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Cooke Aquaculture Pacific should be granted the modification of the NPDES permit to raise sterile all female steelhead. We need to support rural businesses and companies that are raising fresh local high quality proteins at an affordable cost to the consumer. This type of business can support 100's of rural family waged jobs. Washington State Legislators signed into law that native salmonid species need to be raised in salt water fin fish aquaculture. Over 770 million pounds of farm raised salmon is imported and consumed in the United States annually. Year after year this number of pounds consumed continues to grow. So I believe this is an excellent opportunity for Cooke Aquaculture Pacific to raise a great local product that our state can be proud of.