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Imidacloprid is a dangerous pesticide that many scientific studies have found to cause significant harm to nontarget species, including aquatic invertebrates. The use of this pesticide in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor could result in serious unanticipated negative impacts to these ecosystems, including imperiled fish and bird species.

Furthermore, a recent European study reveals that three-quarters of flying insects in nature reserves across Germany have vanished in the past 25 years, which has obviously serious implications for all life on Earth. While the study is still reaching conclusions around causality, pesticides are thought to be a major contributor to the decline. Continuing down a path of indiscriminate destruction is clearly not recommended not only for the sake of other-than-human species but for our own species.