

Response to Comments

On the Commercial Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture Rulemaking CR-102 & SEPA Environmental Checklist

JANUARY 7, 2025

Introduction

In October 2024, Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) filed a CR-102 and a SEPA Environmental Checklist. The Public Comment period began on October 16, 2024, and ended on November 7, 2024. Comments in this document include oral comments submitted to the Board of Natural Resources at the November 5, 2024 meeting and the in-person Public Hearing at the Natural Resources Building held on November 7, 2024.

Before DNR filed the CR-102 and SEPA Checklist, DNR conducted outreach with Tribal Governments to request scientific references. These comments were submitted from July 2024 through September 2024 and are also included in this comment record as the information received was relevant to the science synthesis DNR conducted, which led to the final proposed language filed in the CR-102.

Following a review of the comments received by November 7, 2024, DNR developed summaries of the comments received. DNR often combined similar or identical comments from different individuals into a single comment summary. DNR then wrote responses to each comment summary.

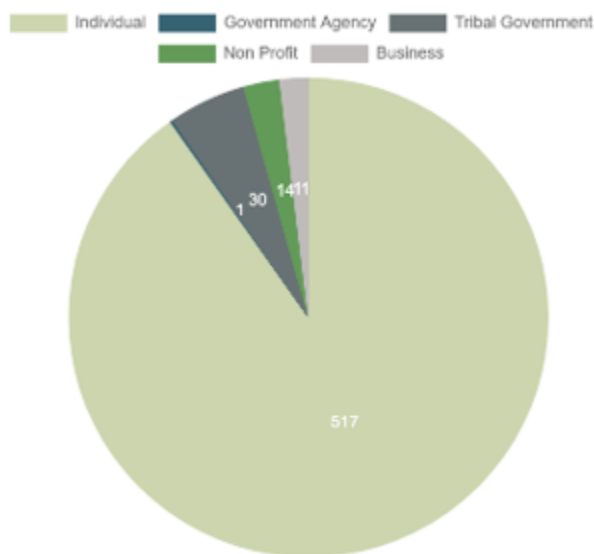


FIGURE 1. COMMENTS RECEIVED

DNR received 573 comments. Commenters were able to select whether they were an Individual (I), Government Agency (A), Tribal Government (T), Nonprofit (N), or Business (B). Figure 1 shows the number of comments received from each of these categories. Further, comments were submitted using various methods. 118 were submitted through the website portal on Smart Comment, 12 were presented orally on November 5, 2024 at the Board of Natural Resources meeting, and 11 were presented orally at the November 5, 2024 Public Hearing. A large number of comments (432) were submitted to the email addresses: netpens@dnr.wa.gov and to the Board of Natural Resources' email bnr@dnr.wa.gov. No comments were received via postal mail.

Part 1: Comment Organization

DNR categorized comments into topics and subtopics. The number adjacent to each subtopic indicates the number of responses received for the category. While many comments included multiple subtopics, DNR assigned the most applicable subtopic to the comment and addressed the additional topics in response.

- **Topic: General**
 - Subtopic: General Support for Proposed Rule Language (49)
 - Subtopic: Support with Changes (3)
 - Subtopic: Detailed Support for Rule Language (52)
 - Subtopic: Generally Unsupportive (3)
 - Subtopic: Negative Impacts to Native Fish (1)
 - Subtopic: Proposed Rule Outside of DNR’s Jurisdiction (6)
 - Subtopic: Rule Based on Outdated Practices (1)
 - Subtopic: Does not wish to comment (1)
 - Subtopic: Form Letters of Support (FL-1: 380)
- **Topic: Social and Economic Impacts**
 - Subtopic: Food Resources (14)
 - Subtopic: Impacts to Industry & Jobs (12)
- **Topic: Missing or Expanded Analysis**
 - Subtopic: Mitigation – Inadequate Consideration (3)
 - Subtopic: Science – Inadequate Consideration (33)
- **Topic: Process**
 - Subtopic: Detailed issues with the Process, Timeline, Science, etc. (6)
 - Subtopic: Public Involvement (2)
 - Subtopic: Request for More Engagement (1)
 - Subtopic: Timeline of Rulemaking (6)

Part 2: Summary of Comments

DNR found that more than 80% of comments received were supportive of the proposed rule language. Comments opposed to the rule commonly addressed the following:

- Questioned DNR’s Authority.
- Suggested the rulemaking process was inadequate.
- Suggested DNR’s science review was inadequate.
- Suggested mitigation as an option was overlooked.
- Concerns about Tribal Treaty Rights.

Authority

- DNR is a proprietary, not a regulatory authority. DNR acts as the landlord that manages State-Owned Aquatic Lands (SOAL). This rule change is within DNR’s authority and only applies to the management of SOAL. It would not prevent an entity from conducting this activity on lands not managed by DNR (e.g., there is a commercial finfish net pen aquaculture (CFNPA) facility currently farming steelhead on the Columbia River, on lands not managed by DNR).
- DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:
 - (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
 - (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
 - (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
 - (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit. DNR must balance competing paramount concerns such as environmental protection through its policy decisions.

Process

- DNR followed all required timeframes and provided extended timeframes for our tribal partners to participate in the rulemaking. The Department has followed the requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the APA’s requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

Science

- DNR’s science was questioned in several comments. However, the science is clear that CFNPA has impacts on aquatic habitats.

- First, DNR conducted a detailed and thorough assessment of available science. It's important to clarify that there is little debate about whether CFNPA has impacts.
- The 2022 Net Pen Guidance and the 2022 NOAA Biological Opinion, mentioned in a few comments, both highlight the many impacts of this activity. Where there is a difference, it is on whether these various impacts can be mitigated.
- DNR does not believe the impacts to SOAL can be mitigated and instead should be avoided.
- Like other Pacific States, DNR scientists and managers believe the only appropriate mitigation for this activity is avoidance. Again, the states of California, Oregon, and Alaska already prohibit CFNPA, so DNR's proposed rule would make our management of SOAL consistent with how the other Pacific states manage this activity.

Limits of Mitigation

- Proponents of CFNPA point to mitigation as a solution. DNR's review and experience with this activity paint a different picture of the success of these mitigation measures. Such as the collapse, debris fields, and anchor scars on the seafloor at previous CFNPA sites.
- What landowner would find these impacts acceptable? Again, this is state-owned land and as a proprietary land manager DNR is seeking to avoid these types of impacts.

Tribal Treaty Rights

- DNR incorporated finfish net pens for Tribal cultural and subsistence uses in the proposed rule. DNR remains mindful that the placement of net pen aquaculture operations could inherently impact a tribe's on-water fishing access. DNR anticipates any cultural or subsistence use net pens would be located within a particular tribe's usual and accustomed, on-water fishing places, in part because their location could affect a tribe's ability to access particular areas.

Part 3: Comments and Responses

We received the comment below from 380 people. Duplicates were not removed due to submissions going to both the Board of Natural Resources and the Net Pen Rulemaking email inboxes.

a. Form Letter (FL)-1-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources, I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters. As the Board of Natural Resources, you have the important job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for everyone today and for future generations. I urge you to approve this rule that will ensure our public waters will be protected from the dangers associated with this industry, including daily rampant pollution, the spread of harmful

viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound. Puget Sound and its ecosystems represent a finite resource of great social, cultural, and economic value and I am counting on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Given what is at stake, industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and the greater health of Puget Sound. Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Response to FL-1-1:

Thank you for your comment.

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b. Non-form Comment Submissions

The following comments were submitted directly to the Smart Comment portal online or input manually by DNR staff. The comment subject matter varies, and responses reflect the

differing topics. Seemingly blank submissions have a file attachment which can be found in a supplemental PDF document.

I-1: Stephen Pinna

Submit Date: 10/23/2024 10:31 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-1-1

I believe netpen aquaculture is the future of sustainable aquatic food production in Washington State. I have a Masters Degree in Food Security and Sustainability, and in my studies I was impressed by the amount of food that can be produced with commercial netpen marine aquaculture in relation to its costs, both economic and environmental. While advancements in land-based systems are impressive, their energy usage and inherent risk make them a non-starter when it comes to developing an industry for them in the state of Washington. Commercial finfish netpens are therefor the best option. With regards to benthic degradation and the ecological impacts to aquatic habitat, I believe that the latest in scientific evidence has shown these issues to be inherently fixable in nature and that the industry has significantly improved its already minor ecological footprint through common sense management decisions and the application of technological innovations that have been developed both inside and outside the state of Washington. I won't say much to the issue of biofouling because there is a greater threat from recreational boaters and coastal residential areas than there is from commercial netpen aquaculture in that area. Washington Fish and Wildlife and the Washington Department of Ecology have already approved of the culturing of fish in netpens on ecological grounds. The DNR, to my knowledge, does not have the expertise or experience in dealing with those issues to adequately overrule the decisions of those agencies. The DNR should instead defer to them when it comes to determining the ecological impacts of netpen aquaculture. Having said that, I am very concerned that the DNR is held captive to the interests of private coastal landowners who are more concerned with their own property speculation than they are with feeding the state and the world in a sustainable manner. I have interacted with said landowners who will complain about aquaculture as their septic tanks leak into the Sound and they order their landscapers to remove eelgrass from their beaches. The DNR should enthusiastically promote netpen aquaculture and provide a forward-thinking framework that allows the development of marine polycultures that incorporate shellfish and seaweed, in addition to the culture of finfish.

Response to I-1-1

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Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-2: Timothy Shelden

Submit Date: 10/23/2024 12:01 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-2-1

The research conducted to prove net pens cause degradation, biofouling, and ecological impacts doesn't hold water. Sustainably farming native fish is the best way to replace our lost and endangered wild fish stocks. I fully support Commercial Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture.

Response to I-2-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature regarding impacts to aquatic habitat from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture operations and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf.

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I-4: Maradel Gale

Submit Date: 10/25/2024 11:31 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-4-1

Thank you for moving ahead on regulating/banning this very environmentally damaging commercial activity. People on Bainbridge Island have watched for years as various iterations of corporate ownership have befouled the waters of Puget Sound south of our island. Rules and regulations meant absolute nothing to these corporations who cared only for maximizing profits at the expense of the environment. There is no place in our public waters for these polluting confined animal feeding operations. In addition to organic matter which falls to the substrate under the pens, there is the issue of sea lice infestations which imperil native salmon which swim nearby the net pens. As gross as is the impact on the confined fish of the sea lice, these pests are often fatal to small

salmon migrating to sea from their natal streams. I appreciate that DNR is making all finfish aquaculture off bounds on state owned lands, as there is no appreciable difference between species such as Atlantic salmon and other species such as steelhead or black cod which might be species for attempted open net aquaculture. All present the same issues of pollution and ecosystem degradation. I support the adoption and implementation of the proposed rules.

Response to I-4-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-5: Marilyn Showalter

Submit Date: 10/26/2024 6:59 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-5-1

I support adoption of this proposed rule. I have owned property on the Salish Sea (specifically, Hood Canal) for 48 years. Because the entire Salish Sea is interconnected, what occurs in one area affects all areas. We should do what we can to preserve and enhance the natural ecology of the Salish Sea, including barring non-native species such as Atlantic salmon. The proposed rule is an important step in the right direction.

Response to I-5-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-6: Darlene Schanfald

Submit Date: 10/26/2024 12:28 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-6-1

I am very pleased to see this rulemaking and am in support with one change. The DNR Commissioner earlier took the position that NO in-water pens were allowed. Now this is written in "The rule language does not apply to operations that raise native finfish for eventual open-water release, such as for delayed release." If this means that so-called native fin fish can be grown in in-

water pens, this violates the intent of protecting the marine ecosystem and allows particular corporations to continue to contaminate the ecosystem while they are financially rewarded and the public is left with the pollution. The fish are still caged and the fish are still polluted. Pollution is pollution regardless of the type of fish grown in in-water pens. This allowance MUST be rescinded. I hope this rulemaking is supported by the DNR Board and NO in-water pens for finfish is allowed. No exceptions.

Response to I-6-1

Thank you for your comment. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

It is beyond the intent of this rule to impact open water release or delayed release uses.

I-7: Ken Cain

Submit Date: 10/30/2024 2:02 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-7-1

Board of Natural Resources Department of Natural Resources Dear Members of the Board, I am writing to express my concern regarding the rushed rulemaking process aimed at banning net pen aquaculture in Puget Sound. I urge you to reconsider the current pace of this decision and take the time necessary to engage with all stakeholders more fully, particularly the Indigenous tribes whose voices and knowledge are invaluable to this discussion. Several tribes have rightly emphasized the importance of a science-based approach to this issue. I strongly support their request for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to host a science panel that can examine the most recent relevant research outlined in the Net Pen Guidance Document. A thorough review of this science, alongside input from the various state agencies engaged in aquaculture research, is essential to ensure that any decisions made are grounded in credible data rather than political expediency. The impacts of net pen aquaculture are complex, and the implications of a hasty decision could be significant not only for the environment but also for the communities that depend on aquaculture for their livelihoods. It is crucial that we take a step back and allow for a comprehensive examination of the evidence, ensuring that we are making informed choices that reflect both scientific integrity and respect for tribal sovereignty. I respectfully request that the Board slow down the rulemaking process to allow for meaningful dialogue and consultation with all relevant parties. By prioritizing a science-driven approach, we can better safeguard our natural resources while also supporting the communities that rely on them. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope to see a more measured and inclusive approach to the future of aquaculture in Puget Sound. Sincerely, Ken Cain Distinguished Professor (Aquaculture/Fish Health) 208-669-1292 kcain@uidaho.edu

Response to I-7-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

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I-8: Doug Simms

Submit Date: 10/31/2024 1:24 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-8-1

Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ban on native-species net pen aquaculture in Washington State. It is imperative that we uphold the legal framework established by the Washington Legislature, which has explicitly allowed for the farming of native species. As the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) primarily functions as a landlord, it does not possess the legal authority to impose a ban on fish farming. The oversight of aquaculture operations falls under the authority of the Washington Department of Ecology and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). These agencies are tasked with evaluating the environmental and regulatory compliance of aquaculture practices, ensuring that they align with the state's ecological and economic goals. The Legislature's decision to permit native-species fish farming reflects a recognition of the potential benefits of aquaculture for our local economies and food systems. It is essential that we support practices that are not only legally sanctioned but also environmentally sustainable. Native species aquaculture can play a significant role in reducing our reliance on imported seafood, lowering carbon footprints, and providing local jobs. I urge the Board of Natural Resources to respect the legislative framework and the established oversight responsibilities of the Department of Ecology and WDFW. A ban on native-species net pen aquaculture would undermine the intent of the legislature and could negatively impact on our communities that rely on responsible aquaculture for their livelihoods. Thank you for considering my comments on this critical issue. I strongly encourage you to reject the proposed ban and uphold the framework that supports sustainable aquaculture in Washington State. Sincerely, Doug Simms

Response to I-8-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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I-9: James Mitchell

Submit Date: 10/31/2024 1:39 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-9-1

Please see the attached file for comments from Don't Cage Our Oceans, a nationwide coalition of businesses and organizations, including several from Washington. Thank you.

Response to I-9-1

Thank you for your comment. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-10: Randy Hodgkin

Submit Date: 11/01/2024 10:37 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-10-1

Dear Members of the Washington State Board of Natural Resources I am writing to comment on the harsh ban of fin fish aquaculture by Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz. Lands Commissioner Franz destroyed a very strong fin fish aquaculture industry just a couple of years ago that has been established in Washington State for more than 40 years. As an aquaculture industry we had just made the switch from Atlantic salmon to Native triploid steelhead. With the steelhead project going well on the first generation, Commissioner Franz made her executive order to not renew our DNR Aquatic Land Leases. The aquaculture industry had all the required permits and approvals of the regulatory agencies (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Department

of Ecology). DNR is not a regulatory agency, but a landlord of state owned land. A complete ban on fin fish net pen farming is not for DNR to decide on their own. The Washington Legislature legalized the aquatic farming of native species in 2018. A legislative publication directed by the State of Washington issued regulatory guidance allowing for net pen aquaculture in Washington State. I have worked in the fin fish aquaculture business for 38 years and have seen the tremendous strides in equipment and technology to produce a very economical and environmentally sustainable product enjoyed by millions of people throughout the United States. Right now the United States is importing close to 1 billion pounds of farm raised salmon annually from Europe, Canada, Chile and New Zealand. Just think of the greenhouse gases this producing to fly all this salmon into the United States. We can help lower emission by producing the product here in Washington State. The fin fish aquaculture industry supplied working family wage jobs to hundreds Washingtonian. The industry put millions of dollars into rural economies of Clallam, Skagit, Kitsap and Thurston counties each year. Thank you for considering my comments on this critical issue. I strongly hope you will reject the proposed ban by Lands Commissioner Hillary Franz and uphold the legislative framework that supports sustainable aquaculture in Washington State. Sincerely Randy Hodgkin
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Response to I-10-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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I-11: Alfredo Quarto

Submit Date: 11/01/2024 2:42 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-11-1

Please ban all net pen finfish aquaculture in WA State's waters. We need to protect and clean up our coastal and inland waters, and net pens are threats to all marine life and vital coastal ecosystems.

Response to I-11-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-12: Norman Baker

Submit Date: 11/01/2024 8:08 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-12-1

Dear Sirs; POLLUTION is a serious concern. Excess fish feed, concentrated fish waste, pharmaceuticals, and other chemicals originate from inside the net pens and readily flow into the open ocean. This harms other marine life and commercially-valuable fisheries. (Furthermore, this is especially concerning in places with fragile and threatened ecosystems, such as [MPAs in California / endangered marine mammals , etc.] DISEASE: Finfish farms can spread diseases and/or parasites to other marine life. Stress from overcrowding makes farmed fish more susceptible to disease. When marine wildlife come near the cages, or when farmed fish escape, they can significantly harm the ecosystem and wild fish by transferring diseases (like infectious salmon anemia (ISA) or bacterial kidney disease (BKD)), skeletal deformities, and pests, such as sea lice. OVERFISHING & FOOD SECURITY: Finfish farms CAUSE overfishing. Growing carnivorous fish in the ocean requires high fish inputs in the pelleted fish feed, often mixed with genetically modified soy, corn, canola, and other chemicals and additives. This exacerbates overfishing of forage fish populations worldwide to satisfy the fish feed industry. These small fish are a critical part of the food chain, and depleting a food source can hurt the health of the entire marine ecosystem and threaten global food security. (Example: Blue Empire report just illustrated how Mowi of Norway causes food insecurity for 4 million West Africans.) MARINE WILDLIFE THREATENED: Fish farms attract marine life. Whales, dolphins, predator fish, and birds can become entangled in the fish farm cages and die. Finfish farms come with various lines, anchors, nets, and even support structures, like platforms or large vessels, that can entangle, harm, drown, and kill marine wildlife. 2017 ESCAPEMENT: The 2017 escapement of 263,000 Atlantic Salmon from a Cooke Aquaculture facility in the Salish Sea showed the environmental, social, and economic risks of these floating CAFOs. While Cooke Aquaculture lied that only a few thousand fish had escaped, hundreds of thousands of farmed salmon swam down the west coast. Many of these fish carried a variant of piscine orthoreovirus, a disease which causes heart and skeletal inflammation, spreading it to fish who had never before come into contact with the disease. CONNECTING TO AGRICULTURE: These net-pens are equivalent to floating CAFOs. This is true based on their scale, treatment of animals, pollution off put, use of harmful agrichemicals and the impact that they have on small and medium scale producers. The increase in land-based CAFO's in Washington state has already seen a dramatic decrease of small farms with a loss of 3,717 farms between 2017 and 2022 for an average of 743 farms a year while the average size of a farm grew to 432 acres in 2022. This massive consolidation has left small-scale producers behind. We cannot let the same thing happen to fishing communities who have been an integral part of Washington's economy and culture. POLLUTION CONTINUED: Agrochemical pollution is also a massive problem

when it comes to net pen aquaculture. Not only do the fish themselves produce an incredible amount of waste, but tons upon tons of agrichemicals are pumped into the water in order to keep algal growth to a minimum and treat infestations. This is in direct conflict with the millions that Washington State spends every year, in accordance with the Clean Water Act, to help restore water quality and mitigate this nonpoint source pollution

Response to I-12-1

Thank you for your comment. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-13: Robert Seitz

Submit Date: 11/02/2024 8:39 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-13-1

My name is Rob Seitz, I am a commercial fisherman from Astoria OR. I am writing this due to my concern about fish farming in state waters. I am against fish farming for several reasons. **JOB LOSS:** Developing industrial finfish farming in our state waters could replace a historic and traditional industry - community-level commercial fishing - with a new and largely automated industry that employs fewer people and redirects control of food away from coastal communities and independent businesses, and towards distant and foreign corporations. **DE-FACTO PRIVATIZATION OF OUR OCEANS:** Buffer zones surrounding these multi net-pen outlays displaces commercial and recreational fishermen. Buffer zones also concentrate fishing pressure in certain areas, and prevent other uses such as marine recreation, tourism, conservation, or fishing. These enclosed spaces enrich private interests at the detriment of everyone else. **2017 ESCAPEMENT:** The 2017 escapement of 263,000 Atlantic Salmon from a Cooke Aquaculture facility in the Salish Sea showed the environmental, social, and economic risks of these floating CAFOs. While Cooke Aquaculture lied that only a few thousand fish had escaped, hundreds of thousands of farmed salmon swam down the west coast. Many of these fish carried a variant of piscine orthoreovirus, a disease which causes heart and skeletal inflammation, spreading it to fish who had never before come into contact with the disease. **OVERFISHING & FOOD SECURITY:** Finfish farms CAUSE overfishing. Growing carnivorous fish in the ocean requires high fish inputs in the pelleted fish feed, often mixed with genetically modified soy, corn, canola, and other chemicals and additives. This exacerbates overfishing of forage fish populations worldwide to satisfy the fish feed industry. These small fish are a critical part of the food chain, and depleting a food source can hurt the health of the entire marine ecosystem and threaten global food security. A recent report illustrated how Mowi farms in Norway cause food insecurity for 4 million West Africans by removing small fish and grinding them to feed farmed salmon. **POLLUTION** is a serious concern. Excess fish feed, concentrated fish waste, pharmaceuticals, and other chemicals originate from inside the net pens and readily flow into the open ocean. This harms other marine life and commercially-valuable fisheries. (Furthermore, this is especially concerning in places with fragile and threatened ecosystems, such as [MPAs in California / endangered marine mammals , etc.] **DISEASE:** Finfish farms can spread diseases and/or parasites to other marine life. Stress from overcrowding makes

farmed fish more susceptible to disease. When marine wildlife come near the cages, or when farmed fish escape, they can significantly harm the ecosystem and wild fish by transferring diseases (like infectious salmon anemia (ISA) or bacterial kidney disease (BKD)), skeletal deformities, and pests, such as sea lice. There is a growing body of research that illustrates just how bad the farming of finfish is ecologically, socially and economically. Recent cutting-edge research in the journal Science Advances features ten peer-reviewed articles on global aquaculture, published on October 18, 2024. Thank you

Response to I-13-1

Thank you for your comment. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-14: Guy Hoppen

Submit Date: 11/02/2024 11:42 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-14-1

11/2/2024 To: Washington State DNR From: Guy Hoppen Re: CR-102/Commercial Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture Rulemaking To whom it may concern, "The proposed rule language would bar any future commercial finfish net pen aquaculture uses on DNR managed, state-owned aquatic lands." CR-102 10/2/2024 Please adopt CR-102. The reasons to do so are numerous and clear. As a lifelong Washington State shoreline resident, 50-year commercial fisherman, Maritime Heritage Area advisory board member, and working waterfront non-profit leader I am well aware of the negative impacts of net pen finfish farming. The practice is unsuited for Salish Sea waters and beyond. The Cooke Aquaculture net pen debacle in which thousands of farmed fish escaped illustrates the all but guaranteed outcome of pens residing in open water. Pens in more protected waters interfere with vessel anchorage use and other public use guaranteed by the Public Trust Doctrine. Net pen finfish farming has had disastrous effects on North Pacific wild salmon as the British Columbia farmed fish industry's sea lice issue has proven. Protecting the health of wild salmon by banning finfish farming is paramount. The reasons to follow through with adopting CR-102 are too numerous to place in a short letter. Suffice to say that I believe that CR-102 is a must for the health of wild salmon and our marine environment. Respectfully, Guy Hoppen 253 432 9454

Response to I-14-1

Thank you for your comment. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-15: Jackie Zimmerman

Submit Date: 11/03/2024 2:50 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-15-1

Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ban on native-species net pen aquaculture in Washington State. It is imperative that we uphold the legal framework established by the Washington Legislature, which has explicitly allowed for the farming of native species. As the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) primarily functions as a landlord, it does not possess the legal authority to impose a ban on fish farming. The oversight of aquaculture operations falls under the authority of the Washington Department of Ecology and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). These agencies are tasked with evaluating the environmental and regulatory compliance of aquaculture practices, ensuring that they align with the state's ecological and economic goals. The Legislature's decision to permit native-species fish farming reflects a recognition of the potential benefits of aquaculture for our local economies and food systems. It is essential that we support practices that are not only legally sanctioned but also environmentally sustainable. Native species aquaculture can play a significant role in reducing our reliance on imported seafood, lowering carbon footprints, and providing local jobs. I urge the Board of Natural Resources to respect the legislative framework and the established oversight responsibilities of the Department of Ecology and WDFW. A ban on native-species net pen aquaculture would undermine the intent of the legislature and could negatively impact on our communities that rely on responsible aquaculture for their livelihoods. Thank you for considering my comments on this critical issue. I strongly encourage you to reject the proposed ban and uphold the framework that supports sustainable aquaculture in Washington State. Sincerely, Jackie Zimmerman Merck Animal Health North America Account Manager, Aqua Division

Response to I-15-1

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I-16: Tonni Johnston

Submit Date: 11/03/2024 9:42 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-16-1

In light of the multiple 18th-21st century capitalist commercial fisheries that decimated keystone species, let us learn from our mistakes. Degradation of the benthic environment, biofouling of the water columns, changes to finfish genetics, and possible damage to harpacticoida nurseries are concerns to be avoided. Any of the issues that might arise could prove impossible to reverse. Do not allow pen fishing in private or public waters in our Washington State.

Response to I-16-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-17: Cynthia Sheller

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 12:01 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-17-1

Protection for the Puget Sound/Salish Sea ecosystem from net pen aquaculture is necessary. Fish pen farming practices have already been determined to damage to wild stock. Dangers to wild stock and other marine organisms that are already well documented include: disease, genetic disruptions, fouled waters. Pens cause multi-species disruption. Pen farming damage can't be contained- local damage leads to uncontrollable consequences, and ultimately to megadisruptions. The state has a responsibility to protect marine waters, and withstand the pressures of commercial interests to protect the health and viability of all marine organisms as well as humans. To do business as usual in issuing permits is collusion with destruction of the marine ecosystem. Therefore permits must be denied.

Response to I-17-1

Thank you for your comment. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

To clarify comments regarding permits, DNR does not issue permits but land use

authorizations. This rule, if approved, will disallow commercial finfish net pens to operate on state-owned aquatic lands.

I-18: Tom Sorby

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 6:00 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-18-1

Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ban on native-species net pen aquaculture in Washington State. It is imperative that we uphold the legal framework established by the Washington Legislature, which has explicitly allowed for the farming of native species. As the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) primarily functions as a landlord, it does not possess the legal authority to impose a ban on fish farming. The oversight of aquaculture operations falls under the authority of the Washington Department of Ecology and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). These agencies are tasked with evaluating the environmental and regulatory compliance of aquaculture practices, ensuring that they align with the state's ecological and economic goals. Aquaculture plays a very important role in the US and should continue to do so. It's an extremely sustainable form of protein production and not only reduces the pressure on wild fish stocks, but it also allows the US to be less reliable on imports from other countries. Currently, the US imports around 80% of its seafood, that number could be significantly reduced if aquaculture is supported and encouraged to grow through thoughtful regulation and oversight. The US could be a world leader in aquaculture production and should be supported to do so. A ban on net-pen farming is completely short-sighted and would do far more harm than good, not only to the environment but to the local communities that rely on sustainable aquaculture for their livelihoods. Many countries around the world, such as New Zealand, Norway, Iceland, and Chile have well-regulated aquaculture and have well-regulated wild fisheries. Washington state should be actively encouraging net-pen aquaculture, as well as other methods of production, it should not be limiting itself to any single method of production. Rather than banning a production method, doesn't it make more sense to push for innovation and grow the industry? Why should we sit back and watch other countries lead the way? I urge the Board of Natural Resources to respect the legislative framework and the established oversight responsibilities of the Department of Ecology and WDFW. Thank you for considering my comments on this critical issue. I strongly encourage you to reject the proposed ban and uphold the framework that supports sustainable aquaculture in Washington State.
Sincerely, Tom Sorby tom@trueblueaqua.com

Response to I-18-1

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I-19: Anndy Anon

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 6:17 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-19-1

Commissioner Franz is overseeing a rushed, incomplete rule-making process, one that ignores Tribal Treaty rights, shortcuts steps in the standard rulemaking process. DNR and Commissioner Franz have refused to host a science-focused discussion to provide Washington citizens access to the government scientists (WDFW, US Army Corps, NOAA, Ecology) who are more deeply involved in aquaculture science than DNR, despite the public assurance they would in the April 2023 rulemaking inquiry (WSR 23-09-046). "Washington State Department of Agriculture, United States Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. DNR intends to hold separate inter-agency meetings. In addition, invitations to any workshops and/or public meetings will be sent to the above listed entities." "Public workshops will be held to present context for the rule, pose key questions and host brainstorming sessions. Additionally, the department will consult with interested tribes and provide opportunities for Government-to-Government communications for those wishing to participate." None of this was done per CR-101. DNR changed the original CR102 – cancelling a promised 'Tribal Workshop' for crafting proposed draft rule language as part of the rulemaking process. DNR has refused to take that key step. The process should be delayed to account for this incomplete record.

