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Cooke Aquaculture has routinely shown their inability to protect the health and safety of the Salish Sea and the inhabitants of it. The NPDES permit they seek for steelhead farming in the Salish Sea should not be granted while the courts are still reviewing the SEPA challenge. Net pen aquaculture does not in any way improve water quality in the Salish Sea, which should be our first priority moving forward. With continued diminishing resident orca populations, our duty as human allies is to do everything in our power to make the Salish Sea a welcoming home and habitat for the organisms that live there. Please deny this permit. Thank you.