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I fully support Cooke's plan to raise steelhead at the named sites. As an endemic species in our waters, any accidental escapes would be irrelevant. Marketing of these fish would take some of the pressure off of the harvest of steelhead from our rivers, many of which are wild fish. Local economies would also benefit, with the continued employment of, not only the workers on the farms, but management, boat operators, fish processors, consultants, divers, food manufacturers, net manufacturers, and undoubtedly, many others. I see the continued presence of Cooke, and the transition to steelhead production at these sites to be a win-win for the state of Washington, as well as a benefit to our threatened native steelhead.