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Subject: IMAZAMOX - Please PROHIBIT it's use by the aquaculture industry/commercial shellfish farmers
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I strongly oppose allowing the use of the herbicide Imazamox in our waters.

I read the Imazamox Fact Sheet published by the United States Environmental Protection agency and there was nothing in that document indicating this herbicide would not be harmful to our native eelgrass or any other marine vegetation. Nor did I see any documentation indicating this herbicide would not be harmful to other marine life. We need to ensure chemicals are safe for all life before allowing their use in our waters.

I am a shoreline property owner in Pierce County and am extremely disappointed with what I consider irresponsible behavior of the commercial shellfish farmers in our area. While they express concern about water quality in regards to their ability to operate their farms, I have found them extremely lacking in their use of materials that are harmful to the environment – a couple of examples: netting and pvc tubing that is not appropriate for water usage and is detrimental to other marine life. I have no reason to believe they would be any more responsible if they are allowed to use this herbicide, or any other chemical or product, which destroys or harms any marine life they consider detrimental to their profits.