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The open net-cage aquaculture industry should be discontinued worldwide. Simply put, it is cruelly inhumane to hold wild salmon in a cage for years when they are meant to swim freely in the world's oceans. In addition, their feed must contain other wild fish, since that is their diet in the wild. Therefore, the capture of feed for this industry is depleting the world's oceans of other, smaller wild fish and removing them from the world's natural food chains and from subsistence fisher people. Then there are the sea lice and disease elements, in which sea lice and any disease within the feedlots (open net-cages) can multiply exponentially and quickly and easily migrate through the feedlots to negatively impact and wild fish and other marine organisms, sometimes miles away from the feedlots. Finally, waste products and uneaten food pellets containing antibiotics and/or other deleterious substances fall to the ocean floor through the net-cages, smothering and killing virtually all the wild marine life there. These consequences of this terrible industry apply regardless of the species "farmed" (real farmers look after their waste products).