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It is irresponsible of Washington State to renew a lease to Cooke Aquaculture after such catastrophic failures of their facilities endangered wild salmon in both Washington State and British Columbia Canada. Enough concern regarding such operations prompted the upcoming 2022 WA State ban on Atlantic salmon marine net pens. Why extend these dangerous leases with a company that has demonstrated continued bad practices? End the lease now and start taking wild salmon protections more seriously.

If WA State decides to renew, requiring National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for each facility is a good idea.