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To: [Hamel, Kathy \(ECY\)](#)
Subject: Comment: Opposed to proposed Eelgrass Management General Permit
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Dear Ms. Hamel,

Thank you for considering my comments on the proposed Japanese Eelgrass Management on Commercial Shellfish Beds General Permit.

I am a public interest environmental lawyer who also holds a Masters Degree (LL.M.) in Law and Marine Affairs from the University of Washington School of Law. I am opposed to the general permit's failure to adequately balance the crucial need to protect water quality with the commercial desires of the shellfish industry. While I can appreciate the desire of commercial shellfish growers to control sea grasses that they see as potentially interfering with the size of their harvest, I am more concerned about the effect upon other organisms including ESA-listed species of allowing herbicides such as imazamox to be applied in the marine waters of Puget Sound. Please do not approve such a permissive general permit that will allow the application of herbicides to marine waters.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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