

Norm Olsen: Hi. I'm Norm Olsen. I live here in South Bend. I'm kind of speaking on behalf of my father and I both. We have a small oyster farm here in Willapa Bay – Olsen & Son Oyster Company. We've been a member of the Willapa Grays Harbor Oyster Growers Association for quite a while and we've been active in the spray activities in the past and I don't really want to belabor any points here I just kind of wanted to shed some light on our perspective on the issue. My dad, for example, his presence in the oyster industry here in Willapa spans the better part of 50 years. He has seen the impacts the shrimp can have when the infestation goes nearly unchecked. It's firmly been our belief and the belief of many other growers and potentially non-growers in this room that the beneficial consequences of having some kind of control and, in this case, preferably a chemical control – they far outweigh the consequences of a no action policy. These consequences are far reaching economically and ecologically and we're from the belief that our benefit as growers is almost incidental in comparison to the benefit of the health and overall biodiversity of the bay. And you can't have one without the other. So that's pretty much what I had to say, thank you.