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I strongly encourage reduction and elimination of pollutants, antibiotics, parasites into the waters of Puget Sound. Timing is critical as these factors further stress the wild salmon in these waters along with all of the other related life forms that are affected.

May 19, 1792 George Vancouver, describing the Puget Sound off of the current site of Seattle, wrote of "the abundant fertility that unassisted nature puts forth. We have, of course, already lost much of that abundance of species and numbers of sea life, birds, salmon, and whales that are interrelated.

We must choose what balance we would live with. To preserve the last remnants of life in our waters we must choose to do everything we can to protect these waters while there is still life to protect. Immediate closure of all non native salmon fish pens would be ideal. The minimum would be to approve the proposed draft for NPDES permits.