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I am writing as a private citizen who supports the WGHOGA request for a permit to control the burrowing shrimp infestation on its shellfish beds. In my professional role as President of a statewide organization that develops leaders in agriculture, forestry and natural resources, I know that when an alumni of the program asks for a letter of support, the request has merit. Alumni of the program are leaders, critical thinkers, problem solvers and very adept in public policy and rulemaking. Kathleen Nisbet Moncy, Nisbet Oyster Co., Inc asked for my support and I readily agreed to provide it. I ask that the Dept of Ecology seriously consider its decision; use settled science in the decision making process; consider the impacts a denial of WGHOGA request would make on communities and the rural economies; and be very mindful of the ecological disruption the exploding burrowing shrimp population is having in Wallapa Bay and Grays Harbor.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of granting the WGHOGA's request.