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I am writing to oppose any use of imidacloprid in Puget Sound. The intentional use of toxic chemicals has no place in the ecosystem that we all depend on. It's clear that much is unknown about the collateral damage of using such a toxic chemical in our Sound. The impact on other crustaceans and parts of the food chain are unknown. It is hard to think of any neurotoxin used in the environment that doesn't end up having significant negative consequences for the ecosystem and often for humans as well. Economic risk to oyster fisherman should not override the clear risk to a commonly "owned" environment of Puget Sound.