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Mr. Rockett,

Please find attached a letter of support for the continued control of burrowing shrimp within Willapa Bay And Grays Harbor.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft permit.

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Dear Mr. Rockett,

Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on the NPDES permit for the application of imidacloprid in the intertidal areas of Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor. On behalf of the Nisqually Indian Tribe Shellfish Farm I would like to request that you please issue the permit requested.

Nisqually Tribe has been harvesting shellfish from the Salish Sea and coastal regions for centuries. We recognize the threat of the loss of these areas to shrimp infestation. Shrimp control is a necessity to provide continued protein sources to fellow tribes as well as to maintain the sustainable farmed product of the commercial growers in the region.

The Nisqually Tribe is involved in the commercial culture of shellfish in Puget Sound Washington. We are members of the Pacific coast Shellfish Growers Association, and support the production of commercially cultured shellfish.

Nisqually Tribe has become a leader in the transition from harvest activities to engaging in commercial production of shellfish. I am opposed to any restriction on shrimp control. I ask Ecology to re-examine the rationale for the prohibition and ensure it's based upon the best available science and research.

I encourage Ecology to approve a permit that allows for shrimp control for the entirety of Willapa and Grays Harbor. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue.

Respectfully,

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