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Hello Kathy,

My name is Kris Mansfield and I'm writing to you in regards to using the herbicide imazamox to manage Japanese eelgrass on commercial shellfish beds.

This chemical is said to be "a substance to destroy or inhibit growth of plants." What are we thinking? Using this in our Puget Sound! Won't this chemical travel with the tides? Also, there is wind and wave action in the entire Puget Sound. Won't this chemical move to other areas and not just where the eelgrass is? It is said to be "practically non-toxic". What does that mean? This chemical will destroy critical habitat for fish and shorebirds. Besides humans, birds, fish and plants being affected by this herbicide, what about the shellfish that are in the sediments under the eelgrass? Toxic? Will there be a warning sign when these shellfish are sold?

We can't continue to destroy our Puget Sound so the shellfish industry and others can profit.

I am opposed to using imazamox or any chemical in the Puget Sound to control Japanese eelgrass or any other aquatic plants.

Thanks for listening to my concerns!

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