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I strongly oppose Cooke Aquaculture's permit to raise steelhead in off-shore net pens. Net-pen farming of steelhead, like Atlantic salmon, introduces pesticides, contaminants, etc. in our ocean waters and increases the risk of disease transmission for all wild salmonids. It presents a unnecessary risk to our listed salmonids and Orca whales we cannot afford at this time.

Cooke Aquaculture has also shown itself to be an irresponsible company and should never profit from our state's waters again. Their previous water quality violation for the 2017 Cypress Island disaster should, alone, make them ineligible for this permit.

Please protect our state's waters as you are entrusted to do and REJECT this permit