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Hello,

I live in Quincy, eastern Washington, and I am following the environmental dangers of Atlantic Fish Farms in Puget Sound. Along with the large increase in sea lice, a predator of small salmon, fish farms have huge deposits of fish manure under their net pens. Nothing lives in the area under the pens because of the toxic nature of the droppings. I consider the "sludge" under the pens just the same as the untreated human waste that is being dumped into the Sound from boats.

I am recommending that fish farms be banned from Puget Sound along the same lines being proposed by the Ecology recommendations. Fish sludge could just as harmful to the environment as untreated waste from boats. In fact, the fish pens are close to the shore and present a more toxic hazard because of the number and density of the fish in the pens. Those pens concentrate the waste and that waste collects year round.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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