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Science has proven that large-scale fish farms are unable to meet clean water requirements. The prevalence of aquaculture in puget sound has reduced the carrying capacity for the rivers and sound near Seattle. High sea lice load, presence of isa, and de-oxygenation due to nutrient loading are three factors caused by fish farms that have directly lead to closure and reduced fishing seasons. The negative economic impact is large scale and long lasting. Tripliod steelhead farms have no more place in puget sound than Atlantic salmon farms. The fish cook aquaculture are proposing to raise have more DNA in common with the native salmonids in puget sound than atlantic salmon do. More disease will be spread to native species do to this. This is in direct violation of the endangered species act. There are no long term positives to this proposed change in aquaculture. If we want wild fish, and the economy they support, these farms have no place in Washington waters.