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Puget Sound is a beautiful natural ecosystem. Cooke aquaculture has consistently damaged fragile marine environments through aquaculture. Disease, fish waste and escaped fish have had major impacts throughout Canada. Chemicals and antibiotics are used to control parasites due to overcrowding.

I visit Washington as a tourist yearly and do so because of the natural environment. The damage open net pens will have in the local marine environment is in most cases irreparable.

Cooke has paid out more than \$10,000,000 in fines and have 21 violations most of which are environmental.

Protect the most important resource you have.

Best,

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