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I am very concerned about the plastic gear used by aquaculture companies in Puget Sound. They cover the tideflats with gigantic sheets of netting, along with plastic bags, that show up on shorelines as debris. They also drill millions of PVC pipes into the substrate to protect their shellfish. Aquaculture does not need to use these new (plastic) methods right in our fragile waters and seabed. Degradation of this gear over time and the seeping of micro plastics into Puget Sound is shocking. They need to go back to the old ways and methods of aquaculture that were successful and kinder to the environment without all the modern gear and plastic.