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From: Svein Wiese-Hansen [<mailto:shansen@pacseafood.com>]
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed bill and funding for the Oregon Shellfish Initiative. My name is Svein Wiese-Hansen and I am the farm manager for Pacific Seafoods in Tillamook Oregon.

Pacific has two farming operations in Oregon. One in Tillamook and the other in Coos Bay. Together between the two farms we employ about 20 full time year round farm personnel and during the peak of our season that number can be around 30+. Pacific also runs a processing and shucking facility in Bay City Oregon that employs around 40-50 full time year round positions. We send product all over the United States, Canada and abroad.

We hope that having a task force and a shellfish initiative in Oregon will provide additional opportunities for growth in the industry both for Pacific and the many other shellfish farmers in Oregon. A streamlined, transparent and upfront permitting process.

We are very excited about being part of the pilot program being proposed for Tillamook Bay through ODA. Gathering this information will hopefully provide more harvesting opportunities as well as potentially increasing the areas available for production to all the growers in the bay.

We look forward to being part of this process and be part of the continued growth and expansion of this incredible industry in Oregon.