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Nets are well known to be incredibly detrimental to struggling wild fish populations. There are many incidents of large numbers of genetically depressed and physically unhealthy penned fish escaping and making wild fish sick or less adapted to their environments through interbreeding. Wild populations, when healthy, are an abundant and free resource that supports billions of dollars worth of commercial and recreational fishing. Nets negatively impact wild fish and the people who depend on them. Don't risk all of that for the short term financial gain of a few.