

## Bill Abelson

I'm writing to urge you to deny the permit to allow the use of imidacloprid in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor.

Your agency has prudently declined this in the past, since Imidacloprid is a dangerous pesticide found to cause significant harm to species which form the basis of a healthy aquatic ecosystem. If used in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor, the pesticide could cause serious negative impacts to these ecosystems.

Instead of allowing this dangerous pesticide to be sprayed, I urge the Department of Ecology to work with growers to find creative, non-poisonous solutions that will be safe for our food chain and important ecosystems.

Thank you for your consideration.