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I'm very in favor of the proposed changes to the business plan that Cooke Aquaculture is pursuing. It is completely in keeping with the current laws of the state of Washington.

In the United States, Seafood is second only to oil imports in a trade deficit and certainly in these glaringly challenging times, a higher level of independence from foreign markets should be something that we need to support. No other animal based protein production has a lower carbon footprint than fish production. We farm many other species on land that could otherwise be hunted to the brink of collapse. How are our wild salmon any different? This kind of industry is the only one that can help lesson the pressure on our dwindling fish resources that can't possibly keep up with a constantly increasing demand. Support our farmers.