

From: [Norm Baker](#)
To: [Hamel, Kathy \(ECY\)](#)
Subject: Spraying Japanese Eelgrass beds
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Dear Ms. Hamel;

Allowing commercial shellfish growers to spray any chemical to kill eelgrass is a serious mistake. Please do not approve this permit. I should not have to remind you that eelgrass beds of the fish fisheries for Puget Sound for most of the larval and smolt stages of fish both rockfish and salmon. Approving this permit would simply bolster Washington state's position of having the most endangered species of any state in the Continental United States. Approving this permit would simply bolster Washington state's position of having the most the rest fisheries of any state or province in North America (according to the American fisheries society). Please do not approve this permit. Please do not permit any spraying of eelgrass beds by commercial aquaculture operations.

Sincerely,

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