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I am employed in the shellfish industry in Willapa Bay. It's the only job I've ever held and I am proud of what I do. I support the use of imidacloprid to reduce the out of control burrowing shrimp population. 16 of my family members, all residing in Pacific County, also work in this industry. We have seen firsthand how the shrimp are destroying the oyster and clam beds. It is very frustrating to see the crops that we work so hard to grow sinking into the mud because of the effect of the shrimp. The shellfish industry is the largest private employer in Pacific County providing around 2000 jobs between Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor. Without a permit, the effects will be devastating to the farms, my family and our local economy. Please issue the draft permit so that we can reduce the shrimp populations to a manageable level and continue providing shellfish to consumers all over the world.