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Fish farms do not contribute to the health and well being of Puget Sound and its wildlife. With all the stresses already on our oceans from increased population, acidification and other climate-related changes, the last thing we need is a fish farm with the known potential to further degrade water quality and jeopardize already federally-listed species like salmon and Orcas.

Cooke Aquaculture has a documented history of lying: they lied about the number of fish that escaped in 2017, they didn't report diseases in the escaped fish, and it is in their interest to continue lying about the health of any fish in the future. We can't afford to give them another chance to injure Washington's waters and wildlife.

Whether the farmed fish are fertile or infertile, Atlantic or native, the risk of any adverse effects on wild fish and the environment is too high.

Thank you for considering this layperson's opinion.