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Dear Senator Rolfes,

I have just submitted my comments to the DOE urging them to deny the NPDES permit to Cooke Aquaculture. My expectation is that they will likely go ahead, but if so, I hope that there will be pressure brought to bear to bring the farm up to best practice standards - and I hope they will close in 2022 and not simply switch species.

Rich, can you tell us why nitrogen monitoring and eutrophication were not addressed in this permit?

The other thing I wanted to bring to your attention is the total disconnect between WA DOE and WSDOT efforts. I attended an information session held by the Tribes and the League of Women Voters. The purpose was to educate us about road and culvert work that would be undertaken to restore natural access to wild salmon streams. This is mandated by treaty with the tribes and will cost many millions of dollars that is not currently in the budget (sounds like a McCleary situation). The great news is that they had some film that showed many of these projects as successful and salmon returning to spawn! The bad news is that these same wild fish have to run the gauntlet of swimming past the fish farms on their way back out to sea when they are most vulnerable to lice and disease.

I find it very disheartening that one agency, WSDOT would be spending many millions of taxpayer dollars to restore native salmon runs, while at the same time another agency, DOE would be granting a permit to allow a foreign corporation to work at exact cross purposes, the add pollutants that contribute to the demise of our local salmon. This seems grossly irresponsible.

Perhaps you can consider this and perhaps someone can pass this along to our Governor and the rest of the WA state legislative body.

With all due respect for all your efforts,

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