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Please deny the application to apply imidacloprid to oyster beds in Washington state.

Our first priority should be protecting our environment. Economic activity at the expense of the environment is short-sighted and unsustainable. Eventually, both collapse. It's not worth the risk.

Just because imidacloprid is claimed to be safe by the manufacturer does not mean that it is. Time and time again, we have seen pesticides supposedly safe be discovered to have broader and longer ranging affects than was claimed, sometimes to the point of needing to be banned.

I don't believe imidacloprid is safe for the environment and I don't believe imidacloprid is safe for me.

Because I don't know the source of my oysters, if imidacloprid is approved, I will need to cease consuming oysters entirely, as a precaution for my own health, and because I do not want to financially support such folly.