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Subject: Public Comment: Ward Cove Project, Ketchikan, Alaska (UNCLASSIFIED)
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Estrella,

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Tom, from the HQs inbox.

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Message:

The proposal to build a large dock in Ward Cove that will accommodate panamax cruise ships is a potential toxic mess. Ketchikan Pulp Company (KPC),operated a pulp mill in Ward Cove from the 1950's - 1997. The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation did not enforce Clean Water standards, so many toxins such as dioxin spilled into the cove.
When the pulp mill closed, Ward Cove was a "designated" Super Fund site. KPC "gifted" the property to the Ketchikan borough, so it had no liability for clean up. Remediation was a sand cap laid over sunken logs and the bottom. Ward Cove no longer has a commercial herring fishery since herring require clean water to spawn but salmon still transit to reach Ward Lake.

Gary Frietag videotaped the bottom with an ROV, filming a thick mat of goo above the toxins. Driving pile into the water and the entry of subsequent ships will stir sediments, sending toxins into Ward Cove and Tongass Narrows. This project should not be permitted.

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