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NPDES Draft Permits on net pen aquaculture for public comment

To raise fish in net pens, Ecology requires individual NPDES permits for each facility. The permit is the tool that requires Best Management Practices, monitoring, and reporting to ensure water quality standards are met. Updating these permits will regulate Atlantic salmon farming until the 2022 ban.

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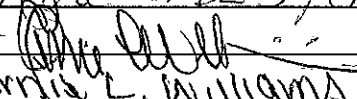
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We attended the public hearing by the Dept. of Ecology regarding Atlantic Salmon netpen facilities operated by Cooke Aquaculture on Thursday Feb. 7th 6:00pm in the library at Bainbridge High School. Given the fragile state of the waters of Puget Sound, which includes the declining local Orcas population, and after re-reading the comment by Maia Bellen, "we must protect our waters and native salmon until Atlantic Salmon farming ends in WA waters, we are requiring these companies operate under the strongest water quality protections we can put in place." And the state legislature passed & the governor signed House Bill 2957 in early 2018. It seems to me that the 2022 date is totally out of line with the urgency that is a present local & what some climate scientists say may be too late & irreversible. We cannot continue to put large quantities of known pollutants & potential carcinogens directly into the open waters of Puget Sound including Rich Passage. For the sake of the Sound, our local Orcas in the J-pod, our wild native Chinook salmon and the folks young & old who enjoy the water off our island, we respectfully request the NPTES permit be denied.

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permits for each facility. The permit is issued, and reporting to ensure water quality from aquaculture and net-pen salmon farming until the 2022 ban.

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