

# Abigail Love

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Choosing who deserves one of these permits should be done with care. Do we trust the company with our waters? Or have they failed us time and time again? Cooke has failed us and has shown no evidence of changing!

From their illegal pesticide use to their inability to keep Atlantic salmon contained, Cooke has shown themselves to be a company that is at worst unethical, and at best negligent.

Repetitively they have waited until they are caught to act. For days in October of 2019, the community of Rich passage warned Cooke that their pen was sinking. The community's concerns were dismissed, even as waves breached the pen, and debris washed ashore. It took the community a call to the coast guard for the pen to be secured.

Cooke is the reason that Washington State banned Atlantic salmon; why would the state consider giving them an umpteenth chance? If the department of ecology approves this, it is letting its people down.