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Written Statement of proposed testimony

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As the Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association, I represent approximately 110 shellfish farms from the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, California and Washington. For the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology hearing on February 27, 2019, I will be providing information on how the shellfish industry has been impacted by climate change, specifically changes related to ocean acidification. Over the past decade, the shellfish industry has witnessed significant mortality of oysters and changes in growth and yield. We have since made the connection between shellfish health and changing climate conditions. Shellfish growers have been dedicated to keeping these impacts to a minimum, by changing farm practices, in order to maintain thriving businesses.