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Dear Nathan

My wife and I own Ocean Park Resort in Ocean Park, Washington. Being in the tourism business as we are it is important to us personally and to our business that Willapa Bay remains pristine. It seems that after spraying for Spartina the resistance by the farmers of the bay to spraying has declined. It concerns me that the bay was sprayed for Spartina with a spray that can no longer be used. Is Imazamox safe? Is it necessary? Is spraying the bay supported by the wildlife Refuge and other environmental groups like it was for Spartina spraying? I hope all of the questions addressed in the linked article are being carefully addressed.

http://www.caseinlet.org/uploads/Zostera_japonica-Shaferetal2013Zjaponicamanagement.pdf

The farmers of the bay are continually telling us that they are excellent "Stewards of the bay." I hope that they are and that the desire for more profit is not driving bad decisions.

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