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We have an opportunity to be a leader in the Pacific Northwest in moving away from Net Pen Aquaculture. Net Pen Aquaculture is not the future, and the benefits of allowing Cooke, a Canadian Company, use our waters for their profit, are limited.

At the same time, we as Washingtonians continue to focus on recovering our natural environment and wildlife that makes us famous, particularly our famous Washington Salmon and Steelhead. I don't need to tell you how much residents want these fish back, and how much money we spend to support the recovery of these fish. So why undermine these efforts on behalf of Cooke?

Do the right thing. Don't allow Cooke to keep operating in our waters.