

Eric: My name is Eric [unintelligible]. I live Pacific County. Lived all my life in South Bend. My family's been on the Bay for the last 5 generations. That's how we've always made a living – whether it's been salmon, crab, or oysters. I guess some of the things I wanted to address here was – you know the things that were talked about – salmon escapement, birds, crab harvests, all that – those were within the last 10 years. We haven't sprayed Carbaryl since 2015. You go back 50 years – we saw rises, we saw things, we saw monster crab harvests, we saw fantastic salmon runs – I mean while we were spraying for those 50 years with a chemical that is much more toxic than Imidacloprid is. My 2<sup>nd</sup> thing is I've worked in the oyster beds for almost 40 years now. I've never seen a bee. Every place we're spraying – most of our ground – all of my ground is almost 3 miles off the beach. I've never seen any bees anywhere close to any of the beds we're spraying. I guess for me, termites – I mean, sorry – kind of relate it like your house was infested with termites. I mean, if you don't address the issue, your house falls down.

And that's what's going to happen for me. I'll lose the majority of my farm. I will no longer be in business if there isn't a chemical to spray these shrimp. And trust me, if I could do it mechanically I would gladly spend every low tide that I could there to get rid of them. But that's not an option. So if anybody can help – I mean there are a lot of people who are dissenting on this whole idea – if you can come up with some other way we can do it besides chemical, I think that would be fantastic. But for me, without a chemical, I'm done. I've got 2 girls. I would love to be able to pass my farm down again to my kids but that's not going to happen if there isn't a chemical. So hopefully we can come up with some kind of a spray program here. Thank you.