Response to I-19-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

I-20: Marsha and Greg Abel

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 8:58 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-20-1

Washington Board of Natural Resources Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources, We are writing to express our deep concern regarding DNR's rushed Rule Making Process to ban commercial net-pen aquaculture in the State of Washington. This is too important of an issue to be decided solely by DNR. It requires input from all interested parties. Moreover, does DNR even have the legal authority to do so in light of RCW 15.85.010. Has DNR worked with the Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Agriculture or NOAA and based this proposal for a net pen ban on the science based findings of these agencies and others who have far greater expertise in practice of aquaculture than DNR? It doesn't appear so. Has DNR arranged for public forums for citizens, Washington Tribes, scientists and aquaculture experts regarding this proposed net-open ban proposal prior to the deadline for public comment? It doesn't appear so. It is incumbent upon us to recognize the importance of supporting and growing Washington's net-pen aquaculture as a source of sustainable, healthy, and consistent animal protein. As life time Washington residents who support farm to table practices, we want to be able to buy our fish that is grown by environmentally responsible net pen farmers here in Washington State. Most of the farmed fish now available is being imported from overseas further contributing to greenhouse gas emissions due to the carbon heavy methods of transporting fresh and frozen fish. It seems that the benefits of well-regulated net pen farming of native species providing local farmed fish are much more climate friendly than importing our farmed fish from foreign countries. Thank you for considering our comments on this critical issue. We strongly encourage you to reject the proposed ban and uphold the framework that supports sustainable aquaculture in Washington State. We would also request that DNR have a continuation of this rule making process and to extend the public comment period to allow for additional input from concerned parties and stakeholders. Sincerely, Greg and Marsha Abel 2701 N Washington St Tacoma, WA 98407 abelme1@comcast.net 253-678-5202

Response to I-20-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-21: Janet Way

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 10:05 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-21-1

I strongly agree with the proposal to ban all aquaculture net-pens in Washington territorial waters! The history of net-pens in our state waters has been disastrous! It has resulted in release of farmed fish species into our waters and diseased fish escaping and potentially impacting native Salmonids!

Response to I-21-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-22: Caroline Fraser

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 10:47 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-22-1

I strongly support the proposed rule to finalize the DNR Net Pen ban. I support the rule because I'm concerned about the 2017 Cook Aquaculture fish escapement of Atlantic salmon in our waters, and I firmly believe the ban is necessary to prevent pollution, disease exposure, overfishing, and threats to marine wildlife. Please protect our native fish and local ecosystems. Thank you, Caroline Fraser

Response to I-22-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-23: Nichole Robinson

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 11:15 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-23-1

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Response to I-23-1

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I-24: GORDON KING

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 11:51 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-24-1

Response to I-24-1

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I-25: Gene McKeen

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 12:03 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-25-1

See attachment for comment I-25-1.

Response to I-25-1

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I-26: Dr. Jack Rensel

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 12:57 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-26-1

My name is Dr. Jack Rensel. I was born and raised in Olympia WA and hold a Ph.D. from the University of Washington in fisheries and aquatic sciences. I was raised by a parent who was one of the very first WDOE staff members after working as a chemist for the Washington State Pollution Control Board to fight pulp mill sulfide discharges that were killing Puget Sound and Columbia River food webs and commercial shellfish operations. I have worked in six of the seven world's oceans for many different governments where fish farming is practiced. I worked as an employee in two cases (Squaxin Island Tribe and Lummi Tribe) or consultant to six different native American Tribes in both Western and Eastern Washington State. I consulted for years with native Hawaiian organizations fighting pollution from military ammunition dumps that were polluting coastal waters of O'ahu as a primary consultant for Earth Justice Hawaii. For State government in Hawaii, I tested the first open ocean fish farms in Hawaii for their environmental effects, and for governments in the

Arabian Gulf for the UAE, South Korea, Hong Kong, Egypt, Peru, Chile, Italy and Canada. I have had over 40 years of experience as an independent scientist working to design and implement environmental impact assessment protocols in concert with the Washington Department of Ecology and fish farmers in Puget Sound. I was a principal author of the Washington State Environmental Impact of Fish farms EIS contracted to WDFW (formerly WDF). I worked with WDNR and the first small scale fish farmers to implement the first net-pen monitoring programs before WDOE took over that role in designing and implementing federal National Pollution Discharge management. I have over 50 peer-reviewed journal publications and book chapters in my field and have worked in 19 other countries overseas, mainly for governments and their consultants involved in aquaculture management. I am co-owner of a company that created and distributed software that allows assessment of fish farm effects in the water and sea bottom before they are permitted. It is used by governments and their consultants in other countries that practice fish aquaculture and is required in Atlantic Canada. For decades, I volunteered with other scientists to conduct and published studies of harmful algae effects on fish and shellfish and means to mitigate the adverse effects especially in the Salish Sea. Over the years the effects of net pen aquaculture have become settled science, and operations are now producing fish more efficiently with less waste than other forms of animal culture. Wastes from fish farms are mainly organic carbon and dissolved nitrogen that can enhance benthic and water column food webs if sizing and siting of receiving waters are correct. No one envisions Washington State to look like Chile where fish farms and mussel rafts abound along many shoreline of the Chilean Inland Sea without apparent limitation. Washington State has been a leader in achieving responsible management of fish farms under the Department of Ecology's open and publicly reviewed policies. Fish disease and escape issues are also settled science with the use of hybrid trout that do not breed with wild fish and sea lice never has been a problem in Washington as our waters are less saline than the open ocean where wild stocks of salmonids pick up the pest. Fish disease prevention and control has been achieved under the careful eye of trained and experienced experts in the Washington Department of Fisheries and the USDA. WDNR's initial role was as to be regulator of the industry but with WDOE's legal authority to issue NPDES permits, that role has been to lease aquatic lands and raise funds for the state. WDNR did an excellent job in the 1980s to help implement "Interim Guidelines" for net pen management in Puget Sound and I interacted with staff and provided formal reports of my findings. Sometimes the far past fish farmers were not happy with my findings, but I pressed on with what is best for Puget Sound and over time the industry has advanced locally and internationally with cooperation from federal agencies including NOAA and USDA. I submit that if the present, but outgoing WDNR management wishes to ban fish farms they consult with the two sister agencies that have more expertise in the matters at hand and provide for testimony and consideration of the Public's view. That has been the pattern in the past and the present effort is clearly a rush to meet the needs of the outgoing management. Please initiate a continuance for a reasonable time so public comment can occur and be posted that incorporates information gathered from a more substantial inter-agency review of the effects that the proposed rule will have. I am particularly concerned about adverse effects on the Tribes and Washington state's future ability to produce seafood. This should not be a rushed decision by a single agency without expertise in the topic.

Response to I-26-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

- (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

The Department must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf.

I-27: Lois Ward

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 1:16 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-27-1

Please put an end to fish pens in Puget Sound/the Salish Sea. Fish Pens are a huge threat to native fish as well as threaten the entire ecosystem. Fish pens utilize excess fish food/fertilizer and tremendous imbalance in the environment. In addition, when they break open for any reason they let farmed fish into the environment which is disastrous to native fish. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Response to I-27-1

Thank you for your comment.

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instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-28: David Parks

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 1:19 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-28-1

I am a long-time resident of Port Angeles, Washington and I support the proposed rule-making to ban commercial finfish net pen aquaculture on state-owned aquatic lands in Washington State. The basis of the ban is scientific. Net pen aquaculture has been documented to transmit pathogens from net pen-raised fish to wild salmon populations (Krkosek et al., 2024) and reduce the net production of fish (Majluf et al., 2024) by depending on wild fish stocks to produce pen-raised fish. There are many harmful environmental effects of net pen aquaculture, such as increased fish feces production, excess fish-food deposition, water quality impacts, biological impacts from escaped fish, concentration of metals in associated fish species adjacent to net pens, and on and on. I witnessed first hand the aftermath of the collapse of the Cypress Island fish pen and the illegal operation of the fish net pens in Port Angeles Harbor. Commercial fin fish net pen operations are more harmful to the environment and wild fish stocks than they are worth economically in terms of jobs to the local economy. Please implement the proposed rule change and ban commercial finfish net pen aquaculture operation on state-owned aquatic lands. David S. Parks PO Box 2263 Port Angeles WA 98362 References: Krkosek, M., A. Bateman, A. Bass, W.S. Buff, B.M Connors, C.M. Deeg, E. Di Cicco, S. Godwin, J. Grimm, L. Krichel, G. Mordecai, A. Morton, S. Peacock, D. Shea, B Riddell, and Kristina M. Miller. 2024. Pathogens from salmon aquaculture in relation to conservation of wild Pacific salmon in Canada. Science Advances, Vol. 10, No. 4. DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.adn7118 Majluf, P., K. Matthews, D. Pauly, D. J. Skerritt, and M.L.D. Palomares. 2024. A Review of the global use of fishmeal and fish oil and the Fish In: Fish Out Metric. Science Advances, Vol 10, No. 42. DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.adn5650

Response to I-28-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-29: Roberta Mantooth

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 1:24 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-29-1

Salmonids need best habitat, not pollution of net pens.

Response to I-29-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-30: Fishing Vessel Owners' Association

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 1:45 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-30-1

I am writing in support of prohibiting commercial finfish net pen aquaculture on state-owned aquatic lands. This step will help preserve Washington's marine ecosystems, protect the interests of local communities and independent businesses, and prevent significant environmental damage that often accompanies open net pen aquaculture. The establishment of large net-pen operations displaces commercial fishermen and concentrates fishing to other areas, but it also limits marine recreation activities as well. The pen installations create private spaces for fish farm companies at the expense of public access. Furthermore, open net pen aquaculture generates significant pollution and chemicals that flow directly into open waters, which can harm surrounding marine life and other commercially valuable fisheries in ecosystems like the Puget Sound. Expanding industrial finfish farming can jeopardize commercial fishing, an industry that supports many livelihoods in Washington state. Finfish farms are often highly automated and offering fewer jobs than traditional fishing. It consolidates food production into large corporations, reducing the participation of independent businesses over local resources and food systems. The economic and environmental risks associated with commercial finfish net pen aquaculture make it an unjustifiable industry for Washington waters. By implementing legislation that prohibits this practice, we can help protect state waters, local marine species, and the commercial fishing industry.

Response to I-30-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-31: Judith White

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 1:52 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-31-1

In-water net-pens are environmentally disastrous. Please continue to prohibit them, and forbid all future in-water net pen aquaculture.

Response to I-31-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-32: NINA SARMIENTO

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 2:22 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-32-1

I endorse the new proposed rule: WAC 332-30-138. I first learned about the negative impacts of net pen fishing in Biologist Alexandra Morton's book "Listening to Whales, what the Orca teach us." The open net pen fishing operations in British Columbia have brought so much disease that spread to wild fish populations and thus impacted the recovery of the Orca. We have a responsibility to learn from these mistakes and keep our marine ecosystems healthy for endangered wild fish and orca.

Response to I-32-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-33: Ann Martin

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 3:05 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-33-1

It is critical we continue the ban on in water fish nets, which lead to the destruction of our native fish populations. Please continue the prohibition of this commercial equipment in our sensitive waters. Thank you.

Response to I-33-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-34: john gussman

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 3:22 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-34-1

Please finalize the DNR net pen ban that Commissioner Franz put in place in 2022. Fish pens in Wash. waters should never be allowed to be in our waters and contribute to the decline of salmon species. There is absolutely nothing good that comes out of these pens for our oceans. I am sick of seeing humans degrade what should be protected in the name of profit. John Gussman

Response to I-34-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-35: Dave Croonquist

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 3:30 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-35-1

I support the proposed DNR restrictions on commercial net pens in state waters.

Response to I-35-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-36: Estefania Narvaez

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 4:09 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-36-1

Dear DNR, I am writing to support the implementation of regulations to support the Executive Order that would prohibit commercial finfish net pen aquaculture on Washington state-owned aquatic lands. We have seen the same systems in land based agriculture systems in concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). These net-pens are equivalent to CAFOs. This is true based on their scale, treatment of animals, pollution off put, use of harmful agrichemicals and the impact that they have on small and medium scale producers. The increase in land-based CAFO's in Washington state has already seen a dramatic decrease of small farms with a loss of 3,717 farms between 2017 and 2022 for an average of 743 farms a year, while the average size of a farm grew to 432 acres in 2022. This massive consolidation has left small-scale producers behind. We cannot let the same thing happen to fishing communities who have been an integral part of Washington's economy and culture. Additionally, pollution is a serious concern. Agrochemical pollution is a massive problem when it comes to net pen aquaculture. Not only do the fish, themselves, produce an incredible amount of waste, but tons of agrichemicals are pumped into the water in order to keep algal growth to a minimum and treat infestations. This is in direct conflict with the millions that Washington State spends every year, in accordance with the Clean Water Act, to help restore water quality and mitigate this nonpoint source pollution. We know today that net pens produce fish feed waste, concentrated fish defecation, and contains pharmaceuticals that readily flow into the open ocean. This harms other marine life and commercially-valuable fisheries since finfish farms can spread diseases and/or parasites to other marine life. Stress from overcrowding makes farmed fish more susceptible to disease. When marine wildlife come near the cages, or when farmed fish escape, they can significantly harm the ecosystem and wild fish by transferring diseases (like infectious salmon anemia (ISA) or bacterial kidney disease (BKD)), skeletal deformities, and pests, such as sea lice. The Dean of the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences at UW Dean Clare Ryan has done a lot of research around forest restoration and nonpoint source pollution. Raising the issue of how salmon farms weaken wild salmon populations, making it even more challenging to return to their spawning grounds up the rivers and into the forests can be very compelling. Washington state has already experienced the harm salmon farms can cause to coastal waters, wild fish populations, and the salmon people who have lived from time immemorial. The 2017 escapement of 263,000 Atlantic Salmon from a Cooke Aquaculture facility in the Salish Sea showed the environmental, social, and economic risks of these floating concentrated animal feeding operations or CAFOs. While Cooke Aquaculture lied that only a few thousand fish had escaped, the fact is that hundreds of thousands of escaped farmed Atlantic salmon swam down the west coast in pacific salmon territories. Many of these fish carried a variant of piscine orthoreovirus, a disease which causes heart and skeletal inflammation, spreading it to fish who had never before come into contact with the disease. Allowing any potential of such an escapement can cause irreversible damage to wild pacific fish populations. Finfish farms do not solve overfishing, they cause it. Growing carnivorous fish in the ocean requires high fish inputs in the pelleted fish feed, often mixed with genetically modified soy, corn, canola, and other chemicals and additives, fish feed INCLUDES fish. This exacerbates overfishing of forage fish populations worldwide to satisfy the fish feed industry. These small fish are a critical part of the food chain, and depleting a food source can hurt the health of the entire marine ecosystem and threaten global

food security. A recent report illustrated how Mowi farms in Norway cause food insecurity for 4 million West Africans by removing small fish and grinding them to feed farmed salmon. There is a growing body of research that illustrates just how bad the farming of finfish is ecologically, socially and economically. Recent cutting-edge research in the journal Science Advances features ten peer-reviewed articles on global aquaculture, published on October 18, 2024. For this and many other reason I firmly support the implementation of the Executive Order banning commercial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington state. For the sake of the health of our ocean and communities. Thank you, Estefania Narvaez

Response to I-36-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-37: Ann Prezyna

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 4:30 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-37-1

I write to support the proposed net pen ban rule. I am an environmental attorney whose current practice focuses on preserving Washington's wildlife and habitat. I am aware of the grave dangers that net pens pose to wild fish regardless of the species raised. These pens discharge pollutants, including feces, surplus food, chemicals, and diseases that negatively affect native marine fish populations. It is highly likely that penned fish will escape, as happened in 2017 when some 200,000 salmon from Washington pens made it north to BC and south to California. The feed used for penned fish often consists of food grade fish such as anchovies and sardines which should be eaten directly or left to support marine ecosystems under increasing threats to their continued survival. Please pass this rule to help sustain our wild fish populations and the marine and terrestrial systems that depend on their survival.

Response to I-37-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-38: Hugh Mitchell

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 4:45 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-38-1

SEPA File No. 24-101601 The decision to quickly ban on net pens in Washington State is wrong. It risks true ocean resource conservation. It robs us of a place in the "blue economy". It threatens to increase our horrendous National seafood deficit, which is already near \$20 billion. My name is Dr. Hugh Mitchell. I am a WA-licensed veterinarian (Lic. #VT5479) with a Bachelor of Science in marine biology and a Master of Science in aquatic ecology. I have been practicing for 35 years: exclusively in fish medicine. I have worked with both public and tribal wild stock enhancement fish and private fish farms. I am the founding President of the American Association of Fish Veterinarians (AAFV- almost 400 members) and am a founding member of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Aquatic Veterinary Medical Committee. I believe that the edict to cancel the net pens in Puget Sound, that had been there for almost 5 decades, was a mistake in that it was not done with a thorough and objective examination of all the science and facts. Prior to any rulemaking, there should be a thorough review of the information pertaining to two main areas that I have heard voiced against net pen continuation in our State: 1) Water quality and benthic degradation 2) Fish health concerns and disease risk to the wild fish With respect to the first point, the Department of Fish and Wildlife had done exhaustive monitoring through decades that the net pens had been functioning, together with independent environmental researchers such as: Dr. Jack Rensel. In short, any impact has been found to be extremely limited and negligible. This information should be reviewed prior to any rulemaking. With respect to the second point (my core competency), in making the decision, DNR did not heed any advice from the fish health professionals in WDFW or consult with any experts from the professional fish health associations such as AAFV or the American Fisheries Society's Fish Health Section. It behooves our state to get a broader swatch of professional opinion on the risks voiced. In short, putting immune naïve fish in net pens exposes them to wild fish pathogens that wild fish have been exposed since entering the sea and have become immune. The risk back is negligible, contrary to what I understand the opposition's stance is. However, a more exhaustive examination of fish disease epidemiology needs to be undertaken prior to making any decision. Again, the rulemaking process should not be rushed through as the consequences are severe for our State and the justifications do not seem to be sound or comprehensive.

Response to I-38-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

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had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

I-39: Jules Michel

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 6:49 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-39-1

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on something I believe very strongly in: the preservation and restoration of the last great native wild salmon runs in the lower 48 states. I was born, raised and educated in Washington. I grew up able to regularly catch salmon and steelhead in Lake Washington, in numerous rivers on the Olympic Peninsula and in Puget Sound. I've watched over decades as cumulative impacts have put additional pressures on native salmon and steelhead runs. I've seen first hand the impacts fish farming has had, whether it be from growing nonnative salmon or "native" sterile female Rainbow Trout. Studies abound supporting the fact that farmed finfish operations in the open waters, native or nonnative, in concentrated populations, serve as vectors for disease and parasites. The concentration of fish populations serve as the equivalent of what any parent has seen when their child returns to school. Viral infections spread among classmates, then to the population at large as they return home. Claims that these virus are "natural" miss the point that it is the concentration of populations which intensify and magnify the virus or bacteria, which then spreads with the tidal flow. That this intensity increases the risk for mutations is well known. For a recent summary of science, numerous studies and papers are included in the "Science Advances" special issue located here:

<https://www.science.org/toc/sciadv/10/42> More significant, and what should be of greatest concern, is the claims of "sustainability" are unfounded. Studies presented as "proof" there are lower carbon emissions exclude such things as energy needed to run hatcheries or energy used to create drugs and treat fish, focusing primarily on the time spent in the water, enclosed in pens. (See page 5 of "Supplemental Data" for exclusions to one of the primary studies authored by Jessica Gephart - email jgephart@american.edu - used to support GHC numbers, on page 5, here: https://static-content.springer.com/esm/art%3A10.1038%2Fs41586-021-03889-2/MediaObjects/41586_2021_3889_MOESM1_ESM.pdf) Worse, and clearly documented on DOE's PARIS website and in the letters attached, is the mortality rate found in Cooke Aquaculture's attempt to grow genetically sterile female Rainbow Trout in Puget Sound. The cause was blamed primarily on heart issues. These mortalities and the waste in food and energy used to dispose of them, are not included in figures presented as "proof" of sustainability. It clearly shows an inability to grow genetically sterile Rainbow Trout in Puget Sound. (Per letters submitted to DOE dated January 30, 2023 and January 27, 2022, of Hope Island's 345,747 fish planted in 2021, they lost 41,297 the first year and 59,819 the second; of Clam Bay's 349,281 planted in the Clam Bay pens in 2021, a reported total of 82,961 died in 2021 and 2022, with 117,942 remaining to be harvested, with an unknown mortality number within that number.) This is not sustainability. See attached letters, obtained from DOE's PARIS website. Compounding the problem is the reality that the need for fish meal and fish oil in feed results in krill from the Antarctic waters; anchovies from Peru; Menhaden from the Chesapeake Bay area; and forage fish from the coast of West Africa all being harvested by factory trawlers, then shipped to processing plants around the world where they are refined, then shipped again to the pens for feeding. Combined with soy, wheat, peas and grains, these are fundamental parts of the human and natural food chain, both marine or terrestrial, that

are being depleted. Claims that the percentage in feed "is less" are meaningless as the industry grows. When coupled with the 30% mortality rate, it clearly shows claims of sustainability are far from accurate. Claims that the use of astaxanthin is the same as that found in nature are simply untrue. It is in fact synthetic, and is not allowed for direct human consumption. From a recent study: "Due to these differences, synthetic astaxanthin is currently not allowed for human use due to safety issues [13]. Instead, it is mostly utilized in fish feed to pigment the flesh of certain commercially farmed fish, primarily salmonids such as Atlantic salmon and trout." This is not sustainability, and further, introduces a synthetic chemical into the waters of Puget Sound (see p. 2 of attached file on synthetic astaxanthin, also located here: <https://www.mdpi.com/2076-3921/11/11/2288>) Regarding what treaty rights were retained by the various tribes which may be involved in future permitting, those rights retained most certainly gave them "The right of taking fish, at all usual and accustomed grounds and stations." Beyond the use of net pens to enhance the native runs such as the Squaxin in combination with WDFW do, it most certainly did not extend to a commercial open net pen operation such as what Cooke Aquaculture, through the Jamestown S'Klallam is considering. Finally, at a simple economic level, past leases with DNR have not been financially beneficial to the public. The use of public waters to dispose of all waste, whether it be feces, food, medicine, or particulate matter when nets are cleaned, is an expense offloaded onto the taxpayer and is in no way compensated for. Added to this is the manner in which Cooke Aquaculture has met any form of public resistance has resulted in unknown expenses, far surpassing any income which may have been generated. It is a specific pattern which will continue and should be considered. I thank you sincerely for this opportunity to comment on something I believe deeply in, which is the preservation and restoration of the last great salmon runs in the lower 48 states. Cumulative impacts matter, and the addition of finfish farming with all of its known impacts is significant and should not be permitted by DNR. It is in neither the public nor tribal interests.

Response to I-39-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-40: Kat Willson

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 7:02 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-40-1

Please do not allow commercial net pen aquaculture in Washington waters - neither the Salish Sea nor the Columbia River. Even when raising native species, the high concentration of fish in one location fouls the local marine environment for wild animals with fecal matter, lice, diseases and the chemicals used to treat those afflictions. Please don't allow this to happen in our waters. Give our wild fish a chance to recover from all the other problems we cause for them. Thank you.

Response to I-40-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-41: Melissa Mager

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 9:14 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-41-1

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comment related to commercial finfish net pen aquaculture in Puget Sound. I am unalterably opposed to existing and expanded use of net pens in the Salish Sea. As a the past chair of the board of the Seattle Aquarium, a past member of the Washington Environmental Council, and current member of the board of the Center for Whale Research, I have knowledge of the long term damage this practice exerts on the health of our fragile salmon stocks, as well as the harm they impose on animals who become entangled in the nets. I support DNR's proposed definition of commercial finfish net pen aquaculture and enthusiastically endorse the new proposed rule: WAC 332-30-138 Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture. Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture shall not be authorized on state-owned aquatic lands. Thank you, Melissa Mager

Response to I-41-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-42: Ronald Reed

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:42 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-42-1

Please accept my attached comments urging keeping and making permanent the ban on Commercial Fish Pens in Washington State Waters. Thank you, Ronald D. Reed Spokane, WA 99223

Response to I-42-1

Thank you for your comment.

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aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-43: Judith Akins

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:12 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-43-1

Please ban all finfish net pens from state-owned aquatic land. They have proven to be a hazard to our aquatic environment. They carry diseases, pollute the water and are a health hazard to both the marine environment and to the people who are ingesting these fish. There are other ways to raise these fish. Land based pens is a viable option. We don't need these in our waters.

Response to I-43-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-44: John Dentler

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:43 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-44-1

Response to I-44-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees this proposed rule will result in your concerns outlined in paragraph 5 of your comment.

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The Board of Natural Resources received your comment and DNR staff will provide them additional information as requested.

I-45: Annabelle Armstrong

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:00 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-45-1

To whom it may concern, The pathogens alone from net pen aquaculture are enough to justify its all out ban in the region. "The spread of pathogens from farmed salmon is a conservation concern for wild Pacific salmon in British Columbia (BC), Canada. Three pathogens are prevalent in farmed Atlantic salmon in BC, spill over to wild Pacific salmon, and are linked to negative impacts on wild salmon: Piscine orthoreovirus, Tenacibaculum spp., and sea lice (*Lepeophtheirus salmonis*). Molecular screening of infectious agents in farmed and wild salmon and environmental DNA highlights a further 4 agents that are likely elevated near salmon farms and 37 that co-occur in wild and farmed salmon. Pathogens likely affect wild salmon indirectly by mediating migration, competition, and predation. Current net-pen aquaculture practices pose these risks to numerous populations of all species of wild salmon in BC, most of which are not covered in Government of Canada science and advisory reports. Climate change, pathogen evolution, and changes to disease management and aquaculture regulations will influence future risks." Martin Krkosek et al. ,Pathogens from salmon aquaculture in relation to conservation of wild Pacific salmon in Canada.Sci. Adv.10,eadn7118(2024).DOI:10.1126/sciadv.adn7118 This is the abstract from a paper by Martin Krkosek et al. My entire childhood the state has been trying to preserve our wild salmon populations. These aquaculture techniques are detrimental to our gains in repopulating salmon in the PNW and Puget Sound. -Annabelle Armstrong

Response to I-45-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-46:Carolynn Pype

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:11 AM

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Comment I-46-1

"As steward of these public lands, DNR works to protect the environment, provide opportunities for recreation, support water-dependent uses, promote sustainable use of natural resources, and protect public navigational and fishing access from obstructions." My hope is that net pins never make it into the sate of WA's waters again. As a commercial fisher myself, I know how detrimental fish farming can be for my industry, both price and resource wise. The danger of spreading disease and contaminating our waters greatly outweigh money the fish farming industry will make. All the time and resources to fight to get our salmon runs back should be celebrated and continued in hope that we can harvest our wild salmon sustainably one day. You have my full support to not introduce net pins in our state again.

Response to I-46-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-47:Ireland Mcalpine

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:18 AM

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Comment I-47-1

I would request that DNR not ban net pin fish farms. I would also like the record to reflect that This action is a direct attack by Hillary Franz and is being rushed thru before she departs her current position.

Response to I-47-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05).

DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

The Department must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-48: Anne Shaffer

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:33 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-48-1

The Coastal Watershed Institute supports DNR's proposed definition of commercial fin fish net pen aquaculture and enthusiastically endorses the new proposed rule: WAC 332-30-138. There is overwhelming body of evidence that in water net pens have catastrophic impact to coastal systems. Here are a few of the latest publications (there are many others) that highlight these impacts, and call for netpens to be banned. *The first one is published in the journal Science* . Bottom line? In-water net pens are devastating to wild salmon and it doesn't matter the species. It's critical to keep these disease factories OUT of Washington waters. It's high time to codify the ban them once and for all. Please finalize this rule asap.

<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.adn7118> and

<https://www.technologynetworks.com/applied-sciences/news/salmon-farms-are-depriving-local-communities-of-their-catch-392207>; [https://www.intrafish.com/opinion/the-critics-are-right-it-s-time-to-close-down-salmon-farms/2"1718947](https://www.intrafish.com/opinion/the-critics-are-right-it-s-time-to-close-down-salmon-farms/2)

Response to I-48-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-49: Amy Gulick

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:51 AM

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Comment I-49-1

Please finalize the in-water net pen ban put in place by Commissioner Franz in 2022. There are so many negative impacts of net pens, including: pollution, disease, threats to wild fish stocks and other wildlife, and the overall unsustainability of fish farming practices that over harvest forage fish to feed farmed fish species such as salmon. In-water net pens have no place in Washington waters. Please ensure they stay out of our waters forever.

Response to I-49-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-50: John Rosapepe

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:54 AM

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Comment I-50-1

I support the new proposed rule: WAC 332-30-138 Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture. Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture shall not be authorized on state-owned aquatic lands. POLLUTION is a serious concern. Excess fish feed, concentrated fish waste, pharmaceuticals, and other chemicals originate from inside the net pens and readily flow into the open ocean. DISEASE: Finfish farms can spread diseases and/or parasites to other marine life. Stress from overcrowding makes farmed fish more susceptible to disease. When marine wildlife come near the cages, or when farmed fish escape, they can significantly harm the ecosystem and wild fish by transferring diseases (like infectious salmon anemia (ISA) or bacterial kidney disease (BKD)), skeletal deformities, and pests, such as sea lice. Thank you. John Rosapepe

Response to I-50-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-51: Elaine Packard

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:58 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-51-1

Response to I-51-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-52: Allison Vitello

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 10:08 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-52-1

Fish net/pen farming should NOT be approved because of disease, pollution and overfishing. Please look at the research. Our water is so important. Water is life.

Response to I-52-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-53: Asha Ramakumar

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 10:19 AM

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Comment I-53-1

Response to I-53-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-54: Shari Tarantino

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 10:37 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-54-1

Please add the following comments from Orca Conservancy to the official record re: WAC 332-30-138 – Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture shall not be authorized on state-owned aquatic lands. Thank you.

Response to I-54-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-55: James Loran

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 11:11 AM

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Comment I-55-1

There is no good place for marine-based net pens in Washington State waters, or anywhere for that matter. Net pens are CAFO's that cause extinction scenarios for many marine species, and generally destroy the marine environment's ability to sustain life. Land-based aquaculture is being utilized in many places around the earth and Washington State needs to support private industries' land-based aquaculture endeavors, which will strengthen the ecology of the marine environment by eliminating marine-based net pen aquaculture.

Response to I-55-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-56: Jenny Wilson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 11:24 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-56-1

I am serving as a board member with the Center for Whale Research. There has been a group of industry affiliated folks recently spreading mis-information about 'new science supporting in water net pens'. This is politically driven misinformation. Here is a link to one of the latest REAL science news. In water, net pens are devastating to wild salmon and it doesn't matter the species. It's critical to keep these disease factories OUT of Washington waters.
<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.adn7118>

Response to I-56-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-57: Lovel Pratt

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:33 PM

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Comment I-57-1

Attached please find comments from Friends of the San Juans.

Response to I-57-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-58: John Forster

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 1:17 PM

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Comment I-58-1

Response to I-58-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

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The Department must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent

further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf.

I-59: Sai Ahmed

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 1:55 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-59-1

Dear DNR, My name is Sai Ahmed and I am a PhD student in the Department of Geography, UW, studying salmon and fishing rights, and a staff member at the University of Washington. I am writing to support the implementation of regulations to support the Executive Order that would prohibit commercial finfish net pen aquaculture on Washington state-owned aquatic lands. We have seen the same systems in land based agriculture systems in concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). These net-pens are equivalent to CAFOs. This is true based on their scale, treatment of animals, pollution off put, use of harmful agrichemicals and the impact that they have on small and medium scale producers. The increase in land-based CAFO's in Washington state has already seen a dramatic decrease of small farms with a loss of 3,717 farms between 2017 and 2022 for an average of 743 farms a year, while the average size of a farm grew to 432 acres in 2022. This massive consolidation has left small-scale producers behind. We cannot let the same thing happen to fishing communities who have been an integral part of Washington's economy and culture. Additionally, pollution is a serious concern. Agrochemical pollution is a massive problem when it comes to net pen aquaculture. Not only do the fish, themselves, produce an incredible amount of waste, but tons of agrichemicals are pumped into the water in order to keep algal growth to a minimum and treat infestations. This is in direct conflict with the millions that Washington State spends every year, in accordance with the Clean Water Act, to help restore water quality and mitigate this nonpoint source pollution. We know today that net pens produce fish feed waste, concentrated fish defecation, and contains pharmaceuticals that readily flow into the open ocean. This harms other marine life and commercially-valuable fisheries since finfish farms can spread diseases and/or parasites to other marine life. Stress from overcrowding makes farmed fish more susceptible to disease. When marine wildlife come near the cages, or when farmed fish escape, they can significantly harm the ecosystem and wild fish by transferring diseases (like infectious salmon anemia (ISA) or bacterial kidney disease (BKD)), skeletal deformities, and pests, such as sea lice. The Dean of the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences at UW Dean Clare Ryan has done a lot of research around forest restoration and nonpoint source pollution. Raising the issue of how salmon farms weaken wild salmon populations, making it even more challenging to return to their spawning grounds up the rivers and into the forests can be very compelling. Washington state has already experienced the harm salmon farms can cause to coastal waters, wild fish populations, and the salmon people who have lived from time immemorial. The 2017 escapement of 263,000 Atlantic Salmon from a Cooke Aquaculture facility in the Salish Sea showed the

environmental, social, and economic risks of these floating concentrated animal feeding operations or CAFOs. While Cooke Aquaculture lied that only a few thousand fish had escaped, the fact is that hundreds of thousands of escaped farmed Atlantic salmon swam down the west coast in pacific salmon territories. Many of these fish carried a variant of piscine orthoreovirus, a disease which causes heart and skeletal inflammation, spreading it to fish who had never before come into contact with the disease. Allowing any potential of such an escapement can cause irreversible damage to wild pacific fish populations. Finfish farms do not solve overfishing, they cause it. Growing carnivorous fish in the ocean requires high fish inputs in the pelleted fish feed, often mixed with genetically modified soy, corn, canola, and other chemicals and additives, fish feed INCLUDES fish. This exacerbates overfishing of forage fish populations worldwide to satisfy the fish feed industry. These small fish are a critical part of the food chain, and depleting a food source can hurt the health of the entire marine ecosystem and threaten global food security. A recent report illustrated how Mowi farms in Norway cause food insecurity for 4 million West Africans by removing small fish and grinding them to feed farmed salmon. There is a growing body of research that illustrates just how bad the farming of finfish is ecologically, socially and economically. Recent cutting-edge research in the journal Science Advances features ten peer-reviewed articles on global aquaculture, published on October 18, 2024. For this and many other reasons I firmly support the implementation of the Executive Order banning commercial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington state. For the sake of the health of our ocean and communities. Thank you, Sai Ahmed PhD Student, Geography Assistant Director of Student and Community Engagement, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies University of Washington

Response to I-59-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-60: Walton Dickhoff

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:24 PM

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Comment I-60-1

The proposed ban on net pen aquaculture in Washington State is not based on science. Furthermore, the proposed ban is rushed and has not had extensive review and comment by stakeholders, including tribes, state and federal agencies, academia, commercial industries, and the interested public. I am writing in opposition to the ban and urge the pursuit of broader discussion and input before making rules that will affect so many constituents. I am a retired senior scientist from NOAA and fisheries professor at the University of Washington. In my 40-year plus career I have done research on hatchery and wild salmon with the aim of rebuilding natural salmon populations. I have also witnessed the emergence of salmon net pen culture in Puget Sound since the 1970s and have published many scientific papers on aquaculture. In 2018, shortly after I retired, I worked on a 229-page research review titled "State of the Science on Net Pen Aquaculture in Puget Sound." This effort was funded by Washington State through a contract with NOAA. I and

my coauthors worked extensively with experts from the Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Ecology, and Natural Resources. The plan was that the scientific paper would be extensively reviewed with comments by tribes, state and federal agencies as well as the general public. After the reviews and comments, a final version of the paper was to be published by the State agencies. After working on this paper for over one year and submitting a draft in Spring of 2019, we received editorial comments from the state agencies and we were making progress on revision. Soon after, in May 2019, we were told by the agencies that we should quickly finish our revisions, that there would be no stakeholder or public review, and the paper would not be published. I was greatly disappointed that an extensive public discussion of net pen aquaculture in Puget Sound was not going to happen and that our research and review on the subject was not going to see the light of day. Now in 2024 we have a proposed ban on net pen aquaculture with little time for review and comment and no discussion of science. This is not how a responsible government that truly represents its constituents should operate. The science on net pen aquaculture is clear; it is a sustainable and environmentally safe enterprise. The issues of concern are effectively addressed by technological and operational procedures, including impacts on water quality, benthic pollution, disease transfer, feeds, biofouling, environmental risks of escapes, and impacts on protected species. Salmon farming has expanded world-wide to the extent that the global production of farmed salmon is far greater than the wild salmon catch. Net-pen farming of salmon is not going away in other countries. Farmed salmon is nutritious, affordable, high quality and popular. It is a shame that we must import it from Chile and other countries rather than grow it locally and support a local industry. I urge the Washington Board of Natural Resources to reconsider a ban on net pen aquaculture. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Sincerely, Walton W. Dickhoff, Ph.D. Cell: 206-931-6584. Email: waltdickhoff@gmail.com

Response to I-60-1

Thank you for your comment.

DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may

influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. The Department must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-61: Margaret Owens

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:45 PM

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Comment I-61-1

Please accept these last minute comments on banning net pen aquaculture in Washington State waters. We ask you to follow through on the plan to ban. It is, for so many reasons, the right thing to do. And please, no loop holes for "native" fish or genetically altered fish. They will all make the same horrible mess of our fragile Salish Sea waters, harming all nearby natural aquatic life. We in the Port Angeles area have said good riddance to the awful pens in Port Angeles harbor, and never want to see them return. The previously touted plan to put pens at Green Point, a state acknowledged biological hot spot for everything from gray whales to shellfish, was an insult to the sensibilities of residents. That plan never should have gotten a consideration. Thank you for planning the end of pens...full steam ahead! Margaret Owens

Response to I-61-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-62: April Rodeghier Smith

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:57 PM

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Comment I-62-1

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comment related to commercial fin fish net pen aquaculture in Puget Sound. I am extremely opposed to any use of commercial net pens in Washington state. As a former commercial fisherman I am aware of the disruption to the food chain that producing feed for the net pen aquaculture causes. Harvesting wild fish in order to meet the nutrition needs of an aquaculture product is a waste and causes less food to be available

for the wild fish. At the same time the aquaculture product requires pharmaceuticals and produces waste that pollutes our marine environment, causing further challenges for wild fish, whales and other marine organisms. Net pens have a proven negative affect on the environment, I am very against allowing them to exist in the Salish sea. I support DNR's proposed definition of commercial finfish net pen aquaculture and enthusiastically endorse the new proposed rule: WAC 332-30-138 Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture. Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture shall not be authorized on state-owned aquatic lands.

Response to I-62-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-63: Kate Conant

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:43 PM

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Comment I-63-1

Dear Board of Natural Resources, Please uphold the Washington State ban of industrial marine net pen aquiculture. This industry has repeatedly been proven irresponsible and does not deserve to operate in the waters of Puget Sound. The environmental hazards of fish diseases, pollution from net pen waste, and genetic hazards from fish escapes make this industry too hazardous to have in our waters. Please support the Executive Order banning industrial net pen use in Puget Sound. Puget Sound is a valuable jewel that needs your protection. Thank you for your service and care for our natural resources. Kate Conant

Response to I-63-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-64: Martha Hall

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:10 PM

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Comment I-64-1

I helped for years with the effort to get rid of farming fish by raising them in pens in the Salish Sea. I hope this state will hurry up and ban them, all of them, forever, no matter what kind of fish or other creatures humans might want to raise in pens in the Salish Sea. Why? The negative impacts of these pens are many. 1. These pens and fish are a source of pollution from the concentrated and amount of waste that comes out of the fish, from the food that is put in the pens for the fish, from the drugs that are given to the fish. Several hundred thousand fish in these pens, the amount of these wastes is huge. 2. Anything inside a pen may escape as we saw with the pens that I can see from Anacortes in 2017. There is no way to make sure this will not happen. Cooke tried to claim that this would not happen. It did. And how many non-native fish escaped, something like 260,000. How many were never caught? 3. The fish food fed to these farmed fish are made from small fish that are caught in fisheries that are not sustainable. We do not have enough "forage fish" to allow the raising and catching of these to feed farmed fish in pens. 4. Farmed fish like all farmed animals are more likely to get sick and have parasites because they are crowded together. And they do, so they are fed drugs. These diseases and parasites may and have spread beyond the pens and infected native fish in the Salish Sea. These risks are too high. We don't need farmed fish. Humans have plenty of other foods for humans to eat. How about eating a plant-based diet because this would be a lot healthier for humans and our planet. We had a few people who worked for Cooke here in Anacortes where I live. but the number was small. For a sustainable future, Anacortes and other communities must create jobs that will create a healthier future for the waters of around Anacortes, and for our planet. Like coal, fish pens should not be in our future. I thought about attaching the many studies I've collected that showed the negative impacts of Cooke's pens when we had them. I'm sure you have all of these so I decided not to. I hope decisions like those involving fish pens and farming salmon or whatever in pens in or by the Salish Sea are based on science and not politics and fake news. Thank you for this comment period. Martha Hall, Anacortes, WA

Response to I-64-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-65: Robert Hall

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:30 PM

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Comment I-65-1

I oppose having any pens in the Salish Sea for farming fish or any other species. I live in Anacortes and saw Cooke's pens when they came apart. Cooke said these pens were safe, were checked regularly, and this would not happen. Pens, fences, cages, can always break, especially when they are in salt water and in the Salish Sea with its tides and currents and weather. I know quite a bit about fish food and this is based on catching smaller fish. This is a bad reason to catch smaller fish who are needed in their natural homes. This just adds another reason to oppose fish farming. Many of our smaller fish are already overfished. I don't have to be rocket scientist to know that the

pollution that comes out of fish pens is a huge problem. I had goldfish when I was a kid. Those bowls and tanks needed to be cleaned a lot. Fish pens have whatever the fish farmer puts into the pens which includes fish food and drugs to treat diseases and parasites that farmed fish always will have. The more fish the more likely this this. When the Cooke pen failed, over 200,000 fish escaped. Think 200,000 fish or more and the amount of fish feces that are generated each day, the food that goes into these pens, and the drugs. My state and the feds have and are spending millions to try to get pollutants out of the Salish Sea. It is really stupid to do this and then allow fish farms that just add to this problem. I also know diseases and parasites can get out of fish pens. Endangered and threatened species of fish, and highly valued species, live in the Salish Sea. We don't want these to be exposed to diseases and parasites from fish farms. Avian flu (birds) and CWD (mammals) first developed and spread from farmed animals to wild animals. Same with the disease that now plagues our American bison. Factory farming of all kinds needs to end, including factory farming of fish in the Salish Sea. Maybe we need to put something in our state's constitution that WA State will not consider fish farming in our waters.

Response to I-65-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-66: Francisco Santiago-#193;vila

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:27 PM

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Comment I-66-1

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Response to I-66-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-67: Ronald Weidenbach

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:07 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-67-1

November 5, 2024 Washington State Board of Natural Resources SEPA File No. 24-10161 To Whom It May Concern: I am a fishery biologist and President of the Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association. I have been active in fisheries and aquaculture research since 1970 (University of Miami, University of Michigan, and the East West Environment and Policy Institute), and as a commercial aquaculture producer in Hawaii since 1978. Sustainable aquaculture practices, including salmon net pen culture, are well-known and widely practiced, and take the pressure off our domestic and global wild fisheries to meet growing seafood demand. Such sustainable aquaculture practices have also been demonstrated to be the most efficient form of animal protein production to meet the nutrition needs of a growing national and global population. The University of Washington fisheries program has long been a national model of excellence in fisheries and aquaculture science. My friend, the late Dr. Ken Chew, was a highly respected UW scientist who epitomized the forward-thinking leadership of the aquaculture industry in the State of Washington. It is very troubling and disappointing that current DAR leadership is referencing long outdated practices and data to reverse the State of Washington's long support for progressive, science-based aquaculture development and commercial net pen production. This is especially so at a time when such production is so badly needed to reduce the high carbon footprint of seafood imports and to support the preservation of Washington's working waterfronts. The HAAA strongly hopes that science and common sense will prevail and that this ill-advised effort to ban sustainable net pen farming in the State of Washington will be rejected. Sincerely, Ronald P. Weidenbach, HAAA President

Response to I-67-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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I-68: sebastian Belle

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:15 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-68-1

Response to I-68-1

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I-69: Gary Luhm

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:41 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-69-1

Dear Board of Natural Resources, Uphold the ban of industrial marine net pen aquiculture. This industry is irresponsible and should be banned from our waters. Fish diseases, pollution from waste, and escaping fish make this industry a dangerous hazard. Support the Executive Order banning industrial net pen use in Puget Sound. Thank you for your service. Gary Luhm

Response to I-69-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-70: Jessica Helsley

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 3:09 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-70-1

Response to I-70-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-71: Tia Skerbeck

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:20 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-71-1

I support the proposed rule that would ban net pens. Net pens offer too much of a risk than they do of a benefit to the environment. As a citizen of Port Angeles, I do not welcome net pens operating in the waters outside Port Angeles, especially in our around the waters in the Elwha River watershed. The watershed is still in active recovery from dam removal and net pens jeopardize this progress by presenting barriers in the water, and contamination. Secondary, net pens in Port Angeles Harbor will undo much of the mitigation and clean up efforts that are underway in the harbor. Lastly, as a tribal member of the Lower Elwha Tribe, net pens pose a risk to my treaty rights by damaging salmon habitat faster than it can be restored.

Response to I-71-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-72: Graham Young

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 9:33 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-72-1

November 6, 2024 Dear Members of the Board, I am writing to respectfully request that the Board thoroughly evaluates the best available science before decisions are made on the future of commercial net pen aquaculture in Puget Sound. There are no credible peer-reviewed scientific studies that provide any support for the notion that the many years of net pen operations have had any significant impact on wild and hatcheryorigin Pacific salmon stocks in Puget Sound. Thus, the argument made by Commissioner Franz that banning commercial net pen operations will result in the recovery of these stocks is one that is entirely unsupported by current scientific evidence. Indeed, Commissioner Franz has never addressed the scientific basis for such a ban. I also note that the opinions and conclusions of other WA State agencies seem to have been dismissed in this rush by Commissioner Franz to ban net pen operations. NOAA's 2022 Biological Opinion on marine finfish aquaculture in Puget Sound, a multi-year study, provides a 215-page comprehensive objective analysis of existing relevant published scientific studies. The compelling conclusions from this Biological Opinion are (directly quoted from the published Opinion) are: "...we conclude that the proposed action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of PS Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), PS steelhead (*O. mykiss*), Hood Canal summer-run chum (HCSRC; *O. keta*), PS/Georgia Basin (PS/GB) yelloweye rockfish (*Sebastes ruberrimus*) or PS/GB bocaccio (*S. paucispinis*). Further, we conclude that the proposed action is not likely to result in the destruction or adverse modification of the designated critical habitats for any of the listed species." Also of relevance in the area of the risk assessment is the 2022 guidance document for "Commercial Marine Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture in Puget Sound and Strait of Juan de Fuca, Washington" issued by the State's Departments of Natural Resources, Ecology, Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife. This guidance assesses current scientific evidence, provides a pathway for agencies to increase oversight, sets net pen engineering standards and importantly, recommends increased funding for research that would provide further scientific data. I participated in an external review of this document, led by Professor Jim Seeb, at the request of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. In comparing current regulations in several countries that farm salmon in net pens (including Norway, Australia, New Zealand and Chile) with those in the US, it is apparent that the current WA State and federal regulations on net pen operations are already some of the strictest in the world. WA State citizens are accustomed to regulatory decisions made by the state on environmental matters that are grounded in the best available science. The issues under review are complex and decisions should not be driven by scientifically-unsupported statements from Commissioner Franz and some local environmental NGOs. Other major national and international environmental NGOs (e.g., The Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund) and governments recognize that net pen aquaculture can be performed in an environmentally-sustainable and societally-responsible manner and will be an important component of meeting the challenge of ensuring food security for a rapidly increasing global population that increasingly will face climate-change related impacts on terrestrial food production. I urge the Board to engage with all stakeholders in a science-driven approach to rule making rather than an approach driven by political expediency. This could be accomplished through convening a panel of experts including representatives from state and federal agencies, tribes, NGOs and from our universities to analyze the current state of scientific knowledge and provide our citizens with assurance that scientific knowledge, not politics, will drive decisions on net pens in Puget Sound. It is crucially important that this effort solicits the knowledge and opinions of indigenous tribes. I submit this comment both as a concerned citizen residing on Bainbridge Island and as the Executive Director of the Western Regional Aquaculture Center, a long-established program funded through the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and hosted by the University of Washington. This

Center funds multi-state research projects by institutions in the twelve western states to support the development of environmentally-sustainable and societally responsible commercial culture of finfish, shellfish and seaweeds. I have also taught aquaculture-related topics to thousands of undergraduate and graduate students in the US and New Zealand during my 35 years in academia. Sincerely Graham Young, PhD Executive Director, USDA-NIFA Western Regional Aquaculture Center School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences University of Washington, Seattle WA 98195 Email: grahamy@uw.edu Conflict of interest statement: I have never received any form of compensation, monetary or in-kind, from any commercial aquaculture company.

Response to I-72-1

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I-73: Chris McReynolds

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:25 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-73-1

November 4, 2024 Re: SEPA File No. 24-101601 Washington Board of Natural Resources Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources, My Name is Chris McReynolds, I was born and raised in the greater Puget Sound, where it was impressed upon me through my upbringing the tremendous importance of respecting and properly managing the environment that we enjoy. My father, who was Governor Dan Evans' Press Secretary was a great influence on me and helped shape my appreciation for the environment in which I live and have made my living for more than 40 years. I started my career in fisheries in 1979 as fisherman in Alaska so that I could pay my way through college. What started as a means for covering my college tuition, turned into a

lifelong career. During my career I have worked in every continent, and in all aspects of the fishing and seafood industry. In between 2006-2012, I had the pleasure of working closely with the World Wildlife Fund on the management of the fisheries in Southern Hemisphere, which only further accentuated my belief in the importance of properly managing our global fisheries. Through my 40+ year career in the commercial fishing industry I have learned first-hand to respect the marine environment at all times, protect it for the future, and never take it for granted. I have also learned that our wild stocks, domestically and globally have been at full exploitation or over-exploitation since the early 90's. When I graduated from college in 1984, the world's population was in excess of 4 billion people, and in just 40 years the world's population has ballooned to north of 8 billion people. Our doctors and media impress upon us at every corner of the health importance of making fish an important part of our diet. The affluency of the global population is growing, and with that rise comes the demand for higher quality food and nutrition. In 1996, I had the luxury of meeting Kofi Anan at the World Health Organization, and during our brief discussion he highlighted the importance of good food for the building of strong and capable minds. He also strongly believed that the world needs to become significantly less reliant on the wild catch fish and look alternative seafood sources. This was an epiphany for me, and since the early 2000's I have focused my attention in the area of aquaculture. In response to diminishing wild stocks of fish, the world has turned to aquaculture to generate food. As of today, the world's production of aquaculture fish has exceeded harvesting of the wild catch species and is now more than 100 million metric tons annually.. Countries around the world are successfully farming fish, and learn to do so responsibly and effectively. Naturally, in any developing industry there are many challenges that arise and need to be addressed. Similarly, as in any industry, there are good and responsible operators, as there are also irresponsible operators. A ban on aquaculture in the state of Washington will not solve our food supply challenges for the future. We need to protect this important food source, and embrace the good operators and actively weed out the bad operators. Time and again, It has been demonstrated around the world that aquaculture can be pursued in a responsible and sustainable manner. The seafood and fishing industry has a long and important history in Washington state, and it continues to provide jobs to many people, bring in tremendous revenue to the state from a wide pool of domestic and international customers, and encourages organizations to invest in the state of Washington. An across the board ban of aquaculture in the state of Washington will not save the wild stock fish of the Pacific Northwest. The wild stock fish populations have long been under pressure and threat from the timber industry, agricultural industry, dams, urban growth and man itself. Aquaculture not only takes pressure off of the harvesting of the wild fish stocks and provides revenue to the state, aquaculture is critical to the enhancement and rejuvenation of our lakes, rivers and streams. We need to properly manage aquaculture just as we do other industries. These critical decisions concerning aquaculture need to be based upon the extensive amounts of existing science, and should not be based upon emotion. The state of Washington is rich in the scientific knowledge of the fisheries. To ignore the use of establish science to determine the future of aquaculture in the state of Washington would be fatal error. As a state, we need to use the extensive available science and human knowledge to shape and encourage a sustainable and vibrant industry, while also using science and proper management practices to shape and enforce policies for protecting the environment. The current proposed policy is being unnecessarily fast tracked through process, while ignoring the use of science, engagement of stakeholders on both sides, and resisting the efforts to seek practical solutions. The currently proposed policy is being hastily being pushed through, and will have a significant impact on the environment, economics, and the Washington state citizens who make their livelihood from aquaculture and the related industries. We need to take our time and make the right decision. Best regards Chris McReynolds Chief Executive Officer

Response to I-73-1

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Regarding the timeline, The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

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I-74: Ricky Safford

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 5:35 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-74-1

Response to I-74-1

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The Department has followed the requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the APA's requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

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I-75: Cyr Couturier

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 7:56 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-75-1

As an academic researcher working on solutions for the net pen industry across North America, in Africa (Kenya), and the EU, I have seen tremendous improvements in the past decades on reductions in benthic impacts with modern finfish farming, such that husbandry practices including site fallowing, improved feed management and innovations thereto, and habitats are impacted negligibly by finfish net pen farming, based on scientific assessments conducted. Canada and EU now use video analysis to examine benthic impacts of net pen farms, and this is carefully monitored prior to, during and after production (based on experimental work done by colleagues of mine), and we have seen clear improvements in benthic habitat in all areas of the country, from east to west. I have also seen corroborating evidence that the benthic impact of finfish farms in Washington State undertaken by fish health and ecologist experts, are also minimally impacted, and generally speaking biodiversity is maintained. In some cases, as well, we have seen increases in fisheries biomasses for crustaceans, and groundfish, such as near and

under netpens in salmon farming in BC, in NB, in shallow waters. these have been reported in the literature already. In Kenya, for example, where Victory Fish Farms is doing netpen farming of Tilapia in Lake Victoria, to the tune of about 10,000 tonnes in a half dozen sites, the habitat provisions by the netpens have actually allowed for recovery of local wild fish nurseries. In conclusion, the benthic impacts of salmonid netpen farming can be, and are negligible with advances in modern farming techniques and practices, and in many instances we are now seeing enhanced habitats, and fisheries production associated with these farming operations. Scientific references can be supplied upon request for consideration.

