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I have heard that Cooke Aquaculture hopes to switch from raising non-native salmon to steelhead trout in Puget Sound. I am writing strongly opposed to permitting Cooke Aquaculture to raise any kind of fish in their net pens or any other pens. Despite the addition of requirements to (hopefully) stop fish from escaping, that cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the inadvertent release of food, waste from the food, antibiotics, and decayed nets into the sea will only cause harm to the fragile ecosystem, including our native wild fish. Past practices by Cooke Aquaculture terrify me, as our top priority should be to protect our local waters and environment.