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Laurie Niewolny, Water Quality Program  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
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Dear Ms. Niewolny,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed modification to the existing NPDES permit for Cooke Aquaculture, near Hope Island in Skagit County [Permit # WA0031593]. Skagit County holds a shoreline substantial development/conditional use permit for the existing net pen facility [#3-86]. We are currently reviewing available information to determine what local permit(s) or permit modification(s) may be required for Cooke Aquaculture's current proposal.

Skagit County requests to be added to the parties of record for this NPDES application modification, to receive any notifications and decisions related to this application from the Department of Ecology.

Respectfully submitted,

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