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Kathy Hamel
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RE: Japanese Eelgrass Management on Commercial Shellfish Beds General Permit

Dear Kathy,

On behalf of our more than 41,000 member families, I am writing to share our support for the Department of Ecology proceeding in the development and adoption of a general permit for the use of pesticides to control Japanese eelgrass.

I understand the plan is to limit this permit to imazamox. While we support the effort, we hope Ecology will remain open to other products that could be safely used for the control of eelgrass. That said, we hope Ecology will move expeditiously on this permit process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Stuhlmiller', written in a cursive style.

John Stuhlmiller
Director of Government Relations