Response to I-75-1

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I-76: HOWARD SPROUSE

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:09 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-76-1

Salmon aquaculture has been a part of the Pacific Northwest economy for over fifty years and is a key element of the finfish market worldwide. I have been professionally involved in fisheries and the aquaculture industry in Washington State and Alaska since the 1970s as it has safely evolved and improved over the many decades. My involvement includes design and construction of machinery and vessels, modernization of FLUPSY (flow upwelling system) construction of our State's first land based private seaweed farm, construction of the first land based fresh water aquaponic farm in Port Angeles which (organically) raised arctic char and fresh vegetables with low energy inputs year round, transportation of fry and adult net pen reared salmon, and design and construction of benthic nearshore habitat restoration vessels and design/ construction of nearshore bottom sampling devices used in aquaculture, marine toxicology, and oil spill response. The number of jobs and people whose employment was made possible by our marine based industries here is in the hundreds. The global need for food and fish protein cannot be overstated as can the continuing (successful) efforts within academia, industry, and public agencies to improve efficiencies, including environmental effects from these technologies. Of particular importance is how we respond and adapt to the changing environment caused by climate change and the effects of this on all of the important natural resource based industries, including regional fisheries. To limit responsible development and the continuation of these important industries will cause enormous damage to the future economy of our area without serving the need for responsible management of publicly owned aquatic lands. Additionally, this opportunity for public input and decisions made by the DNR must include ALL environmental effects, including the effects on the human environment

that are caused by the policy changes being proposed. The wording of this opportunity for comment is specific to matters including 'degradation of the benthic environment, biofouling, and additional ecological impacts to aquatic habitat'. These, of course have been addressed over the years primarily by changes in health and safety regulations mandated through federal agencies followed by solutions from scientific, industrial, and academic input and adaptation, not from permanent limitations imposed by land management agencies.

Response to I-76-1

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I-77: Tom Hansen

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:38 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-77-1

Please accept my public comments regarding environmental monitoring, organic waste, and Biomass/Feed.

Response to I-77-1

Thank you for your comment.

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instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-78: Tom Hansen

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:48 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-78-1

I am resubmitting a public comment that was originally for the new Net Pen Guidance Document in 2020. It covers failures of the industry's business practices, NPDES violations, and other relevant information. I was requesting that the State deny Cooke's permit to raise native steelhead

Response to I-78-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-79: Langley Gace

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:50 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-79-1

November 7, 2024 Re: SEPA No. 24-101601 To Whom It May Concern: The proposed ban on commercial net pens in Washington state isn't reasonable. Furthermore, the rule-making process should be slowed to allow the Board of Natural Resources to fully understand the latest advancements in fish farming. As a mechanical ocean engineer who has worked in the aquaculture field for two decades, I am well aware that fish farming detractors often rely on outdated information without taking the time to become familiar with the rapid pace of innovation in this field. There is no doubt that aquaculture is the future. In the United States, as well as states like Maine and Washington, rigorous regulations exist to ensure that the operation has minimal impacts on the environment, producing nutritious and affordable protein that the world needs. Please reject the proposed rule banning commercial net pens in Washington. Science does not support such a ban. Respectfully submitted, Langley Gace, Senior Vice President Innovasea, Inc. Bainbridge Island, Washington

Response to I-79-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal

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I-80: Kathleen D. Hansen

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:30 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-80-1

Please see the attached Public Comment for: SEPA File No. 24-101601

Response to I-80-1

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I-81: James Parsons

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:55 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-81-1

Please find attached my Public Comments and supporting documentation.

Response to I-81-1

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I-82: Kevin Bright

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:16 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-82-1

Response to I-82-1

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I-83: ANDREW WYNNE

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:23 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-83-1

Recall before... massive cages crammed with fish, confined in our Sound. Seagulls are going crazy overhead, feasting on the gross stuff leaking out. Remember that Labor Day weekend in 2021? The stench of rotting fish food piled up by those old nets was enough to make us leave our house for days. And don't forget those disease outbreaks back, such as in 2012 that hit salmon farms up and down the coast. Seagulls everywhere, sea lions barking – it was the dump. But now... Ever since Bainbridge Island net pens were removed, the difference is clear. No more nasty garbage dumps with birds swarming everywhere. You can actually see the rocks under the water, and the place is cleaner. Keep net pens out of our water. They're are bad news. Let's support local fishermen and sustainable fishing practices instead. Our Sound deserves better!

Response to I-83-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-84: Jonathan Aymong

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:26 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-84-1

It will hurt Washington natural fish if closed people will go to wild caught production and it will destroy and even enter fish

Response to I-84-1

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I-85: Henning Gatz

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 1:41 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-85-1

Re: SEPA File No. 24-101601. Please follow the science, not the politics. Properly sited and operated net pen aquaculture facilities are a net positive for Washington State. By destroying this industry you are killing jobs and businesses. The local industry has already agreed to the ban on non-native species like Atlantic salmon. Please don't take away many peoples' livelihood. As a company involved in sustainable aquaculture business development in Washington since 1987 we see this pending ban as a huge step backwards for Washington State.

Response to I-85-1

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I-86: jeffrey hollingsworth

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Comment I-86-1

I strongly oppose allowing commercial net pen aquaculture in Washington and urge the State to finalize the regulations forbidding it. Commercial pen aquaculture endangers native fish stocks, pollutes our waterways and is contrary to many of our clean and safe water objectives. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my comments.

Response to I-86-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-87: Terri Grinnell

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Comment I-87-1

SEPA File#25-101691 As a life long resident of the Olympic Peninsula, I am strongly in favor of utilizing our state-owned aquatic lands for commercial finfish net pen aquaculture. The science from highly regarded agencies, such as NOAA, provides evidence that net pen aquaculture can be done responsibly and with minimal impacts to the environment. The US imports billions of pounds of seafood from other countries that have little regulatory oversight. This issue plus declining wild stocks places pressure on our markets to be able to provide quality and affordable seafood. It is unfathomable to me that we would not use minute fraction of the 2.6 million acres of aquatic lands to raise our own high quality seafood for citizens of the US. Please slow down this process to adequately address the concerns of the public and the Tribes consultative input.

Response to I-87-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

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I-88: Terra MacDonald

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Submit Method: Website

Comment I-88-1

SEPA File No. 24-101601 The decision to rush through a ban on net pens in Washington State is not supported by sound science and expert-advised decision making. I am a fish veterinarian with expertise and experience in net pen farming. DNR did not seek advice or input from any fish health professionals, including those from American Fisheries Society Fish Health Section or the American Association of Fish Veterinarians (AAFV), prior to rushing this decision making process.

The risk of removing net pens includes the loss of significant economic opportunity, and the benefit is not based on true risk management. Wild salmon and other species of concern face far more serious and pressing threats than that from net pens, which has been shown by decades of study to be negligible. The DNR should focus their efforts on these far more pressing issues such as habitat destruction, climate change-associated phenomenon including temperature fluctuations and decreased prey availability, predation, and overfishing.

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I-89: Nick Brown

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 2:42 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-89-1

The order to ban net pen operations in Puget sound is short-sighted and ignores extensive scientific analysis and judicial rulings which found that there are no significant adverse environmental impacts arising from marine fish farming. In fact, studies have shown that that finfish aquaculture in Puget Sound is compatible with wild fish; it does not cause permanent damage to the benthic environment, it does not cause pollution and it does not increase sea lice prevalence in wild fish. This action will kill jobs and economic activity and reduce the availability of sustainably produced seafood in the region. The decision makes no sense other than advancing a political agenda in which hard working fish farmers and their families will become the scapegoats and ultimate victims.

Response to I-89-1

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I-90: Phil Gibson

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 3:31 PM

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Comment I-90-1

To: Washington Board of Natural Resources November 6, 2024 RE: SEPA 24-10160 Board members I'm taking this opportunity to provide my thoughts concerning the proposed ban on commercial net-pen finfish aquaculture in Washington, which is a very bad idea. But first I'll speak to the qualifications for why you should listen to me. My name is Phil Gibson. I am a veteran of the seafood industry, serving over the course of nearly 40 years in nearly all phases of production, distribution, and sales of seafood products. For many of those years I was the corporate director of seafood for Safeway, Inc. In that capacity I was the architect of the first national grocery chain store full-commitment sustainable seafood procurement policy, recognized by a broad cross-section of industry and non-government groups as a model leading the way towards improved procurement practices for many companies. Since then I have worked with industry and non-government groups to improve the health and safety of fishing and rearing practices. I also served as a board member and the CEO of Finger Lakes Fish dba LocalCoho, a pioneering land-based RAS (recirculation aquaculture system) salmon farm located in western New York state. Currently I am CEO of Resiliensea Group LLC, a consultancy focused on the seafood industry which advises companies on sustainable production, sourcing and marketing practices. I am writing to you because aquaculture is the future of the seafood industry and should be guided and directed, but not prohibited. Wild-capture seafood production is at or beyond the capacity to sustain itself globally, and as global human populations continue to increase there must be more production of aquaculture, not less. Given the continued deterioration of native stocks of wild species in Washington state due to a number of factors that include land and water pollution as well as impacts from climate change, providing an environment for raising and harvesting finfish in a controlled environment makes sense. The science behind marine aquaculture has become robust, building on the experiences learned over fifty years of production. Raising native species in this environment poses little danger to other populations of marine life. I won't delve into many of the reasons why the board should not prohibit net-pen operations because they are amply covered by others who are addressing the subject. I just want to address the human factor. Coastal communities that depend on fishing have been seriously impacted by the long-term declines in wild species stocks in this state. Shortened seasons that include outright bans have become frequent and have decimated the families that depend on the sea for their livelihood. Shifting from short-season or even non-season boom-or-bust fishing to a year-round stable employment base would be a boon to both native and non-native communities. This should be a top priority to consider in any decision made concerning whether to allow these operations. The marine waters of Washington are ideal for aquaculture operations. To refuse to allow them is short sighted, counter-productive, and a disservice to the people who depend on seafood production for their livelihoods. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my opinion. Phil Gibson, CEO, Resiliensea Group LLC.

Response to I-90-1

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I-91: Trevor Warren

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 3:38 PM

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Comment I-91-1

I have worked in aquaculture for most of my adult life as a subcontractor for various Washington hatcheries. Limiting or banning of net pen permits destroys jobs and just puts more pressure on our wild fisheries when farm raised fish becomes scarcer. Compared to most land based agriculture aquaculture has a very low carbon footprint and provides an alternative to commercial fishing. Please think twice about making changes that will negatively impact the livelihood of people like me and our wild fisheries.

Response to I-91-1

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I-92: Erika Brigante

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 4:01 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-92-1

SEPA File No. 24-101601 I am a veterinarian licensed in Oregon. I have been working as a fish veterinarian for 5 years. Deciding to ban net pens in Washington should not be a rushed decision. In addition, fish health professionals and WDFW should be consulted to inform such a decision. Aquaculture is extremely important for conservation because it helps to alleviate overfishing pressure, preserves ocean resources, and provides a food source for people. Net pen aquaculture is no different. As with all agricultural endeavors, they should be well managed and regulated to ensure that any potential risk is reduced. I would advise you to assess the records of water quality monitoring that has been done by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife when the net pens were functioning. If people are concerned about the disease risks that net pens would pose, consulting with fish health professionals and fish veterinarians is essential. Please also consider that good fish health professionals do not allow fish to be moved or introduced to areas when there are high disease risks. Fish are checked for pathogens, and eggs are used from broodstock that is not diseased to ensure that pathogens are not spread around. Trained professionals can make sure that net pens do not pose significant disease risks to wild fish. Banning net pens because somebody has claimed that there are huge disease risks to wild fish without even having done a Fish Pathogen Risk Assessment seems unwisely hasty. Completely banning things is not always the best course of action, especially when science and facts are not used to inform the decision! Have we not learned this yet? Finally, there are a lot of people that need food. Aquaculture is one of the most efficient ways to feed people. Why would you get rid of this potential food source when resources are so limited for the people in this country right now without doing the research first? Net pens could be a sustainable use of natural resources if done well. It could and should be done in a way that will have a negligible impact to the environment. All I ask is that you please do some comprehensive research before rushing through this.

Response to I-92-1

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I-93: Paul Zajicek

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 4:11 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-93-1

4543 Argyle Lane Tallahassee, Florida 32309 November 7, 2024 Noel Sharp Aquatic Resources Division Washington Department of Natural Resources 1111 Washington St SE Olympia, WA 98504 RE: Commercial Net Pen Aquaculture Rulemaking Dear Mr. Sharp: Please allow the nearshore marine net pen production of farmed fish to benefit citizens of the State of Washington by access to locally grown, nutritious, wholesome farmed seafood, the positive economic impacts generated by well-paying jobs and the sale of high-quality marine finfish locally, regionally and nationally. I predicate this request upon my experience and knowledge of net pen production and regulation. I am currently the Executive Director for the National Aquaculture Association, an advocacy nonprofit trade association, formed by the farming community in 1991. I was asked by the Association to become the Executive Director approximately 10 years ago following a 27-year career with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. As a public servant I worked as a regulatory "extension agent" explaining state and federal aquaculture and environmental regulations to Floridians and managed the permitting and regulation of approximately 600 inland and coastal submerged lands farms. The agency served as a one-stop shop for all aquaculture regulations except for Clean Water Act NPDES permits and groundwater withdrawal permits. We regulated the public if they sold one aquatic animal or plant and annually inspected their production facility for compliance with a manual of regulations entitled, "Aquaculture Best Management Practices." Please visit AQUACULTURE Best Management Practices. As the environmental manager I was tasked with writing Chapter VII, Marine Net Pens and Cages, which was accomplished through the formation of a technical advisory committee of knowledgeable applied researchers, farmers, representatives from Florida's natural resource agency and environmental advocates. In the course of drafting the regulation we visited a net pen operation in Puerto Rico and invited presentations by state agency regulators, farmers and university applied researchers from Maine and Hawaii, respectively, to inform our draft. Please read Chapter VII and for provisions to inform commonsense siting and operational requirements to avoid the several effects of concern identified in your proposed rulemaking: habitats and habitat elements, effluents, and marine debris. You will also note the State of Florida clearly stated, "Net

pen operators who do not operate their aquaculture facilities in compliance with the sovereignty submerged land and water column lease conditions and this Aquaculture Best Management Practices Manual risk the revocation of the lease instrument and/or Aquaculture Certificate of Registration and enforcement action including administrative fines." Florida wrote clear regulations and established a standard for performance that avoided an erosion in the bedrock principle of our democracy, consent of the governed, and provided for good food grown in the United States. Please also review an Environmental Protection Agency issued National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit for a Florida Sea Grant Program funded marine net pen. The permit and supporting environmental analyses and a response to significant public comments is posted here: Ocean Era, Inc. – Veleva Epsilon Aquatic Animal Production Facility National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit | US EPA. In particular, please recognize and appreciate the care and careful consideration by the permit writer, and the agencies consulted under the National Environmental Policy Act, to avoid the affects you have identified. Ironically and falsely, by prohibiting marine net pen production, you are implicitly communicating the provisions of the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act and Rivers and Harbor Act have failed the State of Washington and the nation. Marine net pens can be effectively governed and managed to avoid the effects of concern. Several years ago I led a writing team of knowledgeable farmers and a former state regulator to write this analysis: Full article: Refuting Marine Aquaculture Myths, Unfounded Criticisms, and Assumptions. This was no small task and required considerable review, thought and analysis. We looked for the good, the bad and the ugly. The great majority of studies pointed to the environmental compatibility of marine net pens. This analysis included the net pen that collapsed in State of Washington waters. Objective and thoughtful examination of the outcome of that event has found no effects, short or long term, to your biotic or abiotic resources. Siting, species selection, limitations to size and stocking density all governed by the State of Washington and federal law all contributed to this outcome. Learn from that experience as all great success springs from the crucible of failure. Our paper was dedicated to Kurt Grinnell of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. Kurt spoke, planned and worked to develop and manage marine aquaculture (shellfish and finfish culture) for the tribe. He also spoke frequently and eloquently to encourage us to plan and act for the next seven generations. Please do so as well. As informed, constructive and goal minded Americans that desire a healthy environment, sustainable, wholesome, nutritious seafood, and stable jobs and income, we can do this for the next seven generations. Please do not turn your back on marine aquaculture net pens. Please do not deny people the opportunity to succeed in all the great ways you envision for the next seven generations. All the best, /signed/ Paul Zajicek

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I-94: Mike Freeze

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Comment I-94-1

It is hard to understand how natural resource "scientists" can ignore the reams of data that show how net pen culture has evolved and is now a safe, environmentally sustainable way to farm our oceans. I guess, when Americans are hungry and/or starving, these misguided "scientists" might finally realize the error of their ways, but unfortunately it will be too late. Raise our fish sustainably in America instead of buying contaminated fish from Chiba!

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I-95: Katherine Winrich

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Comment I-95-1

As a employee of Aqua Services Inc, an aqua culture company specializing in the vaccinating of commercially raised fish, I want to voice my opinion that aqua culture is important not just for providing a renewable and low environmental impact food source but also providing much needed, and well paying, jobs.

Response to I-95-1

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I-96: Jeff Kopaska

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Comment I-96-1

Please see the attached letter from the American Fisheries Society, the Western Division of AFS, and the AFS Fish Culture Section. AFS supports sustainable growth of U.S. aquaculture. There is a lack of scientific evidence to support either a partial or full ban of net pen aquaculture in the State of Washington or elsewhere in the United States. Aquaculture faces a number of persistent, troubling falsehoods regarding the environmental footprint of net-pen aquaculture, perhaps particularly so in the State of Washington. We urge you to consider the science and to maintain opportunities for properly regulated and environmentally sound net pen aquaculture on state-owned lands in Washington.

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I-97: Tom Glaspie

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Comment I-97-1

Public Comments to DNR regarding SEPA File No. 24-101601 Tom Glaspie Oak Harbor, WA Date: November 6, 2024 Cc: Washington Board of Natural Resources The Public Notice process by DNR has been inadequately circulated and I request a continuation for this process in order to gather full public comment and information on this very serious issue. DNR has the ability to make lease conditions that will add more protections and safeguards to the environment. They need to regulate, not terminate this type of activity which can sustainably produce food and income for the

people of Washington state. The ban on net-pen aquaculture should not be allowed to go through as it is another display of how Hilary Franz has and continues to use and step outside her authority to make decisions for personal interests and should be unbiased. The DNR manages state owned lands for public use to encourage and foster the use of these lands for the production of food, fiber, income and recreation and work in the interest for all the citizens of Washington state. A blanket prohibition on a preferred water dependent use is not in the public's best interests. State law sets guidelines for DNR to use for evaluation and decision making on whether the use of public lands makes sense for the application and in the best interest of the public. In these guidelines DNR is supposed to use the community, local, state, and federal government agencies to base their decisions. Hilary Franz has failed to work with any of these agencies and she has made unilateral decisions out of her political and personal interests, which conflict with state and federal rules and policies. The net-pen aquaculture industry has always worked with the community and government agencies to produce high quality affordable seafoods for human consumption. This is in the best interest of the public. The industry has used third party certifications and inspections and will continue to carry out the necessary monitoring, practices and reporting to ensure environmental compliance and fish health safety. These reports are well documented and presented to the appropriate agencies on a routine basis. Hilary has failed to utilize the agencies and the available information as a resource on which to base her decisions. She has and continues to make false accusations without providing any scientific bases for these assumptions. She proclaims that the escapement of 250,000 fish was a tragic devastation to the environment and that net-pen aquaculture has a negative impact on wild fish. If this is true, the science should be presented and the effects of the escapement in 2017 quite apparent without a doubt. There are no reports or observations of any Atlantic salmon feral populations occurring in Washington state since this accident. The fish do not survive in the wild and there are countless scientific studies and historical evidence that escaped and purposely planted Atlantic salmon are not successful colonizers in the NW. This issue is also moot anyway, as Washington state law said that only native fish species can be raised in marine net pens now. The company I worked for moved to raising native all-female triploid steelhead. Those fish did well in the net pens, were a quality food product and can be the future for increasing local seafood, creating jobs and allowing future technological innovations to occur in Washington. A managed solution is needed for the future of the people in Washington state. A prohibition is not a managed solution, it is a one side all or nothing decision that will have unintended negative consequences for our communities, small business and the environment down the road. Around the 1980's, there was a bill presented for the net-pen industry to be self-regulated to save government time and money. The industry fought this bill because it was not in the best interest of the industry being on public lands and industry wanted the government to be involved to guide the monitoring process and develop proper regulations for the health of the environment and guidance for the industry for years to come. It was to help work through or avoid times like this. Due to the failure to renew the leases at existing marine net pens sites there was an immediate loss of income for the federal, state, local governments and the numerous small businesses my company worked with throughout the area. Also, it directly caused the direct loss of 60 to 80 jobs, loss of income for surrounding businesses, and even caused other supporting companies to close or downsize because due to this wrong decision by the Commissioner. But even more so, the greater loss is the production of locally produced, quality and affordable seafood for people in Washington. The impact of the lack of locally grown seafood on the coast requires Washington to import seafood and will continue to increase commercial fishing pressures on the wild stocks in Washington and around the world. There have been "millions" of servings of locally grown seafood that have not hit the dinner table since the lease renewal decline. The ban by DNR will only exacerbate this problem. Marine fish and shellfish aquaculture provides a future ability to

grow our seafood sources for years to come. This is not just about one company, it's about the growing demand that another 2 billion people on this planet by 2050 that will be putting immense additional pressure on the ocean capture fisheries in order to produce a vital protein source. Capture fisheries cannot sustain that pressure, and aquaculture innovation is necessary to meet this and other future challenges. That is why I strongly oppose DNR's proposed ban on commercial net-pen aquaculture. DNR has the ability to use lease conditions and other management tools to mitigate and monitor commercial fish aquaculture leaseholders and DNR needs to explain why they have not given any alternatives rather than a blanket ban on commercial net pens. It also not justifiable to allow delayed release net pens and ban commercial net pens, when they are essentially the same thing. Both are floating fish pens that feed the fish a formulated fish feed until they reach a certain size. DNR needs to review all the information available to them and look at the big picture which will require them to consult with the other state and especially the federal fisheries agencies that expertise in these future trends in order to properly design management policies that will carefully manage our public natural resources for future generations. DNR's proposed rule language is not a solution, and I strongly oppose it. Thank You, Tom Glaspie Division Operations Manager TGlaspie@Pacificseafood.com 360-391-9504

Response to I-97-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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The Department must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-98: Laurie Warren

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 6:56 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-98-1

November 7, 2024 Re: SEPA No. 24-101601 To Whom It May Concern: I am writing today to express my displeasure at the rushed rulemaking process whose aim is to completely ban net pen aquaculture in Puget Sound. Aqua Services Inc, a Washington state corporation, has been providing trained teams to work at fish farms in Washington state since 1990. In November 2022, when it was first publicly and suddenly announced that the Washington Department of Natural Resource was banning net pen aquaculture, it was clear to us that the decision was not made on the basis of scientific evidence or facts. Washington state has (had) some of the most rigorous regulations regarding net pens, and we wondered when the ban was first announced WHY this would be necessary? All producers in the USA have to comply with a host of federal and state regulations. Washington producers are (were) no exception. Such a ban appears to us to be a vote of no confidence against the Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the lead agencies in charge of commercial aquaculture in this state. This proposed ban has already had a negative impact on our business as well as a host of other small businesses that provide needed services to aquaculture producers—resulting in loss of revenue and loss of jobs. Please take the time needed to consider how such a proposed ban would affect not only Washington employers and employees, but also our future as a producer of food the world needs. Respectfully, Laurie Warren

Response to I-98-1

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I-99: Jeanne MCKNIGHT

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:01 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-99-1

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lost. In terms of lost opportunity: The existing farms that were left at the time of the lease cancellation produced annually produced around 15,000,000 lbs. of beautiful, healthy steelhead – that's roughly 30 million servings of nutritious and delicious fish per year that we now must import from other countries. And we do. (Just take a look at the country-of-origin next time you are at the fish section in your supermarket.) In terms of numbers, here's the big picture when it comes to what Washington lost when the steelhead leases in Puget Sound were cancelled, and the farms dismantled: 1. Direct economic activity in Washington state averaged around \$40 million annually, now lost. 2. Lease revenue from DNR annual leases fees for the 4 leases averaged approximately \$200,000 per year, now lost. 3. Rural employment: The cancellation of the leases resulted in the loss of 85 direct living wage jobs and several hundred more indirect jobs. Suddenly gone. 4. County land and personal property taxes for these fish pen operations generated approximately \$175,000 per year. Now lost. Not large by world standards, but significant for our rural communities. To be clear: Our vision at NWAA is to create a robust blue economy (that does not include "industrial scale" farms as some activists have alleged) but rather to continue to build a robust ecosystem of many types of aquaculture approaches and systems. While the fish farming superpowers such as Norway and Chile will continue to produce much of the fish the worlds clamors for, the USA can, and should, with Washington, Hawaii, and Maine leading the way, showcase how aquaculture can be done responsibly and sustainably under the rigorous federal and state regulation. In April 2022, the Departments of Ecology, Fish & Wildlife, Agriculture, and Natural Resources released what is often referred to as the "Net Pen Guidance Document." A prohibition of commercial net pen aquaculture as stated in the proposed rule appears to be a vote of NO CONFIDENCE in that document as well as the professionals within the agencies that created our state's rigorous aquaculture regulations. I have attached comments from our NWAA members as well as our extended networks. Thank you.

Response to I-99-1

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I-100: Jeanne MCKNIGHT

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:10 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment I-100-1

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I-101: Jeanne McKnight

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:14 PM

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I-102: Jeanne McKnight

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:17 PM

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I-103: Jeanne McKnight

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I-104: Jeanne McKnight

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I-106: Rick Safford

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 5:50 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-106-1

Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources,
Please find attached letter of comment on the ban of net-pen aquaculture. I appreciate the time taken to review this case. I hope that through your findings that the decision made will be to not ban net-pen aquaculture but move forward in the direction of supporting aquaculture for the best interest of the public.

Thank You
Rick Safford

Response to I-106-1

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I-107: Greg & Marsha Abel

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 8:49 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-107-1

Washington Board of Natural Resources

Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding DNR's rushed Rule Making Process to ban commercial net-pen aquaculture in the State of Washington. This is too important of an issue to be decided solely by DNR. It requires input from all interested parties. Moreover, does DNR even have the legal authority to do so in light of RCW 15.85.010.

Has DNR worked with the Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Agriculture or NOAA and based this proposal for a net pen ban on the science based findings of these agencies and others who have far greater expertise in practice of aquaculture than DNR? It doesn't appear so. Has DNR arranged for public forums for citizens, Washington Tribes, scientists and aquaculture experts regarding this proposed net-open ban proposal prior to the deadline for public comment? It doesn't appear so.

It is incumbent upon us to recognize the importance of supporting and growing Washington's net-pen aquaculture as a source of sustainable, healthy, and consistent animal protein. As life time Washington residents who support farm to table practices, we want to be able to buy our fish that is grown by environmentally responsible net pen farmers here in Washington State. Most of the farmed fish now available is being imported from overseas further contributing to greenhouse gas emissions due to the carbon heavy methods of transporting fresh and frozen fish. It seems that the benefits of well-regulated net pen farming of native species providing local farmed fish are much more climate friendly than importing our farmed fish from foreign countries.

Thank you for considering my comments on this critical issue. We strongly encourage you to reject the proposed ban and uphold the framework that supports sustainable aquaculture in Washington State. We would also request that DNR have a continuation of this rule making process and to extend the public comment period to allow for additional input from concerned parties and stakeholders.

Sincerely,
Greg and Marsha Abel

2701 N Washington St

Tacoma, WA 98407

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253-678-5202

Response to I-107-1

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I-108: Marcia Lagerloef

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:26 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-108-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

As the Board of Natural Resources, you have the important job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for everyone today and for future generations. I urge you to approve this rule that will ensure our public waters will be protected from the dangers associated with this industry, including both water pollution and damage to the benthic environment from excess organic matter and industrial trash; the spread of harmful viruses and diseases; and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound. These impacts are the result of this being a concentrated animal feeding operation and also due to negligent management.

Puget Sound and its ecosystems represent a finite resource of great social, cultural, and economic value and I am counting on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Given what is at stake,

industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and the greater health of Puget Sound. Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,
Marcia Lagerloef
10426 NE South Beach Dr,
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-108-1

No final response has been entered.

I-109: Michael Hom

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:35 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-109-1

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Sincerely,
Michael Hom
3814 142nd PLNE
Bellevue, WA 98007

Response to I-109-1

No final response has been entered.

I-110: Donald Harland

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:38 PM

Submit Method: Email

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Sincerely,

Donald Harland

PO Box 2080, 677 N Luther Rd

Candler, NC 28715

Response to I-110-1

No final response has been entered.

I-111: Danny Beatty

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:41 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-111-1

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Sincerely,

Danny Beatty
14833 Gibraltar Rd
Anacortes, WA 98221

Response to I-111-1

No final response has been entered.

I-112: Lee First

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:47 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-112-1

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Sincerely,

Lee First
PO Box 201
Rochester, WA 98579

Response to I-112-1

No final response has been entered.

I-113: Jamie Glasgow

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:49 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-113-1

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Sincerely,

Jamie Glasgow

3830 Biscay St. NW

Olympia, WA 98502

Response to I-113-1

No final response has been entered.

I-114: Kaija Jones

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:52 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-114-1

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Sincerely,
Jamie Glasgow
3830 Biscay St. NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Response to I-114-1

No final response has been entered.

