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Management Plan Review Team,

I am the noxious weed board coordinator for Grays Harbor County and would like to comment on the sanctuary plan.

I am concerned about the influx of invasive species, whether through ballast water or carried on currents. We now have 2 invasive *Spartina* species in the harbor, and anticipate more pressure from seed carried north from Humboldt and San Francisco Bays.

I would like to know if there are any plans to set aside funding for detecting and controlling invasive species?

I would also urge, as a part of education and outreach, best management practices for visitors and coastal residents on reducing the spread of invasives, as well as illustrating the impact of potential invasive species.

Thanks you for the opportunity to weigh in.

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