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I fully support the denial of NPDES permit modifications and any further attempts to support Net Pen Fishing in our public waters. As many neighbors and citizens have already spoken so eloquently on the subject in the comments already received, I will voice my agreement with them, Senator Rolfe and the Bainbridge Island City Council.

When I first moved to the Fort Ward neighborhood in 2018, I was astonished to see that our Rich Passage waters were home to Orchard Rocks "Conservation Area" and Fort Ward Underwater Park "marine protected area". How then, could this fish farm exist right next to them?

And when observing the view from Google Earth, I was even more alarmed to see the clouds of waste and feces being transported directly to these sights by our strong incoming/high tides. For a population who seems committed to the "conservation" message and makes such efforts to pick up pet waste, spend a bit extra on green cleaning, laundry and gardening products, earnest about what goes down a storm drain and mortified by the thought of a sewage treatment mishap, I was shocked to see that we could watch the flushing of this giant toilet full of untreated waste each and every day in front of our own eyes.

It seemed so farcical at the time. What do we want to support and subsidize with our tax dollars?

I hope we will close the SEPA loop hole and end the Farce of thinking Net Pen Fishing and Conservation of our waters can ever be compatible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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