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Eelgrass meadows provide critical habitat for a wide range of marine species. Juvenile fish, including commercially important species like salmon, find refuge among the eelgrass blades. Shellfish such as Dungeness crabs and clams also rely on these meadows for shelter and food.

Beyond their role as a habitat, eelgrass meadows improve water quality by trapping sediments and absorbing excess nutrients, which helps prevent harmful algal blooms. Their dense root systems stabilize the seabed, reducing erosion and protecting coastlines from storm surges.

Please vote in favor of saving the eelgrass