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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm am unclear why we are being asked once again for comments on Cooke's change to steelhead. The evidence is clear from past performance that Cooke is incapable of successfully maintaining a farm salmonid site.

The failure of Cooke's Cypress Island farm site was based upon lack of maintenance, the inability to invest in vital infrastructure and lack of humility. Cooke's excuse was strong tides caused by the solar eclipse - really?

Changing to another salmonid (steelhead) does nothing to indicate a change in corporate culture. While the fish may be all female triploids, based upon pen density, the risk of disease is greater. If and when the fish escape (and they will escape), there is risk of these fish intermingling with native stocks and spreading disease. This is an unacceptable risk.

Cooke hides behind the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, using their First Nation's status as a smokescreen of corporate responsibility. Cooke is intentionally using the natives to gain sympathy for this cause. Do not fall for this ruse.

I am unable to forgive Cooke for their unmitigated disaster at Cypress Island. Cooke is a hugely profitable Canadian company, with a long history in Canada. If they want this business with steelhead to succeed, move it to Canada. The Canadians seem to be more tolerant of corporate irresponsibility.

Sincerely,

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