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From the EPA: "When bees encounter imidacloprid at levels above 25 parts per billion—a common level for neonics in farm fields—they suffer harm. "These effects include decreases in pollinators."

Harming necessary species to help another species is foolish and irresponsible. This is a proven harmful pesticide. In no way should its use be allowed in our waters - or anywhere.

It's unfortunate that oyster growers are suffering economic losses, but environmental endangerment is not a valid tradeoff.