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My family and I farm Manila clams along with Pacific oysters on Willapa Bay. Having the ability to control *Zostera japonica*, a noxious invasive weed, has been a valuable tool for our clam farm. A few weeks ago we were looking through some old photographs and came across a photo of my sisters and I about 25 years ago standing on one of our clam beds. My dad showed it to me and asked me if I saw what was missing from the photo. The answer was immediately obvious; there was no japonoca invading our clam beds yet. Thank you for the chance to comment on this permit. Please renew the permit and allow us to continue removing this invasive noxious weed from our farms.