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I directed the Fish Health Program for the State of Washington from 1986 until 2000 when I was loaned to NOAA Fisheries, Washington DC, where I was the National Aquatic Animal Health Coordinator. My work was involved in national and international aquaculture policy development and was an advisor to many agencies outside NOAA, including EPA, FDA, and the World Health Organization for Animals (OIE). One of my areas of expertise was risk management. I can say that Cooke Aquaculture's approach to minimize risk by using triploids is an excellent idea. Technically, the risk these triploid steelhead pose to fish in the wild approaches zero. I suggest your agency review articles I have published on this topic. I would be happy to provide more information if requested by DOE. As a scientist, I would support their project. Over the years I've worked closely with DOE and EPA on permitting aquaculture projects with a goal of safe and sustainable aquaculture. As an aside, I have no fiduciary or political interests for or against Cooke Aquaculture.