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As avid outdoor sports people we are against allowing Cook to change from salmon to steelhead for the remaining time on their permits. Cook has demonstrated they are not capable of safely managing net pens in our waters; they should not even be allowed to continue their existing salmon farming operations.

Farming steelhead introduces another unknown level of concerns to our existing wild steelhead since this species returns to spawn throughout their life cycle. Therefore a genetically modified defective fish will continue to introduce a poor gene into the local fisheries.