

## Rachel Running

I am adamantly opposed to the permit modification that would allow Cooke to change species from Atlantic salmon to steelhead. It is unfathomable that Cooke's past practices with raising Atlantic salmon is not being considered. They have consistently pushed the limits in regards to being in compliance with environment standards. The only oversight of the Bainbridge Island net pens seems to come from the neighborhood, questioning what they are doing, calling them out on it and at times reporting them. Clearly the pens are in a state of disrepair. When one of the pontoons had a leak over several days the pen became lower and lower in the water. They were notified yet nothing was done until it was reported to the coastguard. By that time a corner was submerged. My family consistently picks up trash/debris from the beach that appears to come from the farm. We have had issues with noise from generators that are suppose to have noise abatement covers on them, pressure washing, and fish die off. We have witnessed seals and a sea lion in the pens eating fish. If they get in surely salmon are getting out. There were hundreds of sea lions residing on one set of pens for 8 months before any abatement was done.

Just last month they put old nets in an open dumpster for a weekend. It caused an unbearable stench throughout the neighborhood. After a complaint was made someone came and at least put a tarp over the dumpster. There have been multiple such instances. How can this company be trusted.

Their past practices must be considered when modifying any permit. What would make them take any more

care with this new endeavor, who will oversee this. Clearly they have not been good stewards in caring for the puget sound and a new species wouldn't change that.

The pending litigation needs to be resolved before the company is allowed to move forward on this.

Thank you

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