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Are you guys NUTS!?! Changing species does in NO WAY modify or decrease the risks and negative impacts net pen aquaculture has on our waters! The citizens of Washington have already weighed in on these issues, and the result was a ban instituted by the legislature. What does switching to another species do to mitigate the negative impacts of net pens? NOTHING! No SEPA? No recognition of the damages done? No questions regarding the truthfulness and competency of the applicant, based on past history? REALLY?

C'mon you turkeys, man up and DO YOUR JOB! You're an embarrassment to the state and traitors to your title "Department of Ecology". This kind of pandering to commercial interests is exactly WHY your organization was formed and its functions removed from the "Dept of Natural Resources" (another laughable title). You've lost my support and advocacy. Better NO dept than one that masquerades as a protector, while collaborating with the polluters to increase the damage. The citizens you purport to support and defend see right through your lies, and despise you!