to release the sediment investigation report in spring 2011. The final data analysis is still in progress. For background on the study, please visit:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/portAngelesHarborSed/paSed\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/portAngelesHarborSed/paSed_hp.htm)


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### **Why Does It Matter?**

Wood pulping at the former Rayonier Mill contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediments on and around the property. This contamination poses a threat to human health and the environment. Contaminants in sediments can harm marine life—such as fish and shellfish—and the people who depend on them for food.

The site is currently fenced off and vacant. Once Rayonier completes cleanup, it can be put back productive reuse. This will depend on who owns the property in the future and what type of habitat restoration is needed.

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