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Open-Net Pen Atlantic Salmon aquaculture should have no business in our waters. This practice has proven time and time again to be degrading and detrimental to our regions water quality and way of life. Any new applications for renewals of salmon farm permits should be denied. I have witnessed first hand on several occasions escape events and these and many other issues surrounding this practice make it unacceptable in our waters. We as citizens do not benefit from these farms and they are a blemish on our waters and should have never been allowed in the first place. I have attached a picture of some Atlatic salmon I caught during a commercial gillnet opening in August 2017. I was there and watched a woefully inadequate response by State agencies to handle this. I was not compensated for my efforts to remove these fish and was one of the first to do so. This breaks my heart to see how money and greed has taken a precedence over the well being of our environment.



