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RE: Imidacloprid /Willapa Bay

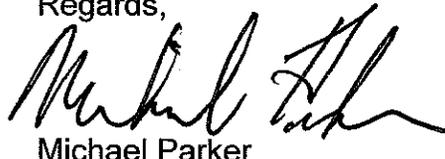
Dear Mr. Rocket:

It's imperative Burrowing Shrimp in Willapa Bay be controlled in all areas of the bay. Control of the shrimp is essential for protection of habitat for additional species beyond shrimp. Without this control it will destroy shellfish beds growers rely on for production. The shellfish industry is the largest employer in Pacific County.

A condition of the draft permit is to prohibit shrimp control in the South Willapa Bay area. Prohibiting shrimp control will eliminate a large area of productive shellfish grounds. Consequences will be the loss of jobs in a county already suffering from high unemployment. Data used to propose this closure is not conclusive and should not be considered to restrict control of shrimp in the South Willapa.

Since 1986 I have provided pro bono professional services to influence responsible management and protection for Willapa Bay. The DOE proposal to prohibit control of shrimp in the South Willapa is flawed and must be abandoned.

Regards,



Michael Parker