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I support Cooke Aquaculture's petition to switch to native rainbow trout stocks in lieu of Atlantic Salmon for their Puget Sound mariculture operations. The fish are triploid sterile and in the event of an accidental release they should not mature and enter tributary streams.

They are also more efficient in terms of feed and release less effluent than Atlantic salmon. Additionally they are less susceptible to sea lice infestations and are therefore less likely to spread parasites to wild fish.

Speaking as a sport angler and a consumer of seafood I encourage you to process the permits allowing Cooke Aquaculture to raise triploid sterile netpen rainbow trout.

respectfully yours  
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