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As a resident of Seattle who enjoys fishing the waters of the Puget Sound and the tributary rivers, I am concerned about opening the Puget Sound to aquaculture, particularly with Cooke Aquaculture. The salmon, orcas and steelhead in the sound are already in severe distress. Adding net pens with their associated waste products only degrades an already severely challenged environment. Furthermore, Cooke Aquaculture has a history of negligence and has shown no regard for the well being of the sound, its wild inhabitants, or those of us who live here. We must learn from our prior lessons and not permit them to build net pens in the sound.