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To Whom It May Concern:

There is ABSOLUTELY no “valid” reason to not support the farming of sterile, all-female rainbow trout by **Cooke Aquaculture Pacific**.

I was an Alaska resident for almost 40 years, arriving in 1952. I have for over 20 years commercially trolled in Alaska for all species of Wild salmon, Dungeness crab, and was one of the largest suppliers of “live” Alaska King crab and Dungeness crab to buyers in Seattle, Portland, and to my tanks in San Francisco, which were sold to **Fisherman’s Wharf** restaurants.

We must meet the growing national and global seafood demand, which cannot be supplied by Wild fisheries. The seafood American consumers purchase comes from abroad, over half of it from aquaculture!!

There is more demand for aquaculture products than can be supplied. **Cooke’s proposal will create more jobs and help reduce our dependence on imports.**

I do not see any “valid” reason why we can’t support a new economy that will certainly bring increased consumption from consumers throughout the Northwest and United States. **AND will encourage and inspire more consumption of wild stock which will result in higher prices.**

Kellus

Kellus Sewell

"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals"
~Immanuel Kant~



Kellus's F/V Nord, Deer Harbor, Alaska
18,000' Mt St Elias in background, 1980