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I am strongly opposed to any use of this dangerous neocontinoid pesticide in Puget Sound waters. The ghost shrimp population increase is clearly a symptom of an ecosystem that is not well. Adding a pesticide with known short term lethality to many collateral marine species and completely unknown long term effects is at best naïve and at worst potentially disastrous for the local ecosystem. Surely our scientists can come up with some alternative that is not so environmentally damaging..And for what gain, a short term economic benefit to a few oyster farmers. For me and I'm sure most other people in the state of Washington my sympathy goes out to these individuals, but their economics should not trump our duty to not inflict further harm to a critically ill ecosystem.

I urge you not to approve the use of this, or any other pesticide, in the waters that belong to all Washingtonians.