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Washington State has allowed fish farms to ruin our waters for far too long already. As one of only a couple of states to continue to allow net pens, it is a direct contradiction to the eco friendly state that we are.

Cooke Aquaculture has a horrific track record. The fact remains that regardless of what requirements, rules, and regulations are put on them, they have proven over the years to disregard and ignore these regulations. They have shown they pretend to agree to all regulations yet continue to allow fish to escape due to negligence, have been cited in Maine for poisoning lobster illegally and exceeding fish count maximums, and most recently Cooke's Ronja Carrier lost 19,800 trout in the Baltic Sea "on accident". Our Puget Sound is too fragile to allow fish farming to continue. We can do everything possible to attempt to save our waters, however it is all for not if we allow Cooke to continue to pollute. We might as well shoot our remaining resident orcas if we're going to allow this to go on....

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