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I urge you to reject this proposal by Cooke Aquaculture. I am not in favor of farmed fish in our oceans. Regardless of species, the process of farming creates pollution, breeds disease, attracts sea lice, and results in a product that is less healthy for human consumption than wild fish. Our efforts should be to clean up the oceans to support native, wild fish. Farmed fish operations should exist only as land-based operations, if at all. Further, the organization applying for the permit has shown historic disregard for environmental regulations in the past. Tightening the regulations is therefore unlikely to result in compliance. I agree with the comments submitted by Stephanie Ross.