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Hello,

I was a tourist that travelled through SW Wa. and was inadvertently educated about oyster farming. It was disturbing to know that beautiful tidelands are being sprayed with pesticides for the exclusive benefit of old-fashioned, destructive oyster farming practices. Plus, it is a hidden topic. No one who I spoke with about the spraying knew of it before I mentioned it and then they were very interested in finding out more. Yes, to stop spraying would be a big change for the farmers, but this is an enlightened era where people are acting sustainably and spraying pesticides that indiscriminately kill is not popular or healthy for the environment or us. There are other ways to farm oysters that don't require pesticides. I love to eat oysters and didn't eat any in SW Wa. because of the spraying.

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