

Marsha Abel

I am in favor of Cooke Aquaculture being able to raise all-female triploid steelhead in their net pens. I have long been a supporter of farmed fish as both a healthy and a sustainable way to bring seafood/fish to the public. Over the years Cooke has provided a quality farmed fish to customers. Raising steelhead in the net pens would provide a great source of locally raised and harvested fish to consumers. The aquaculture industry provides a strong boost to local economies by providing good jobs and a quality product. Cooke has the experience and resources to responsibly raise and farm steelhead fish which is a native species here in Washington State. By raising steelhead that are incapable of reproducing, they are assuring the public that there will be no issue with wild stock.

I fully support the modification to the permit which would allow Cooke Aquaculture to raise steelhead in their net pens.

Sincerely,
Marsha Abel