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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen-

I am a born and raised Washingtonian for 60 years. My father commercially fished for salmon in the San Juan Islands. An activity that fed and clothed our family during my youth. I have recently retired from the seafood industry having marketed North Pacific wild caught seafood internationally for 34 years.

Cooke's response to their "toxic" spill of non- native salmon was anemic at best. At worst, they attempted to hide behind eclipse induced tides, rather than admit malfeasance in maintaining equipment.

These escaped fish ended up in local rivers. While I understand that the risk of these fish spawning is nil, my concern is the transmission of salmonid specific disease into local watersheds.

We are already fighting a battle to rebuild salmon runs in Puget Sound. Cooke's malfeasance in allowing these non-native into our watersheds is unacceptable and must be stopped.

Until the moratorium is enacted and these farm sites are shutdown, Cooke's actions must be closely monitored and verified. They have already proven an inability at self policing.

Best regards,

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