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Dear Mr. Latliner,

As part of the shellfish community In Willapa Bay for actually most of my life, I have seen many issues come our way. The japonica ranks up at the top along with Burrowing shrimp, spartina, lack of natural sets etc.. We are one of the few vertically integrated and truly sustainable industries in the world.

The negative impact of japonica on the natural environment is bad enough. The increased levels of japonica slows water flow, increasing siltation and dramatically lowers the oxygen levels within that stagnant environment. The negative impact on shellfish yields and predation cuts into the overall value of our crops.

The EIS is listed for only clam beds, that is erroneous and should include all shellfish beds.

The ten meter buffer is extremely conservative and should be no more than ten feet or none required at all. The intent of control is just that and no buffer should be required between commercial shellfish beds.

The permit is misleading in language stating that after the third year of the five permit that no control of japonica will be allowed. Clear up language for the final permit.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

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