

**The Department of Ecology's Response to:  
Heather Kibbey – Pierce County Water Programs (Comment 36)**

We consulted with Department of Health on your request to remove listings from Category 5 based on the Shellfish Protection Area they are located in, but did not receive enough backup information to consider this as a Category 4B listing at this time. If Pierce County wants to pursue this option, please contact us for more details on what kind of information is needed to make a Category 4B determination.