I-115: Eycke Strickland

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:52 PM
Submit Method: Email

Comment I-115-1

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Sincerely,
Eycke strickland
613 Cedar Park Dr.
Port entrance, WA 98362

Response to I-115-1

No final response has been entered.

I-116: Karen Kiehlmeier

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:53 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-116-1

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I won't even eat a farmed fish. We need to protect our Salish Sea (AKA Puget Sound) from farmed fish diseases and do what is needed to protect our native fish. Cookes intention ia good to provide fish to our economy but not at the expenses of native fish. Lets protect our waters.

Sincerely,

Karen Kiehlmeier

P. O. Box 150

Wauna, WA 98395

Response to I-116-1

No final response has been entered.

I-117: Vicki Hahn

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:56 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-117-1

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Sincerely,

Vicki Hahn

12407 Upper Preston RD SE

Issaquah, WA 98027

Response to I-117-1

No final response has been entered.

I-118: Peter Hapke

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:57 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-118-1

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Sincerely,

peter hapke

2640 Shoreland Dr S

Seattle, WA 98144

Response to I-118-1

No final response has been entered.

I-119: Jean Mendoza

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-119-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,
I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

Please read this posting regarding the serious adverse consequences of fin fish farming:
Farmed Salmon: Welfare, Public Health, and Environmental Concerns

The ‘Mass suffering’ on Scottish salmon farms reported by Josh Loeb (VR 2014;195: 226), where sick salmon are taken out of their floating cages and put on land where they suffocate to death, is further evidence that this sector of aquaculture has continued, un-rectified issues detailed almost 30 years ago. (1). Intensive salmon farming has flourished since then, along the coastlines of several countries with limited regulations and discussion on the adoption of human slaughter methods.

Emamectin is fed to caged salmon, stressed with overcrowding confinement, to kill the lice that can plague them. But it is excreted and pollutes lochs around Scotland, killing prawns, crabs, lobsters, and other crustaceans. Tests of farmed salmon from U.S. grocery stores show that farmed salmon are likely the most PCB-contaminated protein source in the U.S. food supply. On average farmed salmon have 16 times the dioxin-like PCBs found in wild salmon, 4 times the levels in beef, and 3.4 times the dioxin-like PCBs found in other seafood. (2). Salmon accumulate PCBs from the fishmeal they are fed, so-called ‘bycatch,’ contributing to over-fishing. Scottish farmed salmon is so contaminated with PCBs, dioxins, dieldrin and toxaphene that no more than three meals of Scottish farmed salmon per year are recommended. (3). The addition of discarded salmon parts to pet foods and salmon oil supplements needs to be questioned.

PFAS (“forever” chemicals) and microplastics are also a consumer issue in salmon and other sea foods. Plastic pollution is creating a ‘plastisphere’, a widespread habitat that includes pathogenic viruses and antimicrobial-resistant bacteria that affect the health of plants, animals, and humans. Vibrio bacteria, for example, which are normally rare in the open ocean, are widely distributed in plastispheres throughout the mid-North Atlantic Ocean where they can cause diseases in marine life, including fish, shellfish, and corals, as well as in humans. (4).

Perhaps it is time for this sector of aquaculture to close or transition to sustainable, carbon-sequestering kelp farming.

Michael W. Fox

Golden Valley, Minnesota USA.

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Sincerely,
Jean Mendoza
3142 Signal Peak Road
White Swan, WA 98952

Response to I-119-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-120: Randle Carr

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-120-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources, I can't believe I have to keep sending in letters about this issue. I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,
RANDLE CARR
14363 ROAD RUNNER LN
BURLINGTON, WA 98233

Response to I-120-1

No final response has been entered.

I-121: Lawrence Hill

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:05 PM

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Comment I-121-1

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Sincerely,

Lawrence Hill

104D Twisp Airport Rd

Twisp, WA 98856

Response to I-121-1

No final response has been entered.

I-122: R Kallal

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:16 PM

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Comment I-122-1

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Sincerely,
R Kallal
PO Box 1507
Hoodsport, WA 98548

Response to I-122-1

No final response has been entered.

I-123: Cosima Krueger-Cunningham

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 3:18 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-123-1

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Sincerely,
Cosima Krueger-Cunningham
977 7th Street
Boulder, CO 80302

Response to I-123-1

No final response has been entered.

I-124: Janie Pulsifer

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:24 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-124-1

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Sincerely,

Janie Pulsifer

5074 Mutiny Bay Road

FREELAND, WA 98249

Response to I-124-1

No final response has been entered.

I-125: Gary Gunder

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:41 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-125-1

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Sincerely,

Gary Gunder

61-470 Kamehameha HWY

Haleiwa, HI 96712

Response to I-125-1

No final response has been entered.

I-126: Catherine de Marin

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:46 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-126-1

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Sincerely,

catherine de marin

4644 332nd Ave SE

Fall City, WA 98024

Response to I-126-1

No final response has been entered.

I-127: Curtis White

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-127-1

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Sincerely,

Curtis White

10 Andrews Rd

Bath, ME 04530

Response to I-127-1

No final response has been entered.

I-128: Andrea Hegland

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:07 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-128-1

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Sincerely,

Andrea Hegland
141 W Stardust Lane
Shelton, WA 98584

Response to I-128-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-129: Debra Ellers

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:13 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-129-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,
As a leader of the local chapter of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness which covers the geographic region of the Salish Sea in Washington, I want to express strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,

Debra Ellers

1710 Quincy St.

Port Townsend, WA 98368

Response to I-129-1

No final response has been entered.

I-130: Raelene Gold

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:22 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-130-1

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Sincerely,

Raelene Gold

10519 East Riverside Dr

Bothell, WA 98011

Response to I-130-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-131: Querido Galdo

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:23 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-131-1

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Sincerely,
Querido Galdo
PO Box 1415
Gualala, CA 95445

Response to I-131-1

No final response has been entered.

I-132: Angela Mastaloudis

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:47 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-132-1

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Sincerely,
Angela Mastaloudis
4865 S. Wander Ln
Holladay, UT 84117

Response to I-132-1

No final response has been entered.

I-133: Mary Patno

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:32 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-133-1

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Sincerely,

Mary Patno

POB 1368

Jackson, WY 83001

Response to I-133-1

No final response has been entered.

I-134: Judy Schultz

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-134-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

Although I am not a resident of Washington, I am writing in strong support of Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

We have "lost" over 70% of wildlife over the past 50 years due to human activity - development, habitat destruction, dams, pesticides, wildlife slaughter - and fish farms.

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Sincerely,

Judy Schultz

2741 Bush St

San Francisco, CA 94115

Response to I-134-1

No final response has been entered.

I-135: Jim Ballweber

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-135-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

Jim Ballweber

1311 N Cedar St

Tacoma, WA 98406

Response to I-135-1

No final response has been entered.

I-136: Jessica Witt

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-136-1

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Sincerely,
Jessica Witt
630 Lanley Dr
Winsdor, CO 80550

Response to I-136-1

No final response has been entered.

I-137: Randall Collins

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:40 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-137-1

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I support Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,
Randall Collins
530 4th Ave W Apt 309
Seattle, WA 98119

Response to I-137-1

No final response has been entered.

I-138: Paul Beck

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:53 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-138-1

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Sincerely,
paul beck
511 Lake Farm Road
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Response to I-138-1

No final response has been entered.

I-139: Sarah Hanson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:07 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-139-1

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Sincerely,

Sarah Hanson

PO Box 1732

FRIDAY HARBOR, WA 98250

Response to I-139-1

No final response has been entered.

I-140: Bonnie Miller

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:13 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-140-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,
I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.
I urge you to approve this rule.

Given what is at stake, industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters. We need to do all that we can that will lead to the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and the greater health of Puget Sound.

Please make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Miller
900 UNIVERSITY STREET APT15BC
SEATTLE, WA 98101

Response to I-140-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-141: James Mantooth

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:16 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-141-1

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Sincerely,
James Mantooth
2238 E. Lindberg Rd.
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Response to I-141-1

No final response has been entered.

I-142: Yvette Goot

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:14 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-142-1

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Sincerely,

Yvette Goot

697 Raska Way

Colville, WA 99114

Response to I-142-1

No final response has been entered.

I-143: Nelly Prestat

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 11:56 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-143-1

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Sincerely,
Nelly PRESTAT
17 bis rue de Champ la Dame
CHAUFFRY, VT 77169

Response to I-143-1

No final response has been entered.

I-144: Kate Skrainka

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:15 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-144-1

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Sincerely,
Kate Skrainka
10115 162nd PL NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Response to I-144-1

No final response has been entered.

I-145: Judy Pickens

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 8:45 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-145-1

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Sincerely,

Judy Pickens

4539 SW Director Pl

Seattle, WA 98136

Response to I-145-1

No final response has been entered.

I-146: Thomas Frenock

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 9:06 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-146-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

Much like animal feed lots, where our cattle are concentrated prior to slaughter, net-pen aquaculture, with its concentration of fish, is a known major polluter of bio hazards into our waters. To further add to the impact of this pollution, Puget Sound and the rest of the Salish Sea do not effectively flush out these effluents in an exchange for fresh sea water.

These effluents profoundly affect the quality of our waters and the natural life that it supports, whether it be aquatic plants or animals. In particular, these effluents pose a serious danger to our native salmon population and those depends on it, such as our resident orca population and the humans who fish commercially or recreationally.

Therefore, I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial fin fish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters. As the Board of Natural Resources, you have the important job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for everyone today and for future generations. I urge you to approve this rule that will ensure our public waters will be protected from the dangers associated with this industry, including daily rampant pollution, the spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound.

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Sincerely,

Thomas Frenock

1627 209th Pl NE

Sammamish, WA 98074

Response to I-146-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-147: Patricia Coffey

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:20 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-147-1

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Sincerely,
Patricia Coffey
2253 Woodbine Rd
Langley, WA 98260

Response to I-147-1

No final response has been entered.

I-148: Peter Fenczik

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:42 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-148-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,
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Sincerely,
Peter Fenczik
372 Park St
San Francisco, CA 94110

Response to I-148-1

No final response has been entered.

I-149: Bill McMillan

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 12:31 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-149-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

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Along our property edge on the Skagit River, 6 miles downstream of the town of Concrete, after the Cypress Island net pen incident 5 Atlantic salmon that strayed from that collapse were caught by anglers and shown to me. Reports from others indicated a number of other net pen escapees as far upstream as Rockport on the Skagit River. Others were included in Upper Skagit tribal catches downstream from our location about 5 miles as reported and shown in the news.

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Sincerely,

Bill McMillan

40104 Savage Road

Concrete, WA 98237

Response to I-149-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-150: Edward Shallenberger, Ph.D.

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 1:53 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-150-1

Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources:

I am writing to oppose the proposed ban on native-species net pen aquaculture in Washington State. As the previous manager of net pen operations in Puget Sound, the Columbia River and Maine; Resident Fisheries biologist for the Colville Tribes; and a certified Best Aquaculture Practices auditor, I am well qualified to express my opinions on this matter.

Net pen aquaculture was first developed in Washington State and has since been adopted as a sustainable method of increasing seafood production in Canada, Chile, Norway, Iceland, throughout European and Asian countries, in New Zealand, and in Australia. It has repeatedly been shown to be one of the lowest carbon methods to produce a sustainable protein source for the growing human population. A well-regulated, properly managed marine fish farming operation is an efficient way to produce seafood, create economic activity and provide solid year-round employment opportunities and professional careers. In Washington State there are strict monitoring and reporting requirements by the Department of Ecology, WDFW, and Native American Tribes to ensure compliance with all the environmental regulations. Instead of banning the use outright, DNR has the management ability to use permit compliance conditions within their leases to mitigate and monitor for potential impacts from marine net pen facilities. DNR can add lease conditions and monitoring requirements to further safeguard the environment. DNR does not need an outright prohibition to protect the environment and therefore this rule is an overreach. The rule will do more to harm the environment by making Washington citizen more reliant on imported seafoods, which comes with a larger carbon footprint, to be able to add a healthy seafood protein source to their diets.

This industry is rapidly evolving and new technological breakthroughs will continue to be adopted that will continue to improve on the efficiencies and environmental performance of this relatively new form of food production.

The proposed ban on net pen aquaculture is based on pseudo-science and deliberate misinformation. Any resource agency's rule making decisions should be based on a complete, unbiased review of science and decisions need to be based on measured effects on the environment. Sampling and research around Washington's marine net pens have repeatedly shown that there are minimal negative changes to the environmental conditions around net operations. There are numerous studies around the world, and in Washington, which show there are actually beneficial reef effects that can occur from the habitat created by the floating structures. To ban net pen aquaculture would be a huge loss to the citizens of Washington State.

Respectively submitted,
Edward Shallenberger, Ph.D.

Response to I-150-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

- (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

The Department must balance competing paramount concerns with environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf.

I-151: John Lee

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 3:25 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-151-1

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Sincerely,

John Lee

3580 Overlook Dr

Langley, WA 98260

Response to I-151-1

No final response has been entered.

I-152: Aileen Jeffries

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:21 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-152-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

Aileen Jeffries

PO Box 601

Winthrop, WA 98862

Response to I-152-1

No final response has been entered.

I-153: Jenny Degroot

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:05 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-153-1

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Please do the right thing for Washington waters, wild salmon and orcas.

Sincerely,

Jenny Degroot

290 Mount Woolard Rd

Eastsound, WA 98245

Response to I-153-1

No final response has been entered.

I-154: Rachel Haymon

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:48 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-154-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

Rachel Haymon

14 Martins Rd

Trout Lake, WA 98650

Response to I-154-1

No final response has been entered.

I-155: Corey Rusk

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 11:50 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-155-1

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Sincerely,

Corey Rusk

321 High School Rd. NE

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-155-1

No final response has been entered.

I-156: Diane Rusk

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 11:51 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-156-1

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Sincerely,

Diane Rusk

321 High School Rd. NE

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-156-1

No final response has been entered.

I-157: Ronald Howlett

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 6:21 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-157-1

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Sincerely,

Ronald Howlett

9317 NE South Beach Drive

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-157-1

No final response has been entered.

I-158: Jean Langford

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:32 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-158-1

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In our land acknowledgements we always thank the Suquamish, Duwamish, and other Salish Sea peoples for being such excellent stewards of the land and water. It's time for current residents and their leaders to step up and become excellent stewards ourselves! Don't let those words of thanks be ironic covers for policies that wreak destruction on this beautiful and sacred place.

Sincerely,

Jean Langford

14778 Sivertson Rd NE

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-158-1

No final response has been entered.

I-159: Fritz Jaenike

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:26 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-159-1

To Whom it May Concern,

Please find attached my comments regarding the proposed net pen ban, SEPA File No. 24-101601.

Thank you,

Fritz Jaenike

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Fritz Jaenike

Response to I-159-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

- (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

The Department must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-160: Mark Sherwood

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 2:42 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-160-1

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Sincerely,

Mark Sherwood

813 7th St. Suite 200A

Oregon City, OR 97045

Response to I-160-1

No final response has been entered.

I-161: Douglas Love

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-161-1

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Sincerely,

Douglas Love

9309 NE South Beach Dr

Bainbridge Is, WA 98110

Response to I-161-1

No final response has been entered.

I-162: Linda Becker

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 3:53 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-162-1

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Sincerely,

Linda Becker

44 Eagle Crest Dr Apt 6

Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Response to I-162-1

No final response has been entered.

I-163: Amanda Bullis

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 12:47 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-163-1

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Sincerely,

Amanda Bullis

5603 Bayview Road

Langley, WA 98260

Response to I-163-1

No final response has been entered.

I-164: Ivan Cross

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 5:06 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-164-1

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Sincerely,

Ivan Cross

1208 S. West Camano Dr.

Camano Island, WA 98282

Response to I-164-1

No final response has been entered.

I-165: William Young

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 11:25 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-165-1

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Sincerely,
William Young
4421 E. Oregon Street
Bellingham, WA 98226

Response to I-165-1

No final response has been entered.

I-166: Jon Quitslund

Submit Date: 11/09/2024 1:11 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-166-1

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I strongly believe that the action taken by Commissioner Franz was appropriate, and it should be sustained.

Sincerely,
Jon Quitslund
5192 NE Sullivan Road

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-166-1

No final response has been entered.

I-167: Jonah Griffith

Submit Date: 11/10/2024 10:31 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-167-1

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Sincerely,
JONAH GRIFFITH
7331 21st Ave NW
SEATTLE, WA 98117

Response to I-167-1

No final response has been entered.

I-168: Renee Kopf

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 11:21 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-168-1

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Sincerely,
renee kopf
1820 fulton Street
Falls City, NE 68355

Response to I-168-1

No final response has been entered.

I-169: Forest Shomer

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 11:47 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-169-1

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Sincerely,
Forest Shomer
PO Box 639
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Response to I-169-1

No final response has been entered.

I-170: Bruce Dobson

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 9:30 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-170-1

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Sincerely,
Bruce Dobson
5026 Deer Trail Ln
Langley, WA 98260

Response to I-170-1

No final response has been entered.

I-171: Jackie Lasater

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 9:34 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-171-1

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Sincerely,
Jackie Lasater
5290 Slocum Way
Freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-171-1

No final response has been entered.

I-172: Sandra Brouillette-Jobe

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 9:51 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-172-1

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Sincerely,
Sandra Brouillette-Jobe
PO Box 520
Freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-172-1

No final response has been entered.

I-173: Susan Bennet

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 10:41 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-173-1

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Sincerely,

Susan Bennett

2191 goss ridge rd

freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-173-1

No final response has been entered.

I-174: Steve Koehler

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 2:26 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-174-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

Dear Commissioner Franz and Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

We must uphold the ban on net pen aquaculture in Washington State waters. Net pens have a demonstrated negative effect on water quality, are vectors exposing native fish to diseases and parasites, and have had repeated failures releasing untold numbers of diseased domesticated fish into public waters. Cooke Aquaculture has shown itself to be a delinquent corporation, acting with no regard for our local resources. Thank you for taking our comments.

Sincerely,

Steve Koehler and Sharle Osborne

80 Percy Ln

Sequim, WA 98382
Sincerely,
Steve Koehler
80 Percy Ln
Sequim, WA 98382

Response to I-174-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-175: Nancy Hausauer

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 5:17 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-175-1

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I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.
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Sincerely,
Nancy Hausauer
5053 Bradshaw Road
Freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-175-1

No final response has been entered.

I-176: Barbara Zimmer

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 6:25 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-176-1

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I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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As a volunteer committed to the sustainable stewardship of our Island and its surrounding waters, I strongly support upholding this ban to protect our vital natural resources.

Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,

Barbara Zimmer

12330 Arrow Point Drive NE

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-176-1

No final response has been entered.

I-177: Larry Fox

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 11:24 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-177-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,
Larry Fox
PO Box 51
Freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-177-1

No final response has been entered.

I-178: Erica Eden

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 9:15 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-178-1

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Sincerely,
Erica Eden
PO Box 1600
Freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-178-1

No final response has been entered.

I-179: Marisa Schuler

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 2:06 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-179-1

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Response to I-179-1

No final response has been entered.

I-180: George Bullis

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 1:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-180-1

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Response to I-180-1

No final response has been entered.

I-181: John Anderson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:49 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-181-1

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Sincerely,

John Anderson

3815 146th st nw

Gig harbor, WA 98332

Response to I-181-1

No final response has been entered.

I-182: Sara Montgomery

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:49 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-182-1

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Sincerely,

Sara Montgomery
300 Alps Rd #1010
Moxee, WA 98936

Response to I-182-1

No final response has been entered.

I-183: Paula Shafransky

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 12:20 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-183-1

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Response to I-183-1

No final response has been entered.

I-184: William Fitzsimmons

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:48 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-184-1

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Sincerely,

William Fitzsimmons

522 N. Liberty Street

Port Angeles, WA 98362

Response to I-184-1

No final response has been entered.

I-185: Daryth Morrissey

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:46 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-185-1

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Sincerely,
Daryth Morrissey
15963 Rocky Court
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Response to I-185-1

No final response has been entered.

I-186: Samuel Baca-Henry

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 10:57 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-186-1

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Response to I-186-1

No final response has been entered.

I-187: Steve Yoder

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:45 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-187-1

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Sincerely,

Steve Yoder

16921 Inglewood Rd Ne Apt A307

Kenmore, WA 98028

Response to I-187-1

No final response has been entered.

I-188: Eugene Pitcher

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 9:57 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-188-1

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Response to I-188-1

No final response has been entered.

I-189: Tracy Kessler

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:45 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-189-1

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Sincerely,

Tracy Kessler

24936 Tenneson Pl

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Response to I-189-1

No final response has been entered.

I-190: Benjamin Honeycutt

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 10:18 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-190-1

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Response to I-190-1

No final response has been entered.

I-191: Patricia Hemphill

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:44 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-191-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I support Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

As the Board of Natural Resources, you must protect Washington's public waters and lands, not only for everyone today but also for future generations. I urge you to approve a rule that will protect our public waters from this industry, with its daily rampant pollution, spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound.

Puget Sound and its ecosystems represent a finite resource of great social, cultural, and economic value. I rely on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of public waters that undermines public investment in the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and thus the greater health of Puget Sound.

Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hemphill
712 Vineyard Lane
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-191-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-192: Kirstin Clauson

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 9:24 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-192-1

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Response to I-192-1

No final response has been entered.

I-193: Members of the Board of Natural Resources, I want Lee

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 8:23 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-193-1

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I have been a resident in the beautiful fragile environment of the Puget Sound Region for over 50 years. I am pleased that in many ways we have we have been awakened as to how the fisheries have been extinguished or hopelessly depleted and the role of net pen agriculture as a major contributor of pollution and disease. Please help prevent further degradation of Puget Sound. Please do not allow billion dollar Net Pen agriculture to reestablish in the Sound.

Response to I-193-1

No final response has been entered.

I-194: Adrian Tuohy

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:44 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-194-1

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Sincerely,
Adrian Tuohy

4202 S Genesee St
Seattle, WA 98118

Response to I-194-1

No final response has been entered.

I-195: Susan Lindquist

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 2:05 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-195-1

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Response to I-195-1

No final response has been entered.

I-196: Helen Ibsen

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:44 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-196-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

As a native Washingtonian, I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,
helen ibsen
33 Horizon Ave
Venice, CA 90291

Response to I-196-1

No final response has been entered.

I-197: Leslie Kreher

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:44 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-197-1

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Sincerely,
Leslie Kreher
22537 SE 42nd Terr
Issaquah, WA 98029

Response to I-197-1

No final response has been entered.

I-198: Michelle Meyer

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:44 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-198-1

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Sincerely,

Michelle Meyer

PO Box 403

Freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-198-1

No final response has been entered.

I-199: Timothy Harris

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:43 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-199-1

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Sincerely,
Timothy Harris
4644 332nd Ave SE
Fall City, WA 98024

Response to I-199-1

No final response has been entered.

I-200: Carina Manz

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 7:32 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-200-1

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Response to I-200-1

No final response has been entered.

I-201: Jana Hobbs

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 7:19 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-201-1

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Response to I-201-1

No final response has been entered.

I-202: Lori Bates

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:42 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-202-1

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Sincerely,

Lori Bates

109 Camarillo Ave

Oxnard, CA 93035

Response to I-202-1

No final response has been entered.

I-203: Mark Bradley

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 6:30 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-203-1

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Response to I-203-1

No final response has been entered.

I-204: Tristan Lagron

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 11:51 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-204-1

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Response to I-204-1

No final response has been entered.

I-205: Jeanine Cardiff

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:39 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-205-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I live in Port Angeles. I am thrilled that Cooke Aquaculture had to remove their pens from our harbor. I hope to never see them here again or anywhere else in the Puget Sound.

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Puget Sound and its ecosystems represent a finite resource of great social, cultural, and economic value and I am counting on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Given what is at stake, industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and the greater health of Puget Sound. Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Cardiff

2024 Gasman Rd

Port Angeles, WA 98362

Response to I-205-1

No final response has been entered.

I-206: Elle Larson

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 11:48 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-206-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

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Response to I-206-1

No final response has been entered.

I-207: Nancy Shimeall

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 2:45 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-207-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

My family and I strongly support Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

You have the crucial job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for our shared future. Please approve this rule to ensure our public waters are protected from the dangers like daily heavy pollution, the spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound. This can never happen again!

Puget Sound's ecosystems have great social, cultural, and economic value and we are counting on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Given what is at stake, industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon.

Please fulfil your moral obligation to protect our shared waters. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Nancy Shimeall

74 Hoh Place

La Conner, WA 98257

Response to I-207-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-208: Patricia Griffith

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:38 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-208-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

As the Board of Natural Resources, you have the important job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for everyone today and for future generations. I urge you to approve this rule that will ensure our public waters will be protected from the dangers associated with this industry, including daily rampant pollution, the spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound.

Puget Sound and its ecosystems represent a finite resource of great social, cultural, and economic value and I am counting on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Given what is at stake, industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and the greater health of Puget Sound. Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,

Patricia Griffith

3932 Rockridge pkwy

anacortes, WA 98221

Response to I-208-1

No final response has been entered.

I-209: Gene Printz

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:38 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-209-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong displeasure for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

As the Board of Natural Resources, you have the important job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for everyone today and for future generations. I urge you to disapprove this rule because environmental groups have gone berserk. I love to eat salmon and think it is a disgrace what groups like Fish Conservancy are doing. They falsely accuse you of daily rampant pollution, the spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound.

Puget Sound and its ecosystems represent a finite resource of great social, cultural, and economic value and I am counting on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage by stopping Wild Fish and similar groups. Given what is at stake, industrial net pen aquaculture is a great use of our public waters that reinforces the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon.

Sincerely,

gene printz

1000 Longboat Club Road, Apt 804

longboat key, FL 34228

Response to I-209-1

DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

- (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

The Department must balance competing paramount concerns with environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-210: Jim Erckmann

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:38 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-210-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,
Jim Erckmann
26 Bridlewood Circle
KIRKLAND, WA 98033

Response to I-210-1

No final response has been entered.

I-211: Elaine Packard

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:37 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-211-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,
Elaine Packard
222 31st Ave.
Seattle, WA, WA 98122

Response to I-211-1

No final response has been entered.

I-212: Dexter Brown

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:37 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-212-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

DEXTER BROWN

PO Box 832

EDMONDS, WA 98020

Response to I-212-1

No final response has been entered.

I-213: Kris Ernest

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 9:17 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-213-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

Please register my strong support for prohibiting industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters, as proposed by Commissioner Franz.

The Board of Natural Resources can have a big positive contribution to protecting Washington's public waters by approving this rule. Net pen aquaculture for finfish is by definition an open system that cannot be contained. Confined fish are more susceptible to parasites and diseases, such as lice and viruses, which freely move into the surrounding water and can be devastating for native fish populations. Anadromous salmon, in particular, migrate past these net pens and are exposed to pathogens and parasites that can sicken or kill them. Net pens also contribute concentrated waste to the water, greatly reducing water quality.

Washington is doing so much good work to restore salmon populations and protect endangered orcas (which rely on salmon for food); industrial net pen aquaculture would threaten this progress. We need to protect the natural, cultural, economic, and social values of Puget Sound; industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters. Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and approve the proposed change in regulations to prohibit industrial net pen aquaculture for finfish.

Response to I-213-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-214: Sky Myers

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 8:48 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-214-1

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Response to I-214-1

No final response has been entered.

I-215: Vance Jennings

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:36 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-215-1

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Sincerely,

Vance Jennings

264 Schuller Grade

Yakima, WA 98908

Response to I-215-1

No final response has been entered.

I-216: Jessica Witt

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-216-1

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Response to I-216-1

No final response has been entered.

I-217: Michael Hom

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:35 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-217-1

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Sincerely,

Michael Hom

3814 142nd PLNE

Bellevue, WA 98007

Response to I-217-1

No final response has been entered.

I-218: Robin Fitch

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:35 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-218-1

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Sincerely,
Robin Fitch
402 S 1st St
DAYTON, WA 99328

Response to I-218-1

No final response has been entered.

I-219: Jim Ballweber

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-219-1

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Response to I-219-1

No final response has been entered.

I-220: Emily Van Alyne

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:35 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-220-1

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Sincerely,

Emily Van Alyne

6749 Whitestone St

West Richland, WA 99353

Response to I-220-1

No final response has been entered.

I-221: Calluna Silva

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:26 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-221-1

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Sincerely,
Calluna Silva
2860 Sunlight Dr.
Clinton, WA 98236

Response to I-221-1

No final response has been entered.

