

# Sam Ledgerwood

The Washington Cattlemen's Association is in full support of Cooke Aquaculture's permit modification to raise Steelhead.

Many folks don't realize that aquaculture is as much a part of agriculture as raising cattle, growing wheat, growing apples, and the list goes on to include over 300 crops in our state. It's often the case that government permits are necessary for these economic arrangements between agriculture and Washington's state agencies --- especially the Natural Resource agencies. In fact, in so many cases these permits are really "make or break" for the success of agriculture in our rural economies. It's in that spirit that we support Cooke Aquaculture's request.

Sincerely,

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