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Attached is a comment letter regarding the Proposed General Permit for Zostera japonica Management on Commercial Claim Beds in Willapa Bay.

Sincerely,

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*Geoduck Clams*

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February 15, 2014

Mr. Nathan Lubliner  
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Re: Proposed General Permit for *Zostera japonica* Management on Commercial Clam Beds in Willapa Bay

Submitted by e-mail – [nathan.lubliner@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nathan.lubliner@ecy.wa.gov)

Dear Mr. Lubliner,

Our family operates a small shellfish company in South Puget Sound. We are writing in support of the issuance of the above referenced general permit.

*Z. japonica* is an aggressive, invasive plant that raises concerns for all shellfish growers. The negative changes it brings to natural tidelands, and the local economies that depend on them, far outweigh any benefits ascribed to it.

South Puget Sound does not yet have the immense problems caused by *Z. japonica*. However, there is no reason to believe our future would be any different than the Willapa's, if this invasive is left unchecked and allowed to expand at will.

The Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association (PCSGA) submitted a letter in support of issuing the permit (dated February 13, 2014), raising several issues for your consideration. We endorse the points raised and hope that you will give them serious attention.

Thank you for all the work that the Department has devoted to this issue. We look forward to speedy finalization and issuance of the permit. The 2014 growing season is upon us.

Sincerely,



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