I-222: Bea Wilson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:25 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-222-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,

Bea Wilson

1033 9th Ave S

Edmonds, WA 98020

Response to I-222-1

No final response has been entered.

I-223: Paul Wagner

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:06 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-223-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,

Paul Wagner

16027 NE 101st Pl

Redmond, WA 98052

Response to I-223-1

No final response has been entered.

I-224: Lee Leader

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:03 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-224-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

As the Board of Natural Resources, you have the important job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for everyone today and for future generations. I urge you to approve this rule that will ensure our public waters will be protected from the dangers associated with this industry, including daily rampant pollution, the spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound.

In addition to the obvious damage to our waters, I think that this Board should give consideration to the legal ramifications of the on-going and future lawsuits dealing with aquaculture in our state. Specifically, the current law suit filed by Cooke Aquaculture could use your approval of fish farming as an important argument on why their leases should not have been terminated. How many millions of dollars could be awarded to them by your approval of New Pen rules should be given the highest consideration by the board.

Puget Sound and its ecosystems represent a finite resource of great social, cultural, and economic value and I am counting on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Given what is at stake,

industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon.

Please do the right thing. Keep open net pen fish farming out of Washington as it has been outlawed by California, Oregon and British Columbia,

Sincerely,

LEE LEADER

9333 NE SOUTH BEACH DR

BAINBRIDGE IS, WA 98110

Response to I-224-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-225: Ken Rea

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 1:59 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-225-1

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Sincerely,

Ken Rea

2501 Bryce Ct

Anacortes, WA 98221

Response to I-225-1

No final response has been entered.

I-226: Lawrence Daniels

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 1:49 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-226-1

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Sincerely,

Lawrence Daniels

1605 FORT WARD HILL RD NE

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

Response to I-226-1

No final response has been entered.

I-227: Chris Hollis

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 1:42 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-227-1

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Sincerely,
Chris Hollis
PO Box 102
Fawnskin, CA 92333

Response to I-227-1

No final response has been entered.

I-228: Nicole Caputo

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 1:41 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-228-1

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Sincerely,
Nicole Caputo
PO Box 102
Fawnskin, CA 92333

Response to I-228-1

No final response has been entered.

I-229: Bridget Moran

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 1:34 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-229-1

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Sincerely,

Bridget Moran

3523 Riley St

Bellingham, WA 98229

Response to I-229-1

No final response has been entered.

I-230: Christy Carr

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:58 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-230-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

As former planning staff for the City of Bainbridge Island, I worked with concerned residents and community stakeholders to develop a local shoreline program amendment that banned new commercial net pen aquaculture. This industrial use has no home on our island shoreline or within Puget Sound. Please continue the forward movement to ban this use.

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industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon.

Sincerely,
christy carr
9023 Fletcher Boulevard NE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-230-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-231: Jayni Detrick

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:31 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-231-1

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Sincerely,
Jayni Detrick
9341 NE South Beach Dr
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-231-1

No final response has been entered.

I-232: Helen Glass

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:25 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-232-1

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Sincerely,

Helen Frances Glass

1621 Fort Ward Hill Rd NE

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Response to I-232-1

No final response has been entered.

I-233: Steve Kimberley

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 5:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-233-1

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Sincerely,
Steve Kimberley
1945 Discovery Hts Dr
Bellingham, WA 98226

Response to I-233-1

No final response has been entered.

I-234: Darlene Schanfald

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:11 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-234-1

Boar d of Directors and Commissioner Hilary Franz
Department of Natural Resources
Olympia WA 98504

I have already submitted comments supporting Commissioner Franz's recommendation to end allowing fish pens in WA State open waters affecting DNR state-owned-aquatic lands. I attended the November 5 Board meeting. I want to rebut some comments that we're made. But first, think about this. Since 2007, there has been a state effort to clean up Puget Sound Millions of federal dollars have been given to WA State to get this done. But we are not that far ahead, especially for two reasons, sewage wastes contaminating our state aquatic resources through sewage waste land applied stormwater runoff and the point source effluent 24/7 contamination through NPDES permits. Second, aquaculture - fish pens and shellfish operations. These are industrialized operations that make money for the owners and leave the pollution for WA State residents to pay for cleaning up.

As you can tell, many tribes, maybe all but one, concur with Franz's recommendation. They, above all, understand what has been lost and are standing up for the salmon and other marine life wanting to reverse the earlier damage.

I have followed, in different ways, this industry since 1987 in the U.Ss. Canada and Europe. These pens have polluted the lochs of Scotland, as well as the waters of Germany, Italy, Greece and Spain and those of Japan. What has happened in Canada - and the phasing out of net pens - is well known. A good history is *Not On My Watch* by Dr. Alexandra Morton.

I am commenting on some of the opponents' statement to Commissioner Franz's recommendations that were made November 5.

P:LASTIC

Aquaculture is a polluting industry. The plastic in the water that often flakes down to micro plastics has ruined hundreds of bottomland acres in WA State. The plastic enters the marine ecosystem, including the penned fish and unbeknownst to consumers, they wind up purchasing plastic and perhaps diseased fish. Further, the birds and other marine-dependent wildlife ingest this plastic when foraging.

FORMER SENATOR DAN SWECKER

Genie McKnight (sp?), Director, NW Aquaculture Alliance said, Senator Dan Swecker “had a vision.” He sure did! We all remember him. He ran and stayed in office to protect his fish farms. He was no hero to protecting the marine ecosystem..

PROCESS NOT INCLUSIVE; NOT TIMELY; MOVING TOO FAST.

Nothing could be further from the truth As you heard ,the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe has been at the table for a few years and has been consulted. They are the one, or one of the few, that want licensee to stay in the business so make the statements they made. Note that the Lower Elwha S’Klallam Tribe supports Commissioner Franz’s recommendation.

James Parsons, now with the Jamestown Tribe, formerly ran the company that fouled their own pens and our state bottomlands, including the Cypress Island pen that broke, allowed 260K potentially=diseased fish to escape into the wild and up rivers where wild salmon needed to spawn. They swam to OR. They swam to B.C. And they swam throughout Puget Sound. Few were able to be caught, though there was a large effort made to do so. This is what sparked the citizen and legislative outrage that led to banning, at least, the non-native fin fish penning. If you read the original 2018 legislative language, not just what Governor Inslee was willing to sign, you will see the legislators were willing to revisit legislation to end ALL penned fish in open waters.

As Tom Gorman said, this industry is a stressor on the marine ecosystem. It was good to hear the research that is being done to look at the long-term harm from those pens to our state bottom lands.

Do the right and responsible thing. Stick with the timeline proposed by Commissioner Franz. I urge you to support the staff’s position and protect our state bottom lands/benthic life and marine-ecosystem-dependent wildlife. Humans’ lives depend on the health of the marine ecosystems. No party has the right, and certainly not the continued right, to foul the natural resources.

Darlene Schanfald, Ph.D.

darlenes@olympus.net

360-681-7565

Response to I-234-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-235: Kathleen Hiatt

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:44 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-235-1

Dear Commissioner Franz,

I am writing in support of your crucial decision to ban aquaculture net pens from Washington State waters.

I strongly wish for this ban to be upheld. This is a remarkable feat to have achieved as the voice of Nature is often overpowered.

Thank you,

Kathleen Hiatt

8488 Tillicum Rd SW, Seattle, WA 98136

Response to I-235-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-236: Chuck Sheaffer

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:20 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-236-1

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Sincerely,

Chuck Sheaffer

100 Mountain View Cir

Port Angeles, WA 98362

Response to I-236-1

No final response has been entered.

I-237: Jai Boreen

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:19 PM

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Comment I-237-1

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Sincerely,

Jai Boreen

603 S 3rd St

La Conner, WA 98257

Response to I-237-1

No final response has been entered.

I-238: Cosima Krueger-Cunningham

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:18 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-238-1

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Sincerely,
Cosima Krueger-Cunningham
977 7th Street
Boulder, CO 80302

Response to I-238-1

No final response has been entered.

I-239: Lisa Zure

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:18 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-239-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

This is an urgent matter and something that we must uphold!

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Sincerely,
Lisa Zure
2119 SE 44th Ave
Portland, OR 97215

Response to I-239-1

No final response has been entered.

I-240: Linda Whipple

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:17 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-240-1

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Sincerely,

Linda Whipple

3126 Mountain View Ave W

University Place, WA 98466

Response to I-240-1

No final response has been entered.

I-241: David Goldman

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:14 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-241-1

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Sincerely,
David Goldman
PO Box 1954
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Response to I-241-1

No final response has been entered.

I-242: David Fine

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:11 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-242-1

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Sincerely,
David Fine
7337 50th Ave ne
Seattle, WA 98115

Response to I-242-1

No final response has been entered.

I-243: Amy Mower

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:11 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-243-1

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Sincerely,

Amy Mower

PO Box 2004

Maple Falls, WA 98266

Response to I-243-1

No final response has been entered.

I-244: Dave Hohler

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:11 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-244-1

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Sincerely,
Dave Hohler
3147 NW Norwood Dr
Corvallis, OR 97330

Response to I-244-1

No final response has been entered.

I-245: Terry Eastman

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:07 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-245-1

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Sincerely,

Terry Eastman
191 sherwood crk rd
Allyn, WA 98524

Response to I-245-1

No final response has been entered.

I-246: Don Olliff

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:05 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-246-1

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Sincerely,

Don Olliff

94 Cayou Valley Rd

Deer Harbor, WA 98243

Response to I-246-1

No final response has been entered.

I-247: Lawrence Hill

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:05 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-247-1

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Sincerely,

Lawrence Hill

104D Twisp Airport Rd

Twisp, WA 98856

Response to I-247-1

No final response has been entered.

I-248: Mary Patno

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:32 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-248-1

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Response to I-248-1

No final response has been entered.

I-249: Angela Mastaloudis

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:47 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-249-1

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Response to I-249-1

No final response has been entered.

I-250: Querido Galdo

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:23 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-250-1

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Response to I-250-1

No final response has been entered.

I-251: Debra Ellers

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:13 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-251-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

As a leader of the local chapter of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness which covers the geographic region of the Salish Sea in Washington, I want to express strong support for Commissioner Franz's

proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Response to I-251-1

No final response has been entered.

I-252: Andrea Hegland

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:07 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-252-1

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Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Response to I-252-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-253: Curtis White

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-253-1

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Response to I-253-1

No final response has been entered.

I-254: Gary Gunder

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:41 PM

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Comment I-254-1

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Response to I-254-1

No final response has been entered.

I-255: Peter Bahls

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:26 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-255-1

Dear Board of Natural Resources:

I am writing on behalf of Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI) a non-profit science based conservation organization that has been on the forefront of salmon and watershed restoration in Puget Sound for 20 years and a long time partner with DNR on landscape scale conservation at Dabob Bay. I am also a fishery biologist with a M.S. in Fisheries Science and Aquatic Ecology from Oregon State University and over 30 years experience in salmon habitat restoration and management in the Pacific Northwest. I urge you to strongly support the proposal by Commissioner Franz to ban industrial netpen aquaculture in Washington state. Like cigarette companies, the aquaculture industry will attempt to convince you that they do no harm. But the science is clear: netpen aquaculture damages the restoration of native salmon populations and degrades water quality and directly conflicts with the multi-million dollar decades long effort by communities and Tribal, state and federal government and partners to restore the health of Puget Sound and it's salmon runs, many of which are federally listed as threatened or endangered . An unequivocal ban on netpens is one the most important and historic actions the the current Board can take for the long term benefit of the environment and the people of the state of Washington. Please say no to netpens in Washington State.

Response to I-255-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-256: Janie Pulsifer

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:24 PM

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Comment I-256-1

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Response to I-256-1

No final response has been entered.

I-257: R Kallal

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:16 PM

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Comment I-257-1

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Response to I-257-1

No final response has been entered.

I-258: RANDLE CARR

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-258-1

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Response to I-258-1

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I-259: Peter Hapke

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Response to I-259-1

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I-260: Vicki Hahn

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Response to I-260-1

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I-261: Eycke strickland

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Response to I-261-1

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I-262: Kaija Jones

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Response to I-262-1

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I-263: Jamie Jamie

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Response to I-263-1

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I-264: Lee First

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Response to I-264-1

No final response has been entered.

I-265: Danny Beatty

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:41 PM

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Comment I-265-1

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Response to I-265-1

No final response has been entered.

I-266: Donald Harland

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:38 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-266-1

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Response to I-266-1

No final response has been entered.

I-267: Marcia Lagerloef

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:26 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-267-1

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Response to I-267-1

No final response has been entered.

I-268: Cynthia Bates

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 8:39 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-268-1

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Response to I-268-1

No final response has been entered.

I-269: Stephanie Pelio

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 8:27 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-269-1

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Response to I-269-1

No final response has been entered.

I-270: Diana Pace

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 7:37 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-270-1

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Response to I-270-1

No final response has been entered.

I-271: Racine Racine

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 3:37 PM

Submit Method: Email

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Response to I-271-1

No final response has been entered.

I-272: Julie Schulte

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 3:15 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-272-1

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Response to I-272-1

No final response has been entered.

I-273: Dave Casebolt

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 1:54 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-273-1

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Response to I-273-1

No final response has been entered.

I-274: Susan Allen

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 1:28 PM

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No final response has been entered.

I-275: Natasha Kohli

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 1:04 PM

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I-276: Fred Muehlbauer

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:34 PM

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Comment I-276-1

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Response to I-276-1

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I-277: Jason Pooler

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 11:50 AM

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Response to I-277-1

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I-278: Kathleen Hansen

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Response to I-278-1

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I-279: Karl Bruder

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:33 AM

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Response to I-279-1

No final response has been entered.

I-280: Bonnie Toye

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 10:31 AM

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No final response has been entered.

I-281: Michael Shurgot

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:58 AM

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OK, this is a form letter. But what is at stake here is nothing less than the ecological integrity of the Salish Sea. Banning fish farming permanently will be a major step forward in the battle to restore the Salish Sea to as pristine a condition as possible. You must take this critical step now. Thank you.

Response to I-281-1

No final response has been entered.

I-282: Krystal Miller

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I-283: Nicolas Eckhardt

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Response to I-283-1

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I-284: Elizabeth Davidson

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:22 AM

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No final response has been entered.

I-285: Mark Vigna

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:12 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-285-1

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Response to I-285-1

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I-286: Rosanna Wang

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Comment I-286-1

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Response to I-286-1

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I-287: Jann Eberharter

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Response to I-287-1

No final response has been entered.

I-288: Catherine Members of the Board of Natural Resources, I want

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 8:45 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-288-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to add my voice to the many supporting Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations and prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

The industrial finfish net pen aquaculture industry does not belong in Washington's public waters.

The introduction of the associated pollution and disease is completely counter to the federal, state, and local policies and investments in improving water quality and preserving wild salmon and orcas.

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Response to I-288-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-289: Tyler Cluverius

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 8:38 AM

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Comment I-289-1

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I-290: Carlos Inclan

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Response to I-290-1

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I-291: Sharon Kaylen

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Response to I-291-1

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I-292: Johannah Goodman

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Response to I-292-1

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I-293: Stephen Hall

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 7:01 AM

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Response to I-293-1

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I-294: Marie Dummitt

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 7:01 AM

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Response to I-294-1

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I-295: Austin Clark

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 6:38 AM

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Response to I-295-1

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I-296: Anderson Rob

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 5:52 AM

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Response to I-296-1

No final response has been entered.

I-297: Members of the Board of Natural Resources, I want Grudic

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 3:56 AM

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Response to I-297-1

No final response has been entered.

I-298: Stephanie Henry

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 3:24 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-298-1

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Response to I-298-1

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I-299: Howard Cole

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 3:08 AM

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Response to I-299-1

No final response has been entered.

I-300: Dirk Peele

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:53 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-300-1

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Response to I-300-1

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I-301: Diane Rusk

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 11:51 PM

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Response to I-301-1

No final response has been entered.

I-302: Corey Rusk

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I-303: Emilie Barker

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Response to I-303-1

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I-304: Sean Edmison

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:59 PM

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Response to I-304-1

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I-305: Emily Hetherington

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Response to I-305-1

No final response has been entered.

I-306: Emily Hansen

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 9:46 PM

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Response to I-306-1

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I-307: Rachel Lei

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Response to I-307-1

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I-308: Shelby Dopp

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 8:30 PM

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Response to I-308-1

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I-309: Eve Tai

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Response to I-309-1

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I-310: John Thomas

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:39 PM

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Response to I-310-1

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I-311: Jenny Degroot

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:05 PM

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Please do the right thing for Washington waters, wild salmon and orcas.

Response to I-311-1

No final response has been entered.

I-313: Dana Buckingham

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:00 PM

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Response to I-313-1

No final response has been entered.

I-314: Charles Bulley

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 6:31 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-314-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I am writing to request that you make permanent the ban on net-pen aquaculture in Puget Sound. I was fortunate to grow up on Puget Sound in the 1960's and have seen its slow deterioration in the

form of reduced fish runs, increased algae blooms, bulkhead construction, and other issues since that time. I have spent time on Puget Sound boating, sailing, scuba diving, and sea-kayaking my entire life and have witnessed these changes firsthand.

A nearly closed marine system such as Puget Sound is no place for a massive point source polluter such as net-pen aquaculture. Even in areas with better water exchange the effects of point source aquaculture has been devastating to the local ecosystems. Witness the issues documented in British Columbia and Chile.

New dryland closed systems of aquaculture are rapidly developing that obviate the need for net-pens.

Puget Sound salmon and steelhead are on their last legs with a greater than 97 percent reduction in numbers from their historical averages. Reintroducing net-pen aquaculture to Puget Sound will only worsen the situation for already endangered anadromous species.

Please, do not allow the reintroduction of net-pen aquaculture to Puget Sound.

Response to I-314-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-315: Tom Hansen

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:51 PM

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Comment I-315-1

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As a home owner overlooking Rich Passage I have witnessed the following

- Net pen breaks
- Sinking Net Pens
- Moving pens without authorization
- Massive fish die-offs that were not reported to the state and that resulted in dead fish being hauled over city and state roads
- By-Catch during harvest operations
- Department of Ecology Warning Letter (08/25/2016)
- Department of Ecology Illicit Discharge Notice (07/24/2017)
- Department of Ecology Notice of Violation (08/23/2017)

- Department of Ecology Administrative Order and Notice of Penalty (12/12/2017)
- No reported escapees despite having 200+ plus sea lions rafting on and swimming in net pens
- Failure to protect the public requiring the City of Bainbridge to place restrictions requiring flaggers and installing 250-feet of guard rail and signage
- The massive clean-up of the sea-floor that removed tons of debris from fish farming operations which was to have been documented and reported to DNR by Cooke. We documented the removal of hundreds of items and 35+ commercial dumpsters:

The decision to deny application to reauthorize Lease No. 20-B10237 and terminate any holdover tenancy of the property as of December 14, 2022 was based on firm legal grounds, RCW 79.130.040 (No re-lease of bed lands unless DNR “deems it to be in the best interest of the state to re-lease the area.”). The considerations that were given were well supported by the underlying specifics and are supported by our personal experience with Cooke and the industry in Rich Passage.

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[I-316: Aileen Jeffries](#)

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Comment I-316-1

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I-317: gerald pipitone

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Response to I-317-1

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I-318: Rachel Loui

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Thank you for accepting feedback regarding this important issue.

Response to I-318-1

No final response has been entered.

I-319: Lucas Schuster

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Comment I-319-1

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Response to I-319-1

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I-320: Kate Bradley

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Response to I-320-1

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I-321: Geanna Revell

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 1:43 PM

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Comment I-321-1

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Response to I-321-1

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I-322: Scott Marckx

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Response to I-322-1

No final response has been entered.

I-323: Graham Mackenzie

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 1:03 PM

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Response to I-323-1

No final response has been entered.

I-324: Lawrence Hill

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:05 PM

Submit Method: Email

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Sincerely,

Lawrence Hill

104D Twisp Airport Rd

Twisp, WA 98856

Response to I-324-1

No final response has been entered.

I-325: Donna Davis

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:05 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-325-1

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Donna Davis
338 Viewcrest Rd
Bellingham, WA 98229

Response to I-325-1

No final response has been entered.

I-326: Joetta Fort

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 12:34 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-326-1

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Response to I-326-1

No final response has been entered.

I-327: Norb Ziegler

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:04 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-327-1

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Norb Ziegler

4617 225th Ave SE

Sammamish, WA 98075

Response to I-327-1

No final response has been entered.

I-328: Eileen Morgan

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:04 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-328-1

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A voter for safe environment.

Sincerely,
Eileen Morgan
636 SE 5TH AVE
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Response to I-328-1

No final response has been entered.

I-329: Tracy Ouellette

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:59 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-329-1

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Sincerely,
Tracy Ouellette
14078 Mactaggart Ave.
Bow, WA 98232

Response to I-329-1

No final response has been entered.

I-330: Mark Brown

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:58 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-330-1

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Sincerely,

Mark Brown

104 Sixth St

Cambridge, MA 02141

Response to I-330-1

No final response has been entered.

I-331: Matt Wickey

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:58 PM

Submit Method: Email

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Sincerely,
Matt Wickey
50 Malcom
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Response to I-331-1

No final response has been entered.

I-332: Estelle Jackson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:56 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-332-1

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Sincerely,
Estelle Jackson
94 Revere St
Boston, MA 02114

Response to I-332-1

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I-333: Jane Kurzeja

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:54 PM

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Sincerely,

Jane Kurzeja

PO Box 661

Snohomish, WA 98291

Response to I-333-1

No final response has been entered.

I-334: Melodie Martin

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:54 PM

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Comment I-334-1

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Sincerely,
melodie martin
2339 11th Ave E
Seattle, WA 98102

Response to I-334-1

No final response has been entered.

I-335: April Cowgill

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 12:13 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-335-1

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I-336: Nancy Little

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I-337: Kathleen Hansen

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I-338: Dennis Honton

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I-339: Marianne Nelsen

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I-340: Kevin Janicelli

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 11:15 AM

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Response to I-340-1

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I-341: Ruth Apter

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 11:14 AM

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Response to I-341-1

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I-342: Donna Musgrove

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:43 AM

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Comment I-342-1

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Response to I-342-1

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I-343: Peter Peter

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:42 AM

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Response to I-343-1

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I-344: William Neal

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:22 AM

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Comment I-344-1

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Response to I-344-1

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I-345: Jennifer Ambriz

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 9:39 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-345-1

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Response to I-345-1

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I-346: Mary Dilles

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 9:27 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-346-1

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Response to I-346-1

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I-347: Karen Kiehlmeier

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:53 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-347-1

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I won't even eat a farmed fish. We need to protect our Salish Sea (AKA Puget Sound) from farmed fish diseases and do what is needed to protect our native fish. Cookes intention ia good to provide fish to our economy but not at the expenses of native fish. Lets protect our waters.

Sincerely,

Karen Kiehlmeier

P. O. Box 150

Wauna, WA 98395

Response to I-347-1

No final response has been entered.

I-348: Vera Schin

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 9:25 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-348-1

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Response to I-348-1

No final response has been entered.

I-349: Judy Pickens

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 8:45 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-349-1

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Response to I-349-1

No final response has been entered.

I-350: Kim Miller

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 8:45 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-350-1

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Response to I-350-1

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I-351: Lisa Bale

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 8:44 AM

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Comment I-351-1

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Response to I-351-1

No final response has been entered.

I-352: Michael Conrad

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 8:38 AM

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Response to I-352-1

No final response has been entered.

I-353: Estelle Thyer

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 8:14 AM

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Response to I-353-1

No final response has been entered.

I-354: Kathryn Watkins

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:37 AM

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Response to I-354-1

No final response has been entered.

I-355: Daniel Brant

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:26 AM

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Comment I-355-1

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Response to I-355-1

No final response has been entered.

I-356: Kate Skrainka

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 7:15 AM

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Response to I-356-1

No final response has been entered.

I-357: Scott Nelson

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 6:44 AM

Submit Method: Email

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Response to I-357-1

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I-358: Patrick Blair

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:58 AM

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Response to I-358-1

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I-359: Rodney Rea

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:42 AM

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Response to I-359-1

No final response has been entered.

I-360: Sophia Keller

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Response to I-360-1

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I-361: Kaitlyn Cheseldine

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:16 AM

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Response to I-361-1

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I-362: Christopher Brandes

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:12 AM

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Response to I-362-1

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I-363: Richard Lee

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 4:55 AM

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Response to I-363-1

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I-364: Mark Canright

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 3:44 AM

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Response to I-364-1

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I-365: James Hipp

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 11:47 PM

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Response to I-365-1

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I-366: Linda Ellsworth

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Response to I-366-1

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I-367: Anna Villavicencio

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 10:05 PM

Submit Method: Email

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Response to I-367-1

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I-368: x o

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 10:39 PM

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Comment I-368-1

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Response to I-368-1

No final response has been entered.

I-369: Michelle Bammert

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 10:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-369-1

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Response to I-369-1

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I-370: AJ Cho

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:37 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-370-1

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Response to I-370-1

No final response has been entered.

I-371: Charlene Lauzon

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:23 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-371-1

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Sincerely,

Charlene Lauzon

5715 202nd St. SW #3

Lynnwood, WA 98036

Response to I-371-1

No final response has been entered.

I-372: Steve Bammert

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:35 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-372-1

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Response to I-372-1

No final response has been entered.

I-373: Janet Hamill

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:34 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-373-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters. I live along Puget Sound in the San Juan Islands. It is critical to safeguard our wild fish stocks by permanently banning aquaculture in Puget Sound.

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Response to I-373-1

No final response has been entered.

I-374: Meg Cochrane

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-374-1

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Response to I-374-1

No final response has been entered.

I-375: Raelene Gold

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:22 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-375-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I strongly support Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,
Raelene Gold
10519 East Riverside Dr
Bothell, WA 98011

Response to I-375-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

[I-376: David Poling](#)

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:19 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-376-1

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Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,
David Poling
535 Pinyon Ave
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Response to I-376-1

No final response has been entered.

I-377: Lindsay Taylor

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:09 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-377-1

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Taylor

2565 Mackenzie Rd

Bellingham, WA 98226

Response to I-377-1

No final response has been entered.

I-378: Alli Montgomery

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:08 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-378-1

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Sincerely,
Alli Montgomery
908 28th St Se
Auburn, WA 98002

Response to I-378-1

No final response has been entered.

I-379: Don Ferkingstad

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:55 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-379-1

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Response to I-379-1

No final response has been entered.

I-380: Linda Fielder

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:52 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-380-1

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Response to I-380-1

No final response has been entered.

I-381: Deb Harrison

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:39 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-381-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,
We have spent millions trying to save the wild salmon runs. We don't need to undermine this effort by allowing farmed fish in our waters, which threaten our struggling wild salmon. I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters. As the Board of Natural Resources, you have the important job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for everyone today and for future generations. I urge you to approve this rule that will ensure our public waters will be protected from the dangers associated with this industry, including daily rampant pollution, the spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound. Puget Sound and its ecosystems represent a finite resource of great social, cultural, and economic value and I am counting on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Given what is at stake, industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and the greater health of Puget Sound. Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Response to I-381-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-382: Lorne Cheeseman

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:18 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-382-1

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Response to I-382-1

No final response has been entered.

I-383: Kathy Johnson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:09 PM

Submit Method: Email

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Response to I-383-1

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I-384: Ann Yates

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 8:08 PM

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Comment I-384-1

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Response to I-384-1

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I-385: David Roche

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:54 PM

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Comment I-385-1

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Response to I-385-1

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I-386: Stephen Conroy

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:54 PM

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Comment I-386-1

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Response to I-386-1

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I-387: James Smith

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:51 PM

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Response to I-387-1

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I-388: Terry VanHoozer

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:38 PM

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Comment I-388-1

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Yours, Terry VanHoozer

Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Response to I-388-1

No final response has been entered.

I-389: Betsy Bullman

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:33 PM

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Comment I-389-1

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Response to I-389-1

No final response has been entered.

I-390: Lynn Zachow

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:26 PM

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Comment I-390-1

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Response to I-390-1

No final response has been entered.

I-391: Geoffrey Hamill

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:11 PM

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Response to I-391-1

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I-392: Sheena Cauthorn

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:09 PM

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Response to I-392-1

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I-393: Philip Fenner

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Response to I-393-1

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I-394: John Duncan

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:03 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-394-1

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Response to I-394-1

No final response has been entered.

[I-395: Annie Herrera](#)

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:55 PM

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Comment I-395-1

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Response to I-395-1

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I-396: Paul Beck

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:53 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-396-1

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Response to I-396-1

No final response has been entered.

I-397: Robert Winslow

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:33 PM

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Response to I-397-1

No final response has been entered.

