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I am deeply concerned about the impact on non-native finfish farms in the Salish Sea as negligence by Cooke has caused a massive release of a diseased invasive species into our water, putting at risk native fish. Infected and chemically polluted discharge from the farms damages already dwindling salmon and other marine life. I support the recommended measures to reduce harm until the pens are phased out: specifically:

- Increasing underwater video monitoring
- Submitting structural integrity inspection reports certified by a qualified marine engineer to Ecology
- Improving net cleaning and maintenance procedures
- Site-specific response plans and preparedness trainings
- Maintaining contact information to notify area tribes in the event of a fish release