

Central Area Neighborhoods District Council (CANDC)

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Lower Duwamish Waterway

Superfund Site Comments

EPA Region 10

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RE: Comments from the Central Area Neighborhood District Council (CANDC)

After viewing the proposed plan for cleaning up the Duwamish River, we have some concerns as addressed below:

1. We feel it is critically important to restore the river to a condition where fish are safe to eat. We have seen over the years in other parts of the country that hungry people will eat whatever food is available, whether it is safe or not. This could mean capping more than 20% of the river or removing more toxic sediments or both. Restoring the river to a safe and healthy condition as quickly as possible should be the primary goal.
2. We also feel that it is critically important to enforce pollution controls along the entire length of the river to ensure that this level of contamination does not reoccur.
3. We support the creation of a Pollution Prevention & Mitigation Fund to deal with the health impacts this level of contamination causes.
4. We urge you to hire locally for clean-up efforts. Extend employment offers to the Duwamish peoples, the low income population in the South Park area and make a special effort to employ veterans who are currently among the highest demographic of unemployed persons.

The following member organizations of the CANDC endorse this letter:

1. 12th Avenue Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Committee
2. African American Veterans Group of Washington State
3. Black Dollar Days Task Force
4. CD Association
5. Central Area Cultural Arts Commission
6. Central Area Development Association (CADA)
7. East Precinct Advisory Council (EastPAC)
8. Jackson Place Community Council
9. Judkins Park Community Council

- 10. Leschi Community Council
- 11. Madrona Community Council
- 12. Squire Park Community Council

We thank you for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,



Thurston Muskelly, President

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