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I would have thought raising salmon in pens was a good thing until coming in contact with the pens in open water. As avid kayakers, the first time we saw one, we first smelled it for quite a long distance away. As we came nearer to the pens, not only the stench was profound but the visible cloudiness of the water in an otherwise pristine setting was remarkable.

It is my personal belief that our efforts should be in restoring native salmon runs vs contaminating our waters, risking escape/ putting native populations at risk, allowing exudate into surrounding waters, and using antibiotics to keep penned fish healthy. Why would farming steelhead vs Atlantic salmon change all of these issues?

Thanks for taking my views into consideration.