

## Andrew Stevenson

Lipstick on a pig. You continue to dance around the edges of the problems, instead of addressing them directly. Your statement that "the change from Atlantic salmon to steelhead is not likely to change the effect to water quality" is demonstrably false with respect to pathogens, and presupposes that your original water quality determination is correct and supportable, which is not the case. Instead of trying to leverage off a false and inadequate original finding of dubious applicability I DEMAND you "begin at the beginning" and execute an entirely new NPDES permit investigation that specifically addresses steelhead and incorporates and accounts for all the new science that has evolved around net pens as a source and dispersal point for viruses, parasites, and other pathogens to native species. It is irresponsible in the extreme to allow cultivation of a native species in an environment that is proven to foster disease and parasites harmful to wild stocks.

NO NO NO!