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What is wrong with you people?? You're supposed to be preserving these areas - not turning them into a toxic waste dump!

To protect the bays, facts need to be established BEFORE permitting the use of another toxic chemical in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor.

Too much is uncertain regarding the efficacy of imidacloprid for controlling burrowing shrimp. These uncertainties include questions of the extent and duration of the effect of imidacloprid, the lack of a treatment threshold, lack of data regarding resistance, lack of field research regarding clams, and efficacy of treatment in low temperature. Certainly, no use of imidacloprid can be supported without demonstrating efficacy.

Knowledge gaps concerning the direct effects of spraying imidacloprid, including accumulation in sediments, long-term toxic impacts, impacts on zooplankton, sublethal effects, impacts on vegetation, impacts of degradation products, and the area that would be affected. These gaps must be filled before approving the use of the chemical.