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I don't believe that marine net pens with Pacific salmonids or non-native salmonids have a place in Washington State. People have spoken loud and clear that we don't want them. We don't want the pollutants from fish waste, antibiotics, nor the accumulation of disease from hosts like sea lice in our oceans. At a time when our salmon stocks are in danger and dwindling, why would Washington continue to allow net pens as Oregon and Alaska have not and BC begins to reduce theirs? Why would we allow companies that have been negligent continue to operate in our waters? Please protect our waters rather than allowing outside companies to profit from them. I am a concerned citizen, an islander that witnessed the Cypress Island net pen disaster, a fisheries consultant, and vote in the interests of wild fish.