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Hi Kathy,

As an ecologist, a habitat biologist, and someone working in river restoration for the last fifteen years, I want to add my voice to the list of people opposing spraying for *Zoster japonica* in Willapa Bay. I understand the concerns of the shellfish industry, but really they have largely themselves to blame for eliminating the ghost shrimp (also with poison).

Poison has no place in our basis and on our tables, and using it to kill a species that industry lobbied to change from beneficial to noxious is beyond ironic.

If I am misinformed, please correct my misunderstanding, but until then please add me to the opposition.

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