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Hi there!

As a farmer and outdoorsman, I support protecting wild salmon from future harm done by Cooke Aquaculture. I am concerned about their past history impacting wild salmon ecosystems.

I believe that Ecology's NPDES permit review should not begin until there has been thorough consultation

with local, state, federal, and tribal governments. Many tribal nations submitted comments to the SEPA review requesting a full EIS, and initiated government-to-government consultations to express their grave concerns about the harm these pens do to the Sound. In addition, many counties and municipalities have established new rules since the net pens were installed, which would prohibit the construction of new net pens in their waters. While the existing pens are grandfathered in, these communities and nations should have a full and open opportunity to air their concerns and ensure that the continued operation of net pens in Puget Sound honors the concerns and needs of their neighbors.

Thanks,
Mark C.