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Pen raising aqua cultured fish in the waters where the native and hatchery fish exists is a bad idea from the start. Physically, there is no way to guarantee that the pens will survive a natural event and not contaminate the environment. Just the net pens themselves in the process of raising fish contaminate the environment. There is a better way to culture fish and that is by raising them in a land based aqua culture facilities using RAS technology. Cooke does not have a very good record to begin with and the State of Washington should take this opportunity to do the right thing for the fish now and provide guidelines for the future.