

Loki Fish Company

In regards to the proposed rule requiring onshore dumping of vessel sewage waster in Puget Sound, I have the following comments as owner of Loki Fish Company.

We support measures which will preserve, protect and restore the marine resources of Puget Sound. We supply consumers throughout Puget Sound with locally produced salmon. We do support the rule.

However, any such rule which does not require floating salmon farming operations to also eliminate their sewage discharge waste is grossly deficient. It is the major floating threat to the marine environment of Puget Sound. As Professor emeritus Arthur Whitely documented, untreated fish farm waste exceeds in volume the secondary discharge of large municipal sewage plants in Puget Sound. Their output dwarfs sewage discharge from the remaining small vessels lacking holding tanks.

So, yes, we support the proposed rule as far as it goes. Yet why continue to exempt discharge from floating fish farm operations?

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