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I have lived in WA. for 40 years and have lived in Grey's Harbor for 17 years. The previous use of herbicides for ghost shrimp had far lasting impacts on a native species which is critical for food for NUMEROUS species of animals and fish. We used to be able to gather a supply of ghost shrimp for bait at bottle beach and Roosevelt beach in Greys Harbor, but they have not been found in numbers for years now. The oyster growers are just looking to expand their operations and profit at the expense of one of our most important links in the food chain for our native resources. Surf perch, Grey Whales, salmon, and numerous bottomfish need this resource. And why is it that a dangerous pesticide with little research into effects on humans or the environment is even being considered? What officials (elected and otherwise appointed_) suggested such a radical attack on our eco-system? Folks in the pockets of shellfish growers? Look at the long picture, do you want our beaches to be sterile growing mediums for the select few to profit from? or a healthy example of multi-species thriving? Robert Rao