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It is unacceptable that after seeing the amount of disease and parasites affecting our wild fish that come from allowing open-net fish farms - regardless of the species - that this department would even consider opening another one. It flies in the face of science, it flies in the face of conservation, and it flies in the face of public goodwill. You are tasked with ensuring our ecosystems remain healthy, and you would risk increased sea lice infections in our already critically endangered salmon runs? Unacceptable. Deny the permits. To do otherwise is to be blind to your very mission as a department.