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Hello Kathy,

I'm writing in support of the NPDES for the control of class - c noxious weed Z japonica on commercial shellfish beds as determined by the state weed board.

The chemical imazamox has been proven to be a light touch effective control method and is already approved for fresh water use in the state of Washington.

Z japonica has had a large negative impact on the production of shellfish beds in Willapa, slowing recruitment and growth by as much as 60%.

This invasive eel grass has a detrimental impact to water flow which creates siltation and lowers the oxygen level in area, which is not good for any species in the area.

Please support the development of the NPDES.

Thank you,
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