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I vehemently oppose the proposal to use pesticides in oyster beds in order to control burrowing shrimp populations. Oyster beds are an important restoring of marine ecosystems. They purify the water, something desperately needed in the Puget Sound. Accordingly, growing oysters is one of the very few industries out there that is actually good for our waterways. Pumping points on into the waterway to make way for oysters completely offsets the ecological justification for the proliferation of oyster beds. I, for one, will no longer eat oysters if this becomes common practice. We shouldn't have to poison the environment to grow or food.

Aside from that, part of what makes oyster beds an ecological boon is that they remove poison from the water. If we pump more poison into their beds, they will end up consuming and storing it in their bodies, possibly making them less safe for consumption. The bottom line is that we should not be spraying any oyster beds with any pesticide.