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(Email Submission)

My name is Fritzi Cohen, and to save my time and to make your attention paid to this information easier, since you should have read the comprehensive submission by Laura Hendricks with which I totally agree. However I would like to add a few separate comments that are relevant to the role that Kim Patten played in supporting the permitting of biocides in Willapa Bay.

He was instrumental in stating that glyphosate was safe so that it was used for over 20 years to eradicate Spartina Grass, he also participated in information declaring the dangers of Spartina that I believe were false. He also participated in the permitting of Imazapyr which was going to be used in tandem with glyphosate, which was the potion that my oysterbeds were drifted with.

Patten claimed that somehow imazapyr was less toxic than glyphosate, although more glyphosate was used in many cases in combination with imazapyr. I also have a personal issue with Kim Patten, due to an affidavit in a lawsuit that Moby Dick Hotel and Oysterfarm that I brought based on the trespass on my oysterbeds of glyphosate and imazapyr. We submitted studies that were done that indicated that glyphosate was implicated in non-hodgkins lymphoma.

This is a disease that is well known among inhabitants around the shores of willapa bay, and of particular concern to me was that the oysterfarmer for the Moby Dick was diagnosed with NHL.

Kim Patten in his affidavit in our case stated that these studies were irrelevant. As many of you should be aware, glyphosate is now considered a likely carcinogen, and I can say very specifically that when Keith Stavrum the oysterfarmer in question went to the oncologist the first question they asked was what biocides have you been exposed to. It is pretty clear that glyphosate and other biocides can be very disruptive to humans as well as fish and other wildlife,as well as the vegetation that they are intended to kill.

I am hoping that you will accept this as my submission to comments on the permit that is being discussed regarding permitting imadicloprid by the Dept. of Ecology.

Respectfully,

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