Dear Overseer of our Coastal Watersheds,

What gets sprayed on the land ends up in the waterways.

What is in the waterways gets to the coastal beaches, estuaries and aquatic communities.

There is an excessive and indiscriminate use of toxic chemical poisons in land management through a variety of circumstances. Agriculture provides synthetic fertilizers and a variety of pesticides. Tree farms use angiosperm poisons to grow conifers. Aerial spraying for forest land management gives toxins in the rivers, then moves downstream and ends up in the microbes and our food chain.

We need better oversight and management of the use of toxics.

Thank you for considering these issues.

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