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Subject: NPDES For Control of Japonica in Willapa
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Hello Kathy,

My name is Paul Harris and I am a shellfish grower in Puget Sound. I am writing today to express my support of the proposed NPDES permit for the control of *Zostera Japonica* in Willapa Bay.

I have seen, first hand, the effects of this thick and spreading eelgrass on clam, oyster, and potential geoduck ground. I believe that the control of this non-native species should commence and am worried as well as seen some anecdotal evidence of its spread in Puget Sound. This eelgrass and its spread has had and could have additional impacts to the ecosystem and all of its users including the shellfish industry and local economies.

In addition, While I believe it prudent to do an EIS, I believe that in scope the EIS needs to call for best available science.

Thank you for this consideration.

Respectfully,

Paul Harris
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