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I support Cooke Aquaculture's proposed permit to raise steelhead in net pen facilities. Pen- and farm-raised fish are an important source of local food to our state and country. As more people move away from beef and pork, whether for health or impacts on the environment, naturally caught fish cannot fill the demand for protein. Net pens are an efficient source of food, utilizing our resources wisely and also providing jobs for local citizens. That being said, I also support strict control and maintenance of the net pens to prevent re-occurrence of the breakage seen in the past.