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We agree with Gov Inslee's veto (July, 2017), of the use of imidacloprid in Willapa bay. It is a poison with important disastrous possible effects on the inhabitants of the Bay area, especially pollinating insects, on which we humans, among others, are dependent for survival (as those insects are essential to the growth of many of our fruits and vegetables).

It took more than a dozen years, and the efforts of countless people, to finally get Carbaryl removed from Willapa Bay, in 2013, several years after it had been finally banned. Since then, some oyster growers in the Willapa Bay area want to begin using imidacloprid as another poison. Outrageously, and shockingly, public opinion reversed a DOE decision to go ahead with this poisoning, in May 2015.

But instead of changing the way they grow oysters, the growers in Willapa Bay continue to want to change to another poison. We think that it is unwise and vastly unfair that their preferences for larger profit margin, with the less labor-intensive methods, should rule the rest of us who stand to lose.

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