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No net pen operations for non-native salmon species can be deemed "safe" for our beleaguered salmon populations. Concentrating salmon in net pens creates toxic centers of pollution, lice and potential vector sites for deadly viruses. There are good reasons to ban salmon farming in Puget Sound immediately and not to wait until 2022, and Cooke Aquaculture has proven their inability to operate safely, time and again. It is a no-brainer to deny permits to this toxic industry.