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I am curious as to why an permit is necessary. The issues of nutrients should be addressed in the discharge specific permits already in existence. For example, the General Permit for fish hatcheries, which I worked on and with for years, could have effluent limits for nutrients incorporated into it rather than another permit. A separate permit would likely require an additional fee which may be a good way to raise money but seems duplicative if the limits can be incorporated into existing permits. All point-source discharges should have nutrients included. But, a General Permit for Non-point might be workable. One possibility is that the permit is issued to to the local jurisdiction (City, County) to include all non-point sources. The jurisdiction would then develop local solutions to reduce their input of nutrients that flow into the sound.