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From: Don Heppenstall <dheppenstall@earthlink.net>
Date: February 11, 2019 at 11:38:34 AM PST
To: rich.doenges@ecy.wa.gov
Subject: Fish pens on Bainbridge Island

Hello and thank you for taking my message,

I was born in Seattle and have lived on Bainbridge Island for more than 4 decades. During this time I have been an active boater, kayaker, sailor, and fisherman and have been sailing all over the Salish Sea for most of my adult life. I have been around salmon and experience Orcas first hand hundreds of times. The pens that contain the Atlantic salmon pollute more than mid size cities. The disease they bring to other salmon have helped to devastate native runs. There have been numerous examples of the pens failing and hundreds of thousands of Atlantic salmon escaping into our rivers.

I encourage you put a stop to this by eliminating all salmon farms in the State of Washington and lobbying to eliminate them in British Columbia as well.

Sincerely,
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