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The science supporting the application of the pesticide on the tidelands shows that its impact does *\*not\** degrade the environment materially. Its use in controlling the ghost shrimp infestation in Willapa Bay will be invaluable not only to the shellfish industry but in helping maintain eelgrass beds, natural clam and native oyster sets, habitat for wildfowl, and a resilient shoreline. We strongly encourage the Dept to approve the requested permit. Thank you.