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I oppose this permit modification based on the poor track history of Cooke Aquaculture to do basic maintenance and upkeep of its facility and net pens. This led to a disastrous escapement of non-native Atlantic salmon escaping into the Puget Sound which can have harmful impacts on the native protected wild stocks of salmon as well as possible disease spread and a burden on the overall ecosystem.

Part of the current legislature in WA state rules out permits for the aquaculture of non-native fish stocks precisely because of the fiasco with Cooke Aquaculture and their lack of responsibility and accountability.

I don't think they should be allowed a second chance, the stakes are too high for an already fragile marine ecosystem in the Puget Sound region.