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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

This will be the third time that I have commented on Cooke's application for continuing aquaculture practices in Puget Sound.

It's irrelevant if they will be plan to raise infertile rainbow trout versus Atlantic salmon. Based upon Cooke's prior disastrous collapse of a net pen operation off Cypress Island, it is glaringly apparent that they are unable to maintain these structures.

I'm concerned about virus and other disease transference to native salmonid stocks in Puget Sound. While infertile rainbow trout after accidental escape may not run up rivers to spawn, they will still be free to roam Puget Sound. This escaped fish will be in contact with indigenous salmonid stocks.

Why provide approval for this proposal when Cooke has already failed so miserably? This is OUR Puget Sound. I fail to see any benefit in allowing this biology experiment to commence.

Sincerely,

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