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- Additional service and budget for CDPH. They struggle with staff and the ability to address change and growth of the shellfish industry. If we want to grow our industry, we will need secure and consistent funding. If this takes fees then let's figure out how to do it.
- The concept of utilizing local county health labs to do Marine Biotoxin testing instead of relying on the Microbial Disease lab in Richmond. With very little investment, county labs in Humboldt, Sonoma and San Luis Obispo could do the sampling. It would allow for additional tests and reduce shipping costs. This would benefit both recreational and commercial fisheries as well as the shellfish industry. I could also save the state money by allowing companies to pay for the tests.
- Regulatory science. Currently the state does little or no science to assist with answering the questions that it feels are important for management of activities in the marine environment. I would suggest they invest staff time doing the science and managing marine resources based on data.



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