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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Richard Whitman
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Re: Pathogen Reduction Rules for Anaerobic Digesters

Dear Mr. Whitman,

I write on behalf of the Pacific Seafood Group ("Pacific") in support of the proposed DEQ Pathogen Reduction Rule Amendment that encourages the use and development of manure digesters within the State of Oregon.

Pacific is a family-owned company that cares deeply about the environment, the well-being of our team members, and the communities with whom we partner. Sustainability is inherent in our approach to business and we continually strive to find new ways to be better stewards of the environment and our communities. Our efforts have been recognized by many industry and environmental groups, which is why Pacific Seafood is the first and only company in the world to offer BAP (Best Aquaculture Practices) four-star oysters; the most sustainable oyster available.

Pacific has a large presence in and around Tillamook Bay where we farm over 800 acres of oyster beds. As you may know, our oysters live in the Bay and, as filter feeders, each oyster filters up to 50 gallons of water a day. Their flavor is dependent on the minerals and makeup of the water they filter. As a result, Pacific is highly attuned to the problems associated with the production of manure from the many farms located throughout the region.

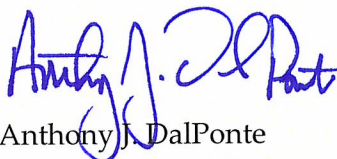
We encourage all efforts to improve responsible manure management. We believe that anaerobic digesters provide a sound means for processing manure responsibly and support DEQ's efforts to promote policies that encourage the development and use of digesters, particularly in and around Tillamook Bay.

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Thank you for your work on this important effort. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



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