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Any farmed fish net pen is going to degrade water quality, therefore harming wild fish as well. Any farmed fish net pen process requires food (fish) that is harvested from the dwindling supplies, in the ocean or other inland water ways, depleting food sources for wild fish to feed FARMED FISH IN NET PENS that continuously spew out medications, fish waste, viruses and parasites. We need to do everything we can to keep feeder fish in the ocean for our keystone species, not grind them up for Cooke Farms to feed to their fish. It is all so wrong, but why is it being proposed? Tax money? At what ultimate cost to WA State residents? What are we losing in terms of sport fishing when diseases and waste are continuously entering the Sound? What is the ultimate cost to the hardy wild species? This is wrong, and I have never supported the farmed fish industry. We need to support our wild stock and the habitat they need to recover. Cooke needs to be told that the days of net pens in Puget Sound are gone. TOTALLY gone. There is too much negative fallout with these "farms." I won't even talk about all their past violations, as surely they should be taken into account by the State of WA who is reviewing this...or are they?