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Cooke Aquaculture does not maintain their pen structures even today after having pens collapse on Lummi Island and near sinking of it's Orchard Rocks Pen complex on Bainbridge Island! I have included photos taken on May 15th, 2020 that show over 200 sea lions that have taken up residence on over half of the pen complex and are causing it to near collapse. My neighbor filmed Sea lions INSIDE of a pen with active salmon. These sea lions (along with being filthy and causing many sleepless nights for people living near the farm with the loud racous cacophony) rip into pens and cause atlantic salmon escapes, spread disease, and feast on our native fish in massive numbers. These pens need to be removed to stop these sea lions from congregating in such a lethal concentration. Cooke obviously does not care that their pen is collapsing and is abetting these large numbers of predators. They neither have the number of employees necessary to maintain the pens or care if these large numbers accumulate.