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Thurston County Resource Stewardship Dept
2000 Lakeridge Drive
Olympia, WA 98502

Re: Project 961372 SSDP
Taylor Shellfish Co

This statement is submitted and requested to be part of the public hearing in the above matter. The undersigned are owners of property in Totten Inlet adjacent to the proposed siting of additional mussel rafts by Taylor Shellfish Co.

Each of us strongly oppose the entire mussel raft project. It will only add to existing pollution of the public waters and other problems posed by introducing the non-native Gallo Provincialis species (Gallo). The introduction of Gallo mussels is followed by parasites such as tunicats that are both harmful to the environment. Gallo mussels migrate from the rafts to our beaches and structures. The mussels crowd out habitat for other fish and shellfish. We have attached pictures taken by us on our beach and in the lagoon between our beach and Gallagher Cove (where the applicant has grown Gallo mussels for many years). These pictures were taken by either one of us on or about the dates indicated.

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JULIA C. WALKER

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FRANCIS J. WALKER
Photos by Mrs. Julia Warner (2/99) showing logs on her beach (Walker Flats) being colonized w/mussels.
Mussels colonizing in lagoon at N. Totten Inlet

Bivalved threads of mussels attached to small rocks and other mussels
BUOY Attached to rope and chain 6/2006 in front of Walker's, North Totten