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Open water net pen aquaculture by Cooke needs very careful thought and discussion. Maintaining the healthy ecology of Puget Sound waters, of native species and of native habit is essential. We humans have often made ecological decisions that were quick, short sighted and in the long run adversarial to our environment. Please don't let that happen here!

Under consideration should be fish effluent, fish waste, medicines and food particles, the fish themselves,, etc that escape from pen netting and flow around the Sound's aquatic environment.

Cooke already has a poor past record of caring for their open water net pen aquaculture. They have shown poor oversight by themselves and they should not be applying for another permit until the one they have is completed especially since they want to switch their fish product which was not indicated in their first contract.

Please, please be slow and careful with your decisions. Thank you.