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I fully support Cooke's switch to triploid trout. The farms provide jobs and help the local economies. Also as a country we import a lot of seafood, fish farms in Washington are a locally grown, sustainable form of protein. The state should be utilising Cooke's employees expertise with growing salmon and using them to grow Chinook salmon for the orcas. The wild fish stocks in Washington state are struggling, aquaculture is the future of salmon in Washington. It will take the pressure off of wild stocks and give them a chance to rebound. Cooke should be allowed to grow these triploid trout because there are already farms in the Columbia river growing the same fish and the state plants thousands of these fish into lakes around the state every year. Just let Cooke work.