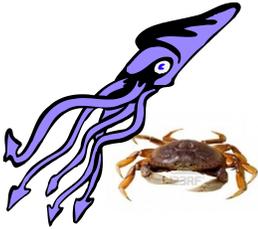


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Subject: Support use of Imidacloprid to control ghost shrimp
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Dear Mr. Rockett, please print the attached letter in support of allowing the oyster growers to use imidacloprid to control ghost shrimp and add the letter to the requested comments on this issue. As you will see, the Coalition (short for Coalition of Coastal Fisheries) is made up of 15 seafood harvesting groups that represent the vast majority of seafood harvesters along the WA coast. Your service is appreciated – Doug Fricke – Coalition Treasurer



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Dear Mr. Rockett,

I am writing on behalf of the Coastal Coalition of Fisheries to express our support for the issuance of permitting to allow shellfish growers in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor to control burrowing shrimp with imidacloprid through an Integrated Pest Management program.

This industry is a vital part of our coastal marine resource economy, and it has been documented that without an ability to control burrowing shrimp the beds they rely on will not sustain a shellfish crop over time. In addition, the beds shellfish growers are essentially protecting act to provide habitat for many other species, including some commercial species that our membership rely upon. For instance, shellfish beds have been documented to support twelve times the population of young Dungeness crab, as compared to an area infested with shrimp where there is essentially none of the three dimensional habitat provided by a shellfish bed. These beds also provide habitat for juvenile salmon, various bottom fish, and other fish species in the form of predator protection and forage areas. In comparison, tidelands infested with burrowing shrimp are slowly degraded in habitat value until only the shrimp remain, and the area is void of dimensional habitat necessary to support other species that need cover, forage areas, and that rely on a stable substrate.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dale Beasley
President, Coastal Coalition of Fisheries