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To: Kathy Hamel
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RE: Public Comment on Development of General Permit to Control Japanese Eelgrass in Willapa Bay

Hello Mrs. Hamel,

Please accept this as my public comment on the issuance of the above referenced permit. I strongly encourage you to urgently pursue development of this permit.

I have lived in Ocean Park, WA, bordered by Willapa Bay to the west, for 35 years. It is truly a fully functioning, healthy estuary that does not suffer the many ills that most of our water bodies suffer today. This is not by accident, it is by the determination of the residents of Pacific County and their support of the many "watchdogs" of Willapa Bay that this estuary has been protected while others have been allowed to fail. The shellfish industries is one of the groups that has long protected and enhanced Willapa Bay, the fact that they have acknowledged the infestation of this noxious weed as a danger to the health of the estuary, the ecosystem, and their crops should be a wake up call to all those who rely on the bay for its natural resources, its recreational opportunities, its importance in the survival of migratory birds, and to the cultural heritage of our area. I truly hope that local and state land managers are in tune to this situation and working to gain control of this noxious weed on public grounds. While the shellfish industry is important and the major economic contributor to our county, it is also important to protect the recreational opportunities and the other species which rely on the health of the bay.

Again, I support you urgently pursuing this permit and hope that in the near future the opportunity to control this infestation will be extended to all local and state land managers.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Sheldon

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