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In support of Senate bill 1025

As a lifelong recreational bay clam digger it has become obvious that the conditions in Tillamook Bay have deteriorated drastically.

My parents introduced me to bay clam harvesting at a very young age. Learning the basic values and responsibilities of enjoying one of our great outdoor resources.

I did the same with my children, teaching them the basics of the rules and regulations of this plentiful opportunity. How to harvest, clean, and prepare for the table are great lessons learned for our young people. Learning that not all food comes from the grocery store.

In recent years I have attempted to do the same with my grandchildren. However, we have been faced with frustration from the lack of available clams. We have left the clam beds with less than limits.

I have also observed for the first time commercial clam digging on the most popular sport clam beds. Seeing sacks and buckets piled up the length of our favorite sand bar.

It is my understanding that the primary commercial harvester that has moved onto the historically sport area is from out of state and ships his catch out of state for non-human consumption.

This offends me that one of our valuable resources is being depleted by out of state for profit individuals.



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