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Despite all the amazing effort that has gone into approvals and justifications of having fish farms in open waters, it's inevitable that something will go wrong as is proven by the Cypress Island fiasco. No matter that we are talking steelhead vs. Atlantic salmon, the motives by Cooke are profit focus, and the likelihood of them suddenly becoming stewards of the environment does not meet the test of history.

At Cypress, the fallow pens have been a blessing. Nature has returned in force, including sea grasses that were made obsolete by the pollution generated by the pens. Encouraging fish farming at these other sites will continue to erode the natural habitat.

Governing parties need to make a stand against fish farming in waters off Washington and the West Coast. To allow some but not all is like being a little bit sick from the corona virus. You either have it or you don't. The same is true for the underlying argument that fish farms will not harm the environment. It does and will continue to do so.