



Fwd: re comment on ocean policy

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Dear Joelle Gore,

I am totally supportive of Lisa Arkin's comments to you and the extensive documentation that she has provided. I am from Washington State and although they may have some of the policies that Ms Arkin mentions, I am dubious that they faithfully implement them. In fact in Washington State the aquaculture industry, and the USDA have been allowed to spray directly in the estuaries that flow directly into the ocean. Unfortunately the state and counties have been reluctant to stop this activity. I know of what I speak. I have my own oysterbeds in Willapa Bay, and have suspended my harvesting due to drift on my beds of glyphosate and imazapyr. Also the aquaculture industry has been spraying carbaryl in Washington State in estuaries for over 50 years. In the face of a court mandate to stop spraying carbaryl they are now attempting to get imadicloprid registered. The aquaculture industry also is eager to get rid of Japanese eelgrass. They have managed to get it removed from the protected list of the DFW of Wa. state, and listed on the Noxious Weed List, of the State Board. They are attempting to get imazamox registered to kill the eelgrass. As you probably are aware there has been a strange event of starfish deaths off the coast of Washington. And the coasts of both Oregon and Wa. state are in a dubious state of health. I am hoping that NOAA will look closely at the practices in Washington State, practices which seem to disregard the common sense notion that spraying pesticides in estuaries and streams, directly is certainly a violation of the 100 ft buffers that have given lip service to the notion of protecting our waters.

Respectfully,



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