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Until non-native fish, such as Atlantic salmon are completely phased out in Washington's marine waters we must protect our waters by requiring all companies, and especially the notorious Cooke Aquaculture, to operate under the strongest water quality protections we can put in place.

These measures must include:

Increasing underwater video monitoring of net pens

Conducting inspections to assess structural integrity of the net pens and submit inspection reports certified by a qualified marine engineer to Ecology

Improving net cleaning and maintenance procedures to prevent fish escape

Requiring the permittee to develop site specific response plans in the event of a fish release, and to conduct and participate in preparedness trainings

Requiring improved maintenance of the net pens

Maintaining contact information to notify area tribes in the event of a fish release

Thank you