I-398: Susan Crampton

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:32 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-398-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I absolutely support the letter below endorsed by Wild Fish Conservancy. Please follow through on your agency commitment. Thank you.

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Response to I-398-1

No final response has been entered.

I-399: Beverly Watts

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:26 PM

Submit Method: Email

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This is so important to the safety and health of our fish and our waters.

Response to I-399-1

No final response has been entered.

I-400: Sheryl Blake

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:16 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-400-1

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Response to I-400-1

No final response has been entered.

I-401: Adam Findlay

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:13 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-401-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

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Response to I-401-1

No final response has been entered.

I-402: Ira Smith

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:07 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-402-1

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Ira Smith

Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Response to I-402-1

No final response has been entered.

I-403: Chandira H

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-403-1

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Response to I-403-1

No final response has been entered.

I-404: Judy Schultz

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 6:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-404-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

Although I am not a resident of Washington, I am writing in strong support of Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

We have "lost" over 70% of wildlife over the past 50 years due to human activity - development, habitat destruction, dams, pesticides, wildlife slaughter - and fish farms.

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Response to I-404-1

No final response has been entered.

I-405: Barbara Sanborn

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:55 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-405-1

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Response to I-405-1

No final response has been entered.

I-406: Pat Gibson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:48 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-406-1

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Response to I-406-1

No final response has been entered.

I-407: Greg Greg

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:47 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-407-1

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Response to I-407-1

No final response has been entered.

I-408: Jami Rutherford

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:47 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-408-1

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Response to I-408-1

No final response has been entered.

I-409: Kathryn Keller

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:34 PM

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Comment I-409-1

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Response to I-409-1

No final response has been entered.

I-410: R Weiss

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:31 PM

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Response to I-410-1

No final response has been entered.

I-411: Mary Chapman

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:28 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-411-1

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Response to I-411-1

No final response has been entered.

I-412: Tom Krebsbach

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:27 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-412-1

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Response to I-412-1

No final response has been entered.

I-413: Desiree MARBLE

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:26 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-413-1

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Response to I-413-1

No final response has been entered.

I-414: Angela Sheppard

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:19 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-414-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I am a 30-year Washingtonian, raised in a farming and fishing family and want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Response to I-414-1

No final response has been entered.

I-415: Andrea Avni

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:14 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-415-1

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Response to I-415-1

No final response has been entered.

I-416: Susan Hampel

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:12 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-416-1

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Response to I-416-1

No final response has been entered.

I-417: Susan Worden

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:09 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-417-1

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Response to I-417-1

No final response has been entered.

I-418: Patricia Bailey

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:09 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-418-1

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Response to I-418-1

No final response has been entered.

I-419: Maxine Clark

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 5:06 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-419-1

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Response to I-419-1

No final response has been entered.

I-420: Charles Nafziger

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:58 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-420-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial fish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

Farmed fish are as filthy as CAFO cattle. Salmon are sacred in the Northwest and fish farm waste, parasites, and diseases put them in further danger. Wild salmon used to feed all people here. We have been destroying their habitat and poisoning them with everything from dioxins to radioactivity. It would be prudent to quit killing the sacred. Replacing them with filthy farmed abominations is madness.

Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Response to I-420-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-421: Paul Kennard

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:55 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-421-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

As a retired federal geomorphologist who dedicated years to protecting salmon habitat in Washington state through the Timber, Fish, and Wildlife program, I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

The Board of Natural Resources holds the vital responsibility of safeguarding Washington's public waters and lands for both current residents and future generations. I urge you to approve this rule, which is crucial for protecting our public waters from the significant risks associated with industrial net pen aquaculture. These risks include daily pollution, the spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and large-scale escape incidents, such as the catastrophic collapse at Cypress Island, which released 260,000 viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound.

Puget Sound's ecosystems are a finite, invaluable resource with social, cultural, and economic significance. I rely on you to protect this irreplaceable public heritage. Allowing industrial net pen aquaculture in our waters is an unacceptable use that jeopardizes investments in the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and the overall health of Puget Sound.

Please follow Commissioner Franz's leadership and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Response to I-421-1

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I-422: Karen Kiehlmeier

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:53 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-422-1

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I won't even eat a farmed fish. We need to protect our Salish Sea (AKA Puget Sound) from farmed fish diseases and do what is needed to protect our native fish. Cookes intention ia good to provide fish to our economy but not at the expenses of native fish. Lets protect our waters.

Sincerely,

Karen Kiehlmeier

P. O. Box 150

Wauna, WA 98395

Response to I-422-1

No final response has been entered.

[I-423: Vanessa Schmidt](#)

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:06 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-423-1

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Sincerely,
Vanessa Schmidt
12051 Hiram Place Northeast
Seattle, WA 98125

Response to I-423-1

No final response has been entered.

I-424: elsa meinig

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:53 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-424-1

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Response to I-424-1

No final response has been entered.

I-425: Scott Bishop

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:04 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-425-1

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Sincerely,
Scott Bishop
1710 Giles Ave NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Response to I-425-1

No final response has been entered.

I-426: Stan Isley

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:51 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-426-1

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I-427: John Stafford

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No final response has been entered.

I-428: Bob Triggs

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:45 PM

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Comment I-428-1

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NO NET PENS IN WASHINGTON MARINE WATERS!

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I-429: Jon Deex

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Jon Deex

13528 SE 83rd St

Newcastle, WA 98059

Response to I-429-1

No final response has been entered.

I-430: Susan Smith

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:58 PM

Submit Method: Email

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Sincerely,

Susan Smith

520 Northeast 92nd Street

Seattle, WA 98115

Response to I-430-1

No final response has been entered.

I-431: Mark Studley

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:44 PM

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Response to I-431-1

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I-432: Jon Nylund

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Response to I-432-1

No final response has been entered.

I-433: Brad Staples

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Brad Staples
19363 Willamette Dr #302
West Linn, OR 97068

Response to I-433-1

No final response has been entered.

I-434: Julie Gaskill

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:42 PM

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Comment I-434-1

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Response to I-434-1

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I-435: Charlie Henke

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:39 PM

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Response to I-435-1

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I-436: Kjersten Gmeiner

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:51 PM

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Comment I-436-1

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Sincerely,

Kjersten Gmeiner

12051 14th Ave NE

Seattle, WA 98125

Response to I-436-1

No final response has been entered.

I-437: Lou Ann Pacocha

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:30 PM

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Comment I-437-1

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Response to I-437-1

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I-438: Ryan Hartnagel

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:36 PM

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I-439: William Brant

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When I moved to Normandy Park in 1979 salmon in our local streams were abundant/ in the thousands. Years later the salmon are typically counted in the hundred and often even fail to spawn due to multiple stresses in the marine environment. We need to do everything possible to try to build these runs back up and net pen aquaculture is a big negative to all our efforts. All the money being spent on fish passable culvert will be totally wasted if we allow pollution and diseases from net pen aquaculture!!! DO ALLOW IT !! Do not go backwards.

Response to I-439-1

No final response has been entered.

I-440: Phillip Kellogg

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Comment I-440-1

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Sincerely,
Phillip Kellogg
3250 29TH AVE W
SEATTLE, WA 98199

Response to I-440-1

No final response has been entered.

I-441: Janice Klinski

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:50 PM

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Sincerely,
Janice Klinski
1716 Glass Ave NE
Olympia, WA 98506

Response to I-441-1

No final response has been entered.

I-442: Marilyn Allen

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:48 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-442-1

Members of the Board of Natural Resources,

Puget Sound is a very small place and we must keep it wild to support our sea life. Please do not pollute it with aquaculture pens.

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Sincerely,

Marilyn Allen

19017 2nd Ave SW

Normandy Park, WA 98166

Response to I-442-1

No final response has been entered.

I-443: Linea Anthony

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Linea Anthony
1341 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53403

Response to I-443-1

No final response has been entered.

I-444: Catherine De Marin

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:46 PM

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Comment I-444-1

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Sincerely,
catherine de marin
4644 332nd Ave SE
Fall City, WA 98024

Response to I-444-1

No final response has been entered.

I-445: Janet Riordan

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:45 PM

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Sincerely,

Janet Riordan

11045 8th Ave NE

Seattle, WA 98125

Response to I-445-1

No final response has been entered.

I-446: Julie Buetow

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:42 PM

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Sincerely,
Julie Buetow
12306 Maplewood Ave
Edmonds, WA 98026

Response to I-446-1

No final response has been entered.

I-447: Valerie Laporte

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:41 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-447-1

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Sincerely,
Valérie Laporte
1242 Montarville
Longueuil, CA 00012

Response to I-447-1

No final response has been entered.

I-448: Steve McKenna

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Steve McKenna

4535 79th Ave Ne

Marysville, WA 98270

Response to I-448-1

No final response has been entered.

[I-449: Elisabeth Rochford](#)

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:35 PM

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Sincerely,
Elisabeth Rotchford
5717 Hill Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Response to I-449-1

No final response has been entered.

I-450: David Koopmans

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:35 PM

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Our future depends on your approval of this rule.

Sincerely,

David Koopmans
14924 SE 46th Ct
Bellevue, WA 98006

Response to I-450-1

No final response has been entered.

I-451: Cheryl Maples

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:31 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-451-1

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Maples

18627 High Rock Road #B

Monroe, WA 98272

Response to I-451-1

No final response has been entered.

I-452: Kelle Fitzpatrick

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:30 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-452-1

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Sincerely,

Kelle Fitzpatrick

1920 SW 162nd St

BURIEN, WA 98166

Response to I-452-1

No final response has been entered.

I-453: Cheryl Maples

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:29 PM

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Comment I-453-1

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Farmed fish are not at all like wild caught fish as far as being healthy for us to eat. It is only a matter of time before net pens have an accidental release wreaking havoc on that location. We are human, prone to mistakes, and they will happen. Too much is at stake here, now and for the future. I do not eat farmed fish now and don't ever plan to. Please stand with Commissioner Franz.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Maples

18627 High Rock Road #B

Monroe, WA 98272

Response to I-453-1

No final response has been entered.

I-454: Patrick Donnelly

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:29 PM

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Comment I-454-1

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Sincerely,
Patrick J Donnelly
17811 24 th Place NE
Shoreline, WA 98155

Response to I-454-1

No final response has been entered.

I-455: Denice Cronin-Hanson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:29 PM

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Comment I-455-1

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Sincerely,
Denice Cronin-Hanson
3020 Issaquah Pine Lake Rd SE, #281
Sammamish, WA 98075

Response to I-455-1

No final response has been entered.

I-456: Beth Burrows

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:25 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-456-1

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Sincerely,

Beth Burrows

20319 92nd Avenue West

Edmonds, WA 98020

Response to I-456-1

No final response has been entered.

I-457: Alfred Roosevelt

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:25 PM

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Comment I-457-1

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Sincerely,
Alfred Roosevelt
2090 Applewood Dr
Lakewood, CO 80215

Response to I-457-1

No final response has been entered.

I-458: Maureen Meyer

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:24 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-458-1

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Sincerely,
Maureen Meyer
12319 Hiram Place NE
Seattle, WA 98125

Response to I-458-1

No final response has been entered.

I-459: Jonelle Kemmerling

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:22 PM

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Comment I-459-1

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Sincerely,

Jonelle Kemmerling

1607 NW 197th Street

Shoreline, WA 98177

Response to I-459-1

No final response has been entered.

I-460: Katherine Rivard

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:53 PM

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Comment I-460-1

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Sincerely,
Katherine Rivard
531 Clinton Street
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Response to I-460-1

No final response has been entered.

[I-461: Michael Lawson](#)

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:53 PM

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Comment I-461-1

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Sincerely,
Michael Lawson
7105 180TH ST SE
Snohomish, WA 98296

Response to I-461-1

No final response has been entered.

[I-462: Esther Kronenberg](#)

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:52 PM

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Comment I-462-1

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Sincerely,
Esther Kronenberg
3206 36 Ave NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Response to I-462-1

No final response has been entered.

I-463: Chad Plumly

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 2:51 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-463-1

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Sincerely,
chad plumly
610 mark trail ct
atlanta, GA 30328

Response to I-463-1

No final response has been entered.

I-464: Catherine Ruha

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 4:36 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-464-1

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Sincerely,
Catherine Ruha
1541 NE 91st Street
Seattle, WA 98115

Response to I-464-1

No final response has been entered.

I-465: Richard Kellogg

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 5:09 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-465-1

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Sincerely,

Richard Kellogg

26247 SW Metolius Meadows Drive

Camp Sherman, OR 97730

Response to I-465-1

No final response has been entered.

I-466: JOdy Louise

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 6:32 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-466-1

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Sincerely,

Jody Louise
2219 240TH AVE SE
Sammamish, WA 98075

Response to I-466-1

No final response has been entered.

I-467: Kari Rein

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 8:29 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-467-1

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Sincerely,

Kari Rein

P.O Box 150

Williams, OR 97544

Response to I-467-1

No final response has been entered.

I-468: Doug Hennick

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 9:01 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-468-1

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Sincerely,

Doug Hennick

4525 NE 201 Pl.

Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

Response to I-468-1

No final response has been entered.

I-469: Mary Tenhoff-Barton

Submit Date: 11/09/2024 7:32 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-469-1

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Sincerely,

Mary Tenhoff-Barton

12325 Hiram PL NE

Seattle, WA 98125

Response to I-469-1

No final response has been entered.

I-470: Toyia Hatten

Submit Date: 11/09/2024 1:09 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-470-1

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Sincerely,

Toyia Hatten

424 e 1st st, #3018

Port Angeles, WA 98362

Response to I-470-1

No final response has been entered.

I-471: Sam Cressman

Submit Date: 11/09/2024 3:27 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-471-1

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Sincerely,

Sam Cressman

915 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Unit B

Seattle, WA 98122

Response to I-471-1

No final response has been entered.

I-472: Gayle Baker

Submit Date: 11/09/2024 7:30 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-472-1

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Sincerely,

Gayle M Baker

7458 Old Olympic Hwy

Sequim, WA 98382

Response to I-472-1

No final response has been entered.

I-473: Brad Weiser

Submit Date: 11/10/2024 2:58 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-473-1

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Sincerely,

Brad Weiser

686 Sacandaga rd

Scotia, NY 12302

Response to I-473-1

No final response has been entered.

I-474: Beverly Crocker

Submit Date: 11/10/2024 8:03 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-474-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters that undermines the public's investments in the recovery of wild salmon, orcas, and the greater health of Puget Sound. Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and make the right choice for wild salmon, orcas, tribal rights, Puget Sound, and the well-being of future generations.

Keeping our ocean clean is of utmost importance not only for people now and for future generations but for all sealife and the earth.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Beverly Crocker
5540 37th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98105

Response to I-474-1

No final response has been entered.

I-475: Christi Normsn

Submit Date: 11/10/2024 8:12 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-475-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources, I watched the wold salmon swim up my creek yesterday, and I protect them with a triple stream buffer. Please support people like me who manage our forest for fish too. NO net pens! I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,
Christi Normsn
14331 344th Ave NE
Duvall, WA 98029

Response to I-475-1

No final response has been entered.

I-476: David Crocker

Submit Date: 11/10/2024 9:29 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-476-1

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Sincerely,

David Crocker

5540 37th Avenue Northeast

Seattle, WA 98105

Response to I-476-1

No final response has been entered.

I-477: Carla Carroll

Submit Date: 11/10/2024 12:13 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-477-1

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Sincerely,
Carla Carroll
1551 NW 195TH ST
Shoreline, WA 98177

Response to I-477-1

No final response has been entered.

I-478: Lexi Flores

Submit Date: 11/10/2024 2:25 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-478-1

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Sincerely,
Lexi Flores
950 Park Swain Rd
Grand junction, TN 38039

Response to I-478-1

No final response has been entered.

I-479: Florence Ezell

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 7:00 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-479-1

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Sincerely,

Florence Ezell

317 S 24th Av

Yuma, AZ 85364

Response to I-479-1

No final response has been entered.

I-480: Sky Myers

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 8:48 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-480-1

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Sincerely,
Sky Myers
9635 Mariner Dr Nw
OLYMPIA, WA 98502

Response to I-480-1

No final response has been entered.

I-481: Kris Ernest

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 9:17 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-481-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,
Please register my strong support for prohibiting industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters, as proposed by Commissioner Franz.
The Board of Natural Resources can have a big positive contribution to protecting Washington's public waters by approving this rule. Net pen aquaculture for finfish is by definition an open system that cannot be contained. Confined fish are more susceptible to parasites and diseases, such as lice and viruses, which freely move into the surrounding water and can be devastating for native fish populations. Anadromous salmon, in particular, migrate past these net pens and are exposed to pathogens and parasites that can sicken or kill them. Net pens also contribute concentrated waste to the water, greatly reducing water quality.
Washington is doing so much good work to restore salmon populations and protect endangered orcas (which rely on salmon for food); industrial net pen aquaculture would threaten this progress. We need to protect the natural, cultural, economic, and social values of Puget Sound; industrial net pen aquaculture is an unacceptable use of our public waters.
Please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and approve the proposed change in regulations to prohibit industrial net pen aquaculture for finfish.
Sincerely,
Kris Ernest
6220 Manastash
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Response to I-481-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-482: Elle Larson

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 11:48 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-482-1

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Sincerely,

Elle Larson

2511 22nd ave E

Seattle, WA 98112

Response to I-482-1

No final response has been entered.

I-483: Tristan Lagron

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 11:51 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-483-1

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Sincerely,
Tristan Lagron
2219 240th Ave SE
Sammamish, WA 98075

Response to I-483-1

No final response has been entered.

I-484: Mark Bradley

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 6:30 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-484-1

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Sincerely,
Mark Bradley
1128 15th Ave
Seattle, WA 98122

Response to I-484-1

No final response has been entered.

I-485: Jana Hobbs

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 7:19 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-485-1

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Sincerely,

Jana Hobbs

13506 NE 66th St

Kirkland, WA 98033

Response to I-485-1

No final response has been entered.

I-486: Carina Manz

Submit Date: 11/11/2024 7:32 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-486-1

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Sincerely,
Carina Manz
30814 Swede Heaven Rd
Arlington, WA 98223

Response to I-486-1

No final response has been entered.

I-487: Susan Lindquist

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 2:05 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-487-1

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Sincerely,
Susan Lindquist
2229 Turnagain Pkwy
Anchorage, AK 99517

Response to I-487-1

No final response has been entered.

I-488: Marc Lee

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 8:23 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-488-1

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I have been a resident in the beautiful fragile environment of the Puget Sound Region for over 50 years. I am pleased that in many ways we have been awakened as to how the fisheries have been extinguished or hopelessly depleted and the role of net pen agriculture as a major contributor of pollution and disease. Please help prevent further degradation of Puget Sound. Please do not allow billion dollar Net Pen agriculture to reestablish in the Sound.

Thank You.

Marc Lee, MD, MPH

Sincerely,

Marc Lee

13701 Banner Road SE

Olalla, WA 98359

Response to I-488-1

No final response has been entered.

I-489: Kirstin Clauson

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 9:24 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-489-1

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Sincerely,
Kirstin Clauson
6331 Kyllonen Hill Road
Clinton, WA 98236

Response to I-489-1

No final response has been entered.

I-490: Eugene Pitcher

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 9:57 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-490-1

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Sincerely,
Eugene Pitcher
6727 16th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117

Response to I-490-1

No final response has been entered.

I-491: Benjamin Honeycutt

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 10:18 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-491-1

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Sincerely,

Benjamin Honeycutt

765 Sw Echo Loop

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Response to I-491-1

No final response has been entered.

[I-492: Samuel Baca-Henry](#)

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 10:57 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-492-1

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Sincerely,
Samuel Baca-Henry
2132 Westlake Ave N
Seattle, WA 98109

Response to I-492-1

No final response has been entered.

I-493: Paula Shafransky

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 12:20 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-493-1

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Sincerely,
Paula Shafransky
22461 Prairie Road
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Response to I-493-1

No final response has been entered.

I-494: George Bullis

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 1:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-494-1

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Sincerely,

George Bullis

540 Olympic view dr

Coupeville, WA 98239

Response to I-494-1

No final response has been entered.

I-495: Marisa Schuler

Submit Date: 11/18/2024 2:06 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-495-1

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Sincerely,

Marisa Schuler

622 Birchwood Dr SW

Olympia, WA 98502

Response to I-495-1

No final response has been entered.

I-496: Steve Kimberley

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 5:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-496-1

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Sincerely,

Steve Kimberley

1945 Discovery Hts Dr

Bellingham, WA 98226

Response to I-496-1

No final response has been entered.

I-497: Shelley Ottenbrite

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 12:55 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-497-1

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Sincerely,
Shelley Ottenbrite
1809 W Grace St
Richmond, VA 23220

Response to I-497-1

No final response has been entered.

I-498: Carlos Anderson

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 7:24 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-498-1

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Sincerely,
Carlos Andersen
1690 Dow Road
Freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-498-1

No final response has been entered.

I-499: Edward Hueneke

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 1:44 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-499-1

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Sincerely,
Edward Hueneke
PO Box 834
Freeland, WA 98249

Response to I-499-1

No final response has been entered.

I-500: Michael Monson

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 5:31 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-500-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,
I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.
To allow net pens into the waters of Puget Sound is a death sentence for our waters.

Sincerely,
Michael Monson
105 Jacobs Rd.
Coupeville, WA 98239

Response to I-500-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-501: [Sego Jackson](#)

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 5:41 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-501-1

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Sincerely,
Sego Jackson
PO Box 383
Clinton, WA 98236

Response to I-501-1

No final response has been entered.

I-502: [Andrew Sloaf](#)

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment I-502-1

My name is Andrew Sloafe.

I have no affiliation.

I am a hatchery manager.

I'd like to start by saying thank you board for this opportunity to speak to you today.

I've lived in Washington for 25 years.

I hold a degree in biology and a degree in marine science, and I do consider myself to be an environmentalist.

My love of our oceans led me into the environmental education field.

And then I decided to enter into a career in aquaculture, which I've done for 24 years now. And as it is currently, my belief that our oceans very much need our assistance to manage our activities within it, we farm all kinds of animals on land to protect.

The wild populations and seafood should be no different.

I got into this for that very reason because I see the forest for the trees.

We are a growing population, we are not.

going to stop growing, we need to be able to feed people, and people are gonna continue to look to our oceans.

Our oceans need our help.

Decision to ban net banned farming is being rushed before all the expert voices can be heard from agencies that have extensively studied this topic and found it to be a minimal and manageable impact.

I firmly believe that DNR is capable of managing our water in a way to benefit our state in a responsible way without flatly closing off for remarkable ask please do not rush to make a decision on this without all effects.

Thank you.

Response to I-502-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

- (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

The Department must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent

further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

I-503: Carl Wassile

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment I-503-1

This is the wild salmon.

So my name is **Carl Wassile**

My traditional name is almutuck.

I come from salmon people, from the from the Arctic nations.

But I have family here I work with.

half the tribes in the United States. Protect their wild salmon habitat and a threat to our wild salmon habitat.

Are these fish that are farmed and they're there's a there's a heavy toll that place upon these fish.

With the with with these inputs from from from abroad that include.

Heavy a heavy toll upon our our, our, our environment and so so one of the things that I want to say is as a salmon person is that I have nothing against.

The creation of the beautiful thing that, that, that, that we cultivated for thousands of years.

But I gotta say as a biologist

I'm very concerned.

That there's a there's a push to overturn this ban.

So I want to say thank you, Washington State, for maintaining this ban on on farm fish.

I think we need to open up the culverts, open up our waters for the return of the salmon.

So so as a salmon person, I've got to say.

100% I support.

tribal treaty rights.

But one of the problems that I'm seeing with this commercial operations offshore with these fish pond are no different than a caged animal feeding operation on on our waters.

So the pollution and the inputs that are taken.

To provide for the feed of these operation are globally.

There's there's a heavy impact.

And.

One of the most important things is that our salmon are sacred and.

Disrespect.

Ful to disrespect for the for the thousands of work of our elders that have stood up for a wild salmon habitat and the protection that that is afforded.

To making sure that we go on a path toward restoration of our of, of our wild salmon habitat.

The future generation.

The marketing of these farm fish.

Is speculative at the at the minimum.

And as a biologist, I've got to say the best thing that we can do is provide for the habitat protection and restoration period.

Thank you, DNR for this. For this opportunity. Appreciate it.

Thank you.

This is wild salmon.

Response to I-503-1

Thank you for your comment.

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I-504: Kjersten Gmeiner

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 9:17 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-504-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,
I STRONGLY SUPPORT Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters!!!

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Sincerely,

Kjersten Gmeiner

12051 14th Ave NE

Seattle, WA 98125

Response to I-504-1

No final response has been entered.

I-505: Andrew Poksay

Submit Date: 11/14/2024 11:54 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-505-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

I want to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

As I've learned more and more about the potential harms of net pen farming, I've become adamant that it is not how we should be farming seafood. It's not right for the farmed fish, the wild fish or the marine environment.

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Sincerely,

Andrew Poksay

4032 Woodlawn Ave N

Seattle, WA 98103

Response to I-505-1

No final response has been entered.

I-506: Julie Martin

Submit Date: 11/14/2024 12:34 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-506-1

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Sincerely,
Julie Martin
6706 192ND PL SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Response to I-506-1

No final response has been entered.

I-507: Emma Helverson

Submit Date: 11/14/2024 1:45 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-507-1

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Sincerely,
Emma Helverson
PO Box 402
Duvall, WA 98019

Response to I-507-1

No final response has been entered.

I-508: Eileen Fletcher

Submit Date: 11/14/2024 9:33 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-508-1

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Sincerely,

Eileen Fletcher

6623 Whitman St NE, Tacoma WA 98422

Tacoma, WA 98422

Response to I-508-1

No final response has been entered.

[I-509: Maria Garcia-Rojas](#)

Submit Date: 11/14/2024 10:05 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-509-1

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Sincerely,
Maria Garcia-Rojas
2929 Applehill Ct NE
Olympia, WA 98506

Response to I-509-1

No final response has been entered.

I-510: Marjorie Millner

Submit Date: 11/14/2024 10:14 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-510-1

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Sincerely,
Marjorie Millner
1107 NW 137th St
Vancouver, WA 98685

Response to I-510-1

No final response has been entered.

I-511: William Brown

Submit Date: 11/15/2024 7:40 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-511-1

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Sincerely,

William Brown

97128

McMinnville, OR 97128

Response to I-511-1

No final response has been entered.

[I-512: CCharlie Zelenak](#)

Submit Date: 11/15/2024 8:39 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-512-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

Charlie Zelenak

2603 211th Ave E

Lakemore, WA 98391

Response to I-512-1

No final response has been entered.

I-513: Lana Zelenak

Submit Date: 11/15/2024 9:21 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-513-1

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Sincerely,

Lana Zelenak

2603 211 th Ave E

Lake Tapps, WA 98391

Response to I-513-1

No final response has been entered.

I-514: David Cushman

Submit Date: 11/17/2024 3:02 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-514-1

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Sincerely,

David Cushman

2517 NW PINEHURST DR
MCMINNVILLE, OR 97128

Response to I-514-1

No final response has been entered.

I-515: Derek Benedict

Submit Date: 11/17/2024 6:31 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-515-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,

I want to express my VERY strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters.

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Sincerely,

Derek Benedict

709 - 212th PL SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Response to I-515-1

No final response has been entered.

I-516: Sarah Schmidt

Submit Date: 11/18/2024 10:10 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-516-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources, I am writing to express my strong support for Commissioner Franz's proposal to change regulations to prohibit industrial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington's marine waters. As a 25-year resident of Washington, I have witnessed the damage from finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington, and the devastation in British Columbia.

As the Board of Natural Resources, you have the important job of protecting Washington's public waters and lands for everyone today and for future generations. I urge you to approve this rule that will ensure our public waters will be protected from the dangers associated with this industry, including daily rampant pollution, the spread of harmful viruses and diseases, and catastrophic escape events like Cypress Island collapse that released 260,000, viral-infected farmed fish into Puget Sound.

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Sincerely,

Sarah Schmidt

243 Rhodena Dr Dr

Coupeville, WA 98239

Response to I-516-1

No final response has been entered.

I-517: Christy Rodgers

Submit Date: 11/18/2024 11:15 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment I-517-1

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Sincerely,

Christy Rodgers

1132 Al Anderson Avenue

Langley, WA 98260

Response to I-517-1

No final response has been entered.

I-518: Kevin Bright

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment I-518-1

02:56:00.220 -- Thank you board members and commissioner for the opportunity to speak.

02:56:07.660 -- My name is Kevin Bright.

02:56:07.660 -- I've been working in the marine aquaculture industry for over 30 years now.

