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I'm not sure if it's too late to comment on the possibility of native trout pens in Puget Sound, but I want to speak against this possibility. Sure, there is the promise of jobs. But, the number of jobs available and of workers employed by the original farm fishing projects was obviously too minimal to prevent disaster. The Cooke company was negligent and caused harm to our native stock. Replacing Atlantic salmon with native trout does not clear this company of previous behavior, but indicates a continuing disregard for the future of our goal of clean water. Fish farming concentrates fish into an artificial dense population with the result of higher feces content, and disintegrating food particles. This is obvious pollution. Even if the company used the most efficient and up-to-date methods of keeping the pens clean, which I doubt given their past history, it's not a clean industry. Please check out the Norway experiment--okay, but not optimal. Keep our waters clean. Fish pens are not wanted.