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(Email Submission)

I am a local hotel and restaurant owner in Long Beach WA. As someone who was against the first permit in 2015, I wanted to submit comment on the draft SEIS.

Since spring of 2015, I have done considerable research on the impact of burrowing shrimp on commercial oyster and clam beds as well as the health of the entire ecosystem.

The oyster and clam industry is critical to the economic health of our area, and burrowing shrimp pose a significant threat to many family farms who have been incredible stewards of the bay for generations. Many families and businesses have worked for decades and spent considerable dollars to find a less impactful solution to control burrowing shrimp.

Imidacloprid combined with integrated pest management seems to be the best solution currently available to keep oyster growers in business and create a better ecological environment in our Bay. I support this solution until a better alternative is found.

I would also encourage State funded research into continuing to find ways that we can bring the ecosystem of the Bay into greater balance and support our Oyster Industry in stewarding the environment of the Bay.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.