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Permitting Cooke Aquaculture Pacific to rear triploid Steelhead Trout would seem a very sensible approach in this case.

Having worked with triploid trout in the UK in the early years of my career in aquaculture, I would wholeheartedly support this as being the correct approach where the risk of escapees potentially breeding with wild native stocks is to be avoided.

Local coastal economies can be stimulated, jobs secured, and domestic food security improved. All this with no risk of any potential escapees reproducing at all as they would be incapable of maturation due to their triploid status.

I personally can't see why permission would not be granted for such a positive proposal.