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To Derek Rockett:

Greetings. I've learned that the oyster industry wants to use imidacloprid for farmed oysters and is asking for permission to do so over Willapa Bay. I think this is a bad and dangerous idea, and could result in the further die off of honey bees and likely other unintended species.

The oyster industry is a significant part of the Peninsula's economy, where I live. However heavy use of insecticides is only going to further deteriorate the health of the Puget Sound, which long term is not good for the local economy or the health of a number of important species, including but not limited to salmon.

So my concerns are both about our health, and the longer-term view of the local economy. Sustainable methods of raising food are better for the longer term health of this region's economy. For one, other species, such as salmon, depend on the other organisms that would be killed by these pesticides.

And while we assume that humans and other mammals are not impacted by neurotoxins introduced to the environment unnaturally, such as imidacloprid, why are neurological diseases rising in the region? There's numerous factors, but it's time we look at more sustainable practices, or we'll pay the consequences in food supply, and with our health, later.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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