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Subject: Comment: Proposal for a general permit for use of herbicide to manage Japanese eelgrass on commercial shellfish beds
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Dear Ms. Hamel:

The Washington State Department of Agriculture supports issuance of a general permit for application of the aquatic herbicide imazamox and other products to manage the invasive species Japanese eelgrass on commercial shellfish beds. My agency believes such a permit would provide the shellfish growers with options for effective and responsible control of an economically harmful weed, helping protect their productivity and contributing to the economic vitality of the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Regards,

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