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**ZOSTERA JAPONICA CONTROL ON COMMERCIAL
CLAM BEDS IN WILLAPA BAY**

NORTHERN OYSTER CO.

Submitted to:

Washington Department of Ecology

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No Treatment occurred in 2016 for Northern Oyster Company.

Beds were inspected in early Spring 2016 for regrowth at multiple sites and based on this monitoring it was decided to forego treatment for the season. At that time we found relatively broad spread growth and reseeded of japonica, but believed the stem and root density was such that we could wait until Spring 2017 to treat. Later in the year, after the permit window had ended, we found a few of these beds that should have been treated in 2016. We were surprised at how fast the stem density increased later in the growth season. We had planned to treat up to 125.7 acres per our 2015 Pretreatment Plan, but no acres were treated in 2016.

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