

## Friends of the Earth

Please accept the attached comments from 1093 members and activists of Friends of the Earth who are opposed to the issuance of the proposed water quality permits for Cooke Aquaculture to raise steelhead trout in its existing net pens. Friends of the Earth joins these comments and urges Ecology to heed extreme caution before reaching a decision on the draft water discharge permits, as they would allow the company to continue operating its net pens in the state. Pharmaceuticals, viruses, parasites, excess nutrients, and other water quality concerns have been paramount with Cooke's Atlantic salmon operations. These issues are not mitigated by simply raising a different fish species – even if the stock is partially sterile/all-female. The only way to truly protect our coastline and wildlife from the harms of industrial ocean fish farming is to remove the operations from our waters entirely. Moreover, it's clear from recent history that Cooke has no intention of operating in accordance with our environmental conservation and protection laws and regulations. Therefore, any proposed, tougher restrictions – although well-intended – are not enough. Cooke's destructive facilities have no place in our waters. Moreover, as detailed in the attached comment letter, we recommend that Ecology (1) wait to reach a decision on the permits until pending developments that impact the decision are resolved; (2) revisit its conclusion that issuance of the permits will not change the effect of Puget Sound water quality; and (3) if the permits are issued, ensure that any noncompliance of the permits will result in swift revocation of the permits and additional harsh penalties.

Thank you for accepting and considering these comments.

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Olympia, WA 985024930

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Redmond, WA 980522605

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Burlington, WA 982333760

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Virginia (Ginny) Ramey

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Sincerely,

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