

## Mike Freeze

The use of all female sterile rainbow trout in Cooke's net pens is an excellent idea and should be permitted. This demonstrates Cooke Aquaculture's commitment to protecting the environment, while also providing much needed employment opportunities in this area of the state. As a producer of sterile triploid grass carp for over 35 years, I can attest that the use of non-reproducing fish can have tremendous ecological benefits and is a win-win for all sides involved. To not allow Cooke Aquaculture to use such environmentally safe fish is to ignore science completely.