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Why are we discussing an outmoded and dangerous treatment when other areas use above sediment methods to protect their shellfish. I believe Drakes Estero, among others, plunged either wood or metal stakes into the sediment to support cross beams from which they hung/hang product to maturity. They then simply used skiffs/boats etc to harvest among the raised, hanging platforms. Depth of sediment should determine appropriate materials for the long and strong stakes. It is ludicrous to have Washington's Ecology having to expend monies to "control" ghost shrimp, while across State lines, Oregon is studying how ghost shrimp feed salmon, etc, etc.