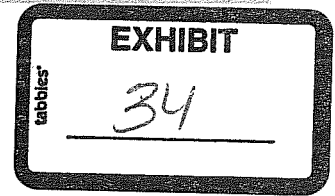


Cami Petersen - Taylor United/Resources Mussel Rafts on Totten Inlet

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Dear Ms. Petersen & Hearing Examiner,

My name is Carrie Toebbe and I have lived on Totten Inlet for over 30 years. I grew up living on the same cove as Taylor's "old plant". My parent's owned and operated Toebbe's Clam Farm, Inc. for 25 years as well while working the beach on Totten Inlet and also property on Harstine Island. My life revolved around manila clams, oysters and the occasion digging of a geoduck. When you are a steward of the tide flats you see the destruction from all of the homes that are waterfront property. From the chemicals in cars, garages, sewage, and the perfectly kept lawns you see traveling down deep water to Steamboat Island that all seep into the gravely mud affecting the clams you planted the day prior. It's not only mussel cultivating that affects the water is what I am saying. The clams, oysters, geoducks and mussels filter the very water we enjoy. I have had mussel rafts in front of my home for years. In fact I have had multiple rafts, boats, dredges etc. from Taylor's distribution that never bothered me, it was and still means that we on Totten Inlet and who live in Western Washington for that matter still have working Farms. I have and will always support this hard work, and Taylor's who have plants all over the world.

Thank you,
Carrie Toebbe