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I am a resident of South Beach and I strongly recommend the Cooke Aquaculture facility be removed from the Ft Ward area. The pens are creating a haven for sea lions. I can see easily 50 animals perched on the platform daily now. The water has become polluted by their waste--sludgy matter can be seen on our beach and in the water near the pens by kayakers and swimmers in our condo community. The constant barking is serious noise pollution 24/7. We are having to sleep with earplugs. The pens themselves are an eyesore and should never have been allowed in such a narrow passage as our Rich Passage.