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DOE should not approve any permits until the lawsuit challenging the SEPA process is OVER. New information is available that will impact DOE's professional decision. There are new laws regulating marine net pen aquaculture and these must be taken into consideration. A change in species poses new and different risks which DOE must take into consideration. It doesn't reduce daily pollution or change water quality risks. All water quality risks need to be taken into consideration. Does Cooke have adequate and appropriate escape prevention and escape response plans that DOE deems adequate? All local, state, federal and tribal governments must be consulted in a meaningful way prior to any permits being granted so those voices can be heard. There is much work that needs to be addressed to ensure the health of our Puget sound water quality and of the Sound itself. Ask yourselves "what are the unintended consequences that may or might come about should we permit this operation?" Then answer those questions. Be smart, think deeply. This is important beyond the DOE's regulatory authority: this has the potential to impact humans (economically, physically, spiritually) and the natural resources on which we all depend. Thank you.