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We live near the present Hope Island fish farm. We kayak in area frequently. The facility is located in a very important area to local wildlife. The currents run strong here and carry water through Skagit Bay and in and out of Deception Pass. We have many seals and occasional whales in the area. There is a salmon run that passes right by the farm. Native shellfish beds are only yards away. All of these creatures can be affected by the medications and feed used in the farm. Besides the negative ecosystem effects, there is the aesthetic problem: noise from the generators and the visual blight of the structure itself. The farm should have never been permitted in such a sensitive area. The permit should not be renewed.