02:56:12.060 -- I have a degree in marine sciences from Western Washington University and I've been a lifelong resident of Washington state.

02:56:17.660 -- I have significant concerns that this ban on commercial net pen, that native fish, fin fish aquaculture will do by locking up 2.6 million acres of aquatic land for this type of use.

02:56:30.220 -- DNR's rulemaking process was put into motion by the commissioners executive order that prohibits the leasing of aquatic land for commercial fish growing.

02:56:41.260 -- The flawed executive order put DNR staff in the position to develop a rule that will be in direct conflict with recently passed state law that approved native finfish rearing in net pens in Washington state.

02:56:51.340 -- This rulemaking also conflicts with past case law and the recent Supreme Washington State Supreme Court decision affirming the authorization to grow native steelhead fish in net pens.

02:57:05.260 -- The rule will also conflict with the Shoreline Management Act.

02:57:12.380 -- Specifically, the threshold determination of non-significance by Department of Natural Resources based on incomplete SEPA checklist.

02:57:17.580 -- DNR has not fully examined the science and reasoning that show the need for increasing domestic aquaculture production in meeting the challenges of climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

02:57:28.220 -- The small business economic impact statement and cost benefit analysis included with the SEPA checklist are still in draft form in our incomplete rulemaking is a forward looking process that is done to take into consideration the effects of the rule on future DNR has not given a full analysis of the economic impacts to small businesses working waterfronts water dependent

business and rural counties on what this prohibition on aquaculture will do and mean to their future.

02:57:59.580 -- The SBEIS and CBA also does not consider their increased costs of importing seafood which makes a healthy protein source less affordable.

02:58:06.140 -- I asked the commissioners, I asked the board to delay this process if fully considered.

Response to I-518-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR has followed the requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the APA's requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to

provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include: (1) Encouraging direct public use and access; (2) Fostering water-dependent uses; (3) Ensuring environmental protection; (4) Utilizing renewable resources. Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit. DNR must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

A-1: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Kenneth Warheit

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 4:34 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment A-1-1

Comments: Commercial Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture Rulemaking (File No. 24-101601) Following the August 2017 net-pen collapse near Cypress Island the Washington State Legislature passed and the Governor signed EHB 2957 prohibiting the farming of non-native marine fish species on Washington State aquatic lands. The law required that the Departments of Agriculture, Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, and Natural Resources (WSDA, Ecology, WDFW, and DNR, respectively) "continue the existing effort to update guidance and informational resources to industry and governments for planning and permitting commercial marine net pen aquaculture." Efforts to update the State's guidance for the operation of marine net-pen aquaculture began in August 2016.

In April 2022, Washington State published a guidance and risk management document for commercial marine finfish net-pen aquaculture (CFNPA) in Puget Sound and Strait of Juan de Fuca (henceforth, "Guidance Document"). This document, required by law, was authored jointly and equally by the WSDA, Ecology, WDFW, and DNR, and was reviewed by staff representing the University of Washington, Washington State University, Northwest Indian College, NOAA Fisheries, Lower Elwha Tribe, and Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians (Department of Ecology Publication No. 22-06-008; <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2206008.pdf>). The 144-page Guidance Document provides authoritative content on current risks of net-pen aquaculture in Puget Sound. It is also a blueprint for government agencies to ensure that best management practices are used to mitigate many of these risks and to reduce environmental impacts from CFNPA to the Puget Sound environment. The Guidance Document was tailor-made for understanding the risks and the management of CFNPA in Puget Sound. Unfortunately, it appears that the document was at best minimally used by DNR in development of their SEPA Checklist, despite the fact that DNR was one of the authors of the document. In response to Question 8 in their SEPA Checklist, DNR states that "[w]hile there is limited data on the specific impacts of CNPA on habitats and habitat elements in Washington State, this document compiles the best available science to present how certain operations, infrastructure, and mechanisms of net pen aquaculture may influence the health of local nearshore habitats" (SEPA Checklist, Page 3, emphases added). The Guidance Document was not cited in DNR's response to Question 8, although the Guidance Document contains sections and specific language on the risks and best practices related to "habitats and habitat elements in Washington State" (see Table of Contents in the Guidance Document). In the Reasons supporting proposal section of their CR-102, DNR does cite the Guidance Document in two sections. In each of these two sections DNR indicates that impacts from CFNPA effluent and marine debris can be mitigated, consistent with the Guidance Document. However, DNR emphasized the risks rather than the best practices that can mitigate these risks. The Guidance Document includes entire chapters dedicated to water quality and effluent, benthic environment, and marine debris. If DNR had used these chapters more thoroughly they might have provided a more comprehensive assessment of the effects of CFNPA on the habitat and habitat elements discussed in both the CR-102 and the related SEPA Checklist. In their response to Question 8 in their SEPA Checklist, in a section titled "DNR Aquatic Resources Division draft science synthesis" (emphasis added), DNR used the phrase "best available science" in two places. These sections indicate that DNR used best science, that is expertise, to produce both the Checklist and the CR-102 when addressing issues related to habitats, water quality, ecosystems, and organisms. In addition to underutilizing the Guidance Document, DNR did not consult with the expertise available in WSDA and WDFW as they indicated they would in the CR-101. DNR did consult with Ecology and Ecology's water quality expert directed DNR to the Guidance Document. In the SEPA WAC 197-11-920, Ecology and/or WDFW are listed as experts in water resources and water quality, fish and wildlife, natural resource development, and land use and development, each category relevant to the DNR's CR-102 and SEPA. We are uncertain how DNR's analysis of stressors and environmental impacts from CFNPA can be considered "best" or thorough. In the absence of consulting with all the appropriate state agencies with expertise in the subject matter and more fully using the Guidance Document, DNR's analysis should be considered, simply, DNR's opinion rather than "best available science." WDFW recommends that DNR consult with all the appropriate state agencies, as they did with several Tribes in the Puget Sound area before they move to adopt the changes to WAC 332-30.

Response to A-1-1

Your comment contends that the interagency document Commercial Marine Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture in Puget Sound and Strait of Juan de Fuca: Guidance and Risk Management ("Guidance"), was underutilized by DNR in its analysis, that the DNR Aquatic Resources Division science synthesis should simply be considered an opinion rather than "best available science," and that DNR should consult with all appropriate state agencies before adopting changes to WAC 332-30. DNR disagrees with your first two contentions and DNR believes that since WDFW did not submit any information relevant to the proposed rulemaking effort in the 18 months following the filing of the CR-101, that a meeting was not necessary.

As stated in your comment, "The Guidance Document was tailor-made for understanding the risks and the management of CFNPA in Puget Sound." DNR agrees with this statement if the purpose of managing CFNPA in Puget Sound is to merely reduce their impacts. As stated on page 11 of the Guidance, "It updates and improves the state's collective understanding about the current risks and best management practices necessary to reduce environmental impacts of commercial finfish net pen aquaculture to the Puget Sound environment." (Emphasis added.) However, because our state's iconic Orca and salmon species continue to be imperiled, the purpose of DNR's rulemaking effort is to eliminate impacts.

As a proprietary agency tasked with managing 2.6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands, much like a landlord, DNR Science Synthesis focused "...on potential stressors to the habitat the agency is specifically charged with conserving for future generations." An analysis that differs from the regulatory approach of other state agencies, much like the Guidance document. It is important to note that the staff that participated in the drafting of the Guidance document tried to move it beyond reducing environmental impacts and acknowledge that their impacts could not be avoided. DNR acknowledges that, as you stated in your comment, WAC 197-11-920 shows "Ecology and/or WDFW are listed as experts in water resources and water quality, fish and wildlife, natural resource development, and land use and development." It must also be acknowledged that DNR is also listed as possessing special expertise related to all of the same categories of the environment. With identical expertise and a focus on the habitat the agency is specifically charged with conserving, DNR's science synthesis is much more than an opinion, it is a combination of expert aquatic land management considerations driven by the best available science that shows the impacts of CFNPA are unavoidable.

T-1: Squaxin Island Tribe, Joseph Peters

Submit Date: 04/01/2024 7:49 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-1-1

Squaxin Island Tribe supports the use of commercial finfish net pen aquaculture operations on state-owned aquatic land as long as the operation uses only native species of Washington State. New facilities must also assess the impact on Tribal Treaty Fishing areas; these facilities must not negatively impact Tribal fishermen's use of fishing areas.

Response to T-1-1

Thank you for your comment. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as a manager of Washington's State-owned aquatic land, proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture. DNR has incorporated finfish net pens for Tribal cultural and subsistence uses in the proposed rule. DNR remains mindful that the placement of net pen aquaculture operations could inherently impact a tribe's on-water fishing access. We anticipate any cultural or subsistence use net pens would be located within a particular tribe's usual and accustomed, on-water fishing places, in part because their location could affect a tribe's ability to access particular areas.

T-2: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Maria Smithson

Submit Date: 08/23/2024 2:40 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-2-1

This submission, from the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, is a comprehensive collection of contemporary, place-based scientific literature that effectively illustrates the current state of aquaculture practices and environmental interactions in Washington State.

Response to T-2-1

Thank you for your submission. The references were reviewed by DNR's science staff and considered for inclusion in the science synthesis. The final decision on each citation has been documented for the rulemaking record.

T-3: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Maria Smithson

Submit Date: 09/12/2024 9:11 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-3-1

Attached please find the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Review/Analysis of DNR's Executive Summary and Science Synthesis.

Response to T-3-1

Thank you for your submission. The references were reviewed by DNR's science staff and considered for inclusion in the science synthesis. The final decision on each citation has been documented for the rulemaking record.

T-4: Snoqualmie Indian Tribe , Kelsey Payne

Submit Date: 09/19/2024 11:58 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-4-1

Response to T-4-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

T-5: Lummi Nation Culture Department, Tamela Smart

Submit Date: 10/17/2024 11:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment T-5-1

Dear SEPA Official,

The Lummi Nation has received notice of the proposed non project action- Rulemaking for Commercial Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture and is responding as an affected tribe. The Lummi Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (LNTHPO) has reviewed the distributed project documents as well as records on file at our office.

Based on this review, the LNTHPO does not wish to comment on this non-project action at this time. The LNTHPO would like to be consulted with on a project by project basis. We recommend that the Lummi Nation Natural Resources Department also be consulted.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of the review. The LNTHPO should review any changes related to the proposed project. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 360-927-2944 or via email at tamelas@lummi-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

Tamela S. Smart (she/her)

Deputy THPO/Compliance Officer
Lummi Nation Culture Department
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Response to T-5-1

Thank you for the comment.

T-6: Lauren P. Rasmussen, Attorney for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lauren Rasmussen

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:28 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-6-1

Please see attached file.

Response to T-6-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

- (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

The Commissioner's Order referenced by and mischaracterized by the commenter directs DNR staff, within the Commissioner's authority as head of the agency, to set policy and direct staff to engage in rulemaking to carry out the authority as managers of State-owned aquatic lands and has been ruled in court to not hold any pre-decisional weight.

DNR must balance competing paramount concerns such as environmental protection through its policy decisions. Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

DNR has followed the requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW

34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the APA's requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

DNR's proposed rule does not regulate anybody's conduct. The absence of commercial fin fish net pens anchored to state-owned aquatic lands creates no regulation of or interference with the Tribe's pursuit of any treaty-protected fish run. DNR's proposed rule does not regulate the Tribe's use of fishing gear, or fishing methods to any treaty-protected fish run, nor does it affect or regulate any Tribes' access to their usual and accustomed treaty fishing places.

Rather, the rule proposes to exercise DNR's authority as the manager of state-owned aquatic lands to prohibit a commercial use of the bed lands, where that use has known, documented adverse impacts that are difficult to address because of their depth and difficulty to observe, among other factors. This rulemaking exercises DNR's proprietary rights as a land manager and has no regulatory component at all.

DNR is not interfering with or preventing any tribe's access to their treaty fishery. DNR's rule prevents a commercial activity on state-owned lands that DNR has been charged with managing. None of the cases cited by Jamestown S'Klallam establishes a treaty right to anchor commercial facilities to state-owned lands for their own use and exclusive benefit.

T-7: Matt Baerwalde, Matt Baerwalde

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 10:56 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-7-1

Please see uploaded comment letter from Snoqualmie Tribe.

Response to T-7-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

T-8: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lauren Rasmussen

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 8:19 AM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-8-1

Please see the attached submission from the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

Response to T-8-1

The proposed rule would allow smaller-scale, non-commercial fin fish net pen operations where tribal entities wanted to raise ceremonial or subsistence fish in their own adjudicated fishing areas. The proposed rule would limit larger, commercial operations, which have greater impacts.

DNR issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for this rulemaking and continues to believe the aspect of the rule that would allow the smaller scale operations to be limited in nature and impact. As to allowing the use of state-owned aquatic lands for commercial net pen operations, this would be an expansion of the uses allowed in the proposed rule. SEPA does not require agencies to consider more environmentally harmful proposals than it has proposed (see WAC 197-11-786, defining "reasonable alternative").

Regarding RCW 43.21C.030(2)(d), concerning the need to consult with other agencies with expertise or jurisdiction over a proposed action, DNR's proposed rule solely concerns the authorized uses of state-owned aquatic lands. Other agencies do not have jurisdiction over the uses allowed on state-owned aquatic lands. Other agencies have jurisdiction over other parts of the environment where net pens operate, including water quality (Ecology) or the authorization permits necessary to raise fish species in Washington waters (WDFW). Those agencies were welcome to comment on DNR's proposed rule, and WDFW did comment. DNR has also collaborated with these and other agencies on net pen aquaculture for several years.

This comment contends that the rule's proposed ban on commercial aquaculture requires analysis under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(e), concerning "unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources," the prior application of the statute considered whether a proposal's authorized activities constituted a conflict concerning the use of available resources. Here, the commenter's contention is that DNR's rulemaking should have authorized more extensive and harmful environmental uses (i.e., commercial fin fish net pen aquaculture) than DNR's proposed rule would allow. DNR's disallowance of commercial fin fish aquaculture activities on state-owned aquatic lands prevents or mitigates environmental impacts by managing the size of authorized net pen operations. The mitigation of environmental harms by an agency that prohibits more harmful activities in the environment does not trigger the need for a more detailed study of those harmful, prohibited activities, or additional alternatives to them. To do so would stand SEPA on its head.

Regarding RCW 43.21C.030(2)(f), concerning the agency's consideration of worldwide and long-range environmental problems, DNR believes that its limitation of larger, more environmentally harmful commercial finfish net pen aquaculture is consistent with this SEPA objective. The commenter does not clearly explain why disallowing commercial

finfish net pen aquaculture on state-owned aquatic lands will cause a decline in the quality of the world environment.

DNR's proposed rule does not "regulate" anybody's conduct. The absence of commercial fin fish net pens anchored to state-owned aquatic lands creates no regulation of or interference with the Tribe's pursuit of any treaty-protected fish run. DNR's proposed rule does not regulate the Tribe's use of fishing gear, or fishing methods to any treaty-protected fish run, nor does it affect or regulate any Tribes' access to their usual and accustomed treaty fishing places.

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RCW 79.105.360 requires DNR to adopt "such rules as are necessary to carry out the purposes of RCW 79.105.010, 79.105.030, 79.105.050, 79.105.210, 79.105.220, 79.105.240 through 79.105.260, 79.105.270, 79.105.290 through 79.105.350, 79.105.400, 79.105.420, 79.130.070, and 79.135.100." This is the kind of specific rulemaking authority that RCW 43.12.045 addresses. As to the comment that there is no "specific" authority to adopt the specific rule in question, this comment would appear to require statutory authority to adopt the specific subject of every rule. RCW 43.12.045, nor any other statute, requires this. There would be no point in adopting a rule if a statute already addressed and regulated the specific subject of the rule, in the same manner the rule did. Here, the legislature delegated the authority to DNR to adopt "necessary" rules. DNR believes the rule in question is "necessary," and that it has the authority to adopt the rule.

No entity with expertise in orca commented that it was necessary to raise finfish in commercial net pen aquaculture operations to feed orca. Hatchery-raised fish, which may spend some time in ocean-based net pens prior to their open-water release, and which may provide food sources for orca, are expressly allowed under the rule. The rule provides for net pen use when the fish raised in the net pen will be released to open waters. This provision was intended to avoid interference with hatchery operations. The commenter is not clear on how commercially raised net pen fish would supplement the food supply for orca when they are hauled out of the water for commercial sale and not released to open waters.

The commenter does not explain how not allowing fin fish commercial aquaculture on

state-owned aquatic lands will cause a significant adverse environmental impact on either local or global climate conditions. The commenter provides no study citations or other resources to document how the absence of commercial fin fish net pen aquaculture in Puget Sound could worsen local or global climate conditions, and DNR is aware of no such study.

The commenter did not identify any specific "conflicts" of DNR's rule with any Shoreline Management Act provision, or any local or other management plans. DNR's primary SEPA analysis used the non-project review form, because this rulemaking concerns a rule for state-owned aquatic lands in general, rather than a site-specific activity. Thus, the SEPA checklist's site-specific questions have little applicability to the "Land and Shoreline Use" part of the standard SEPA checklist form. The legislature has accorded rulemaking authority to DNR to implement the various provisions of RCW 79.105. See RCW 79.105.360. DNR's ability to limit the allowable uses of state-owned aquatic lands as a land manager, such as excluding commercial fin fish net pen aquaculture, is not reduced by other Shoreline Management Act regulatory authorities or adopted plans.

DNR understands the importance that fish have to Puget Sound tribes, including the Jamestown S'Klallam people. DNR's rule does provide for the use of state-owned aquatic lands for tribes to engage in finfish net pen aquaculture for ceremonial and subsistence uses. The only prohibited use would be commercial fin fish net pen aquaculture. DNR's primary SEPA analysis used the non-project review form, because this rulemaking concerns a rule for state-owned aquatic lands in general, rather than a site-specific activity. Thus, the SEPA checklist's site-specific questions have little applicability to the "Historical or Cultural Preservation" part of the standard SEPA checklist form, which focuses on site-specific concerns

T-9: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Julia Guarino

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 1:49 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-9-1

Response to T-9-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

T-10: Nisqually Indian Tribe, David Troutt

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 3:47 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-10-1

The Nisqually Indian Tribe's treaty rights has been negatively impacted by human caused disturbances to ecosystem function from the Mountains to the Sea. Land conversions and habitat losses, surface water withdrawals and impacts to summer flows, climate change affecting everything from ocean and stream temperatures to snowpack to increased predation have all caused the decline of salmon in the Puget Sound region. We are in crisis mode. We have at least one ESA listed species in every major river in the region. We need to be eliminating impacts that we have control over through permitting, especially those that impact very few people. There is no question about the negative impacts of commercial net pen aquaculture on marine ecosystems including the survival of salmon. The State needs to take every step possible and use every tool in your disposal to improve conditions for salmon in the Salish Sea and to honor the treaty rights of the tribes. The Nisqually Indian Tribe fully supports eliminating now and for the foreseeable future the siting of net pen aquaculture through rule making throughout Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan De Fuca. This is a critical step to support salmon recovery and our treaty right to fish. When the day comes that we have abundant salmon in the Nisqually River and our fishers are on the River throughout the year and their nets are full, we will be open to a different conversation.

Response to T-10-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

T-11: Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Samuel Stiltner

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 5:46 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-11-1

Response to T-11-1

Thank you for your comment. DNR understands that the Puyallup Tribe contends that the decision to bar commercial fin fish net pen aquaculture as an authorized use of state-owned aquatic lands constitutes a "regulation" of the Tribe's treaty authorized fishing rights. The Department respectfully disagrees with this perspective. The absence of commercial fin fish net pens anchored to state-owned aquatic lands creates no regulation of or interference with the Tribe's pursuit of any treaty-protected fish run.

DNR's proposed rule does not regulate the Tribe's use of fishing gear, or fishing methods to any treaty-protected fish run, nor does it affect or regulate any Tribes' access to their usual and accustomed treaty fishing places. DNR's proposed rule does not regulate anybody's conduct. Rather, the rule proposes to exercise DNR's authority as the manager of state-owned aquatic lands to prohibit a commercial use of the bed lands, where that use has known, documented adverse impacts. This exercises DNR's proprietary rights as a land manager and has no regulatory component at all.

T-12: Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation , Maryanne Mohan

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 6:47 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-12-1

Response to T-12-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

T-13: Maria Smithson, Maria Smithson

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:58 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-13-1

JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE CORRESPONDENCE WITH DNR DURING EARLY RULEMAKING ON PROPOSED NET PEN SURROUNDING ISSUES RAISED BY DNR'S PROPOSED NET PEN PROHIBITION IN JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE USUAL AND ACCUSTOMED GROUNDS AND STATIONS SEPA File No. 24-101601 <https://wadnr.commentinput.com?id=HdVJB8bZ5>

Response to T-13-1

Thank you for submitting copies of correspondence between the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and Washington Department of Natural Resources. These have been included in the rulemaking record.

T-14: Alex Scagliotti, Alex Scagliotti

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 11:30 PM

Submit Method: Website

Comment T-14-1

As a biologist, and I am nothing if not data driven and I've spent countless hours looking into the research, regulations, technology and industry standards and it's clear that when well-regulated and monitored, net pens can be very low impact from an ecological perspective but when assessed from a holistic perspective including GHG emissions, benefits rural economies and reduced impacts from other food production, it clearly becomes a positive force for the state and for the sovereignty of Tribe that I serve. This is why The Nature Conservancy has named finfish aquaculture as one of the most environmentally sustainable and low impact sources of food and strongly endorses well-regulated and holistic aquaculture practices. This is why a complete ban on commercial net pens is inappropriate. Much of the scientific justification used in DNR's proposed rule is skewed, cherry picked, irrelevant or out of date. There are many instances of this but here are a few examples: 1. Shading from overwater structures slows aquatic vegetation growth. This is true in the nearshore but the single citation used for this justification only concludes this in shallow areas where SAV occurs – commercial net pens are sited well beyond where SAV can even grow in the first place so this assertion is irrelevant. 2. Another study claimed benthic impacts from net pens using data that is older than I am from a different ocean in a shallow, low current bay – none of which is relevant to today's standards or practices. 3. Another justification is the 2017 net pen collapse which was unequivocally a disaster but using this to justify a ban on an entire sector is akin to banning all commercial timber because of an accidental fire from logging equipment. 4. Lastly DNR did not cite current, easily accessible research that paints a much more nuanced and balanced picture of this practice. I am not implying it's all positive, because it's not and there are inevitably some risks and impacts BUT an OBJECTIVE scientific analysis should review the most relevant and up to date data including ways to avoid, minimize and mitigate these impacts. NONE of this was included in DNR's justification of the ban – including guidance from other sister agencies - and skewing and misrepresenting the research is scientifically unethical. DNR approves and permits timber sales, grazing, mining and shellfish aquaculture – all of which have their own set impacts, but DNR rightly regulates these practices – it doesn't ban them. Finally, we are not asking for an unregulated free-for-all, we are asking for is for the conversation to be had about impacts, benefits, mitigation strategies and a holistic approach to sustainably managing this fishery. Thank you, Alex Scagliotti Environmental Planner Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Response to T-14-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

The Department must balance competing paramount concerns as you have described and environmental protection through its policy decisions.

T-15: Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Amy Trainer

Submit Date: 11/04/2024 8:31 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment T-15-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and Board Members,
On behalf of Swinomish Tribal Community Chairman Steve Edwards, attached please find the Tribe's comments in support of the rulemaking to ban commercial net pens on state-owned aquatic lands.

Please note the proposed language that is a suggested addition on page 3 of the letter.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Respectfully,

Amy

Amy Trainer

Environmental Policy Director

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

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Response to T-15-1

Thank you for your comment. DNR completely understands the rationale behind the Swinomish Tribe's proposal here – the Tribe does not want access to its usual and accustomed fishing areas impeded by another Tribe's net pen. At the same time, DNR has concerns about being put in the position of needing to resolve potential inter-tribal disputes about which tribe has rights to fish in different locations under this proposed rule change – DNR is not comfortable with this role.

DNR has therefore respectfully chosen to uphold the proposed language as written. However, the Swinomish Tribe's suggestion sets forth a reasonable and appropriate implementation goal that DNR will endeavor to follow if and when it allows net pen locations for the allowed purposes. DNR anticipates that implementing these provisions will include consultations with tribes potentially affected by a proposal, and DNR will endeavor to avoid the location conflict issue raised by the Swinomish comment.

T-16: Nooksack Tribe, Victoria Joe

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 1:23 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment T-16-1

Good evening,

Here is the letter of support for the stand in against the Fin Fish Net Pen. I hope that I covered the shared concerns. I know that it was needed at noon, I do hope that this can be added to the added meetings ahead.

Thank you,

Swetatk
Victoria Joe BA TGBM
Nooksack Council Member
PRC Manager
Nooksack Health Center
360-472-3320

Response to T-16-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

T-17: Lummi Nation, Anthony Hillaire

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 11:33 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment T-17-1

Response to T-17-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

T-18: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Matt Beirne

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 2:00 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment T-18-1

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Beirne
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Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
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Response to T-18-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

T-19: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lauren Rasmussen

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:36 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment T-19-1

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept the attached summary of issues from the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to be submitted to the Board of Natural Resources prior to the upcoming vote on the Net Pen Rule. The Tribe will be submitting several statements separately.

There is a meeting on November 5, 2024, and on December 3, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I trust that the Board will receive these documents prior to the consideration of the proposed net pen rule.

Sincerely,

Lauren P. Rasmussen, Attorney for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Response to T-19-1

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T-20: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Loni Greninger

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment T-20-1

ORAL COMMENT TRANSCRIBED BY AI AND EDITED BY N. SHARP

Good morning.

Wow. Good evening.

Whoo, timing is an illusion. Good evening.

My name is **Loni Greninger**, the vice chairwoman for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and I have been heavily involved in this rule making process since March. And I just want to speak to the concerns for the rule as it is currently written.

I also want to acknowledge.

I want to come to the table in partnership because DNR and tribes, we, we equally have the same goal.

We want to steward the land and the resources within it with all of our heart and all of our giftings and talents.

Every effort that we have, and so the intention is good, but we need to, we need to slow down the rule making process so that we make sure we have a product that doesn't accidentally conflict with some major.

Major concerns that I want to bring before you tonight.

So the rule as written, I believe the whole process itself has been rushed. When we started the process in March, we were given a time frame and I think that is being truncated.

So I what I think is happening is we have language that was created.

Without tribal input, the tribal exception was well intended, but tribes weren't put together to be able to.

We didn't get a chance to put the language forward.

We didn't get a chance to craft it and so the exception is not what we need, and in fact it's leaving out commercial, which is a part of our Treaty right. Artificially produced fish are considered a treaty right. And that is in settled law and US v. Washington

It says that farm fish like hatchery fish, serve as a mitigation function, essentially to replace natural. Fish lost to non Indian degradation of the habitat.

So commercial fish are part of our treaty right.

It's how I feed my people at Jamestown.

In fact, we have a partner net pen with NOAA and the University of Washington in Port Orchard.

And we are able to experiment find the best science that we can put together, look at mitigation strategies for environment, for healthy fish. And I also what's amazing is I get to harvest these fish once a year and I give them to my elders so they can have.

Fish in their freezer and it's just so amazing to be able to hand these fish over to my elders and be able to what they call feed their inner Indian because they remember those traditional foods from their childhood and a lot of their diets these days are full.

Of commodity and processed foods.

And so we are pushing for more food sovereignty with the tribe and commercial helps us with that.

And commercial is part of our treaty right. We traded before colonization came to be.

So we did have commercial rights. It just looks a little bit.

Different now USDA also supports seafood as a significant part of a healthy diet.

So it's nice to know that science backs up my traditional foods and having this right is going to help us meet that need because there's not enough wild stocks for us and creation around us.

So in the last 10 seconds what my ask is the DNR?

We slow down the rule making process and we come together.

We wordsmith a bit more and bring a product together that tribes and DNR are confident with. thank you.

Response to T-20-1

Thank you for your comment.

DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

- (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as a manager of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

With these public benefits in mind, DNR must balance competing paramount concerns with environmental protection through its policy decisions. The proposed rule language includes the ability to use net pens for cultural and subsistence uses to account for food sovereignty concerns.

The Department has followed the requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the APA's requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

DNR has incorporated finfish net pens for Tribal cultural and subsistence uses in the proposed rule. DNR remains mindful of the fact that the placement of any net pen aquaculture operations inherently could impact a tribe's on-water fishing access. We anticipate any cultural or subsistence use net pens would be located within a particular tribe's usual and accustomed, on-water fishing places, in part because their location could affect a tribe's ability to access particular areas.

T-21: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Alex Scagliotti

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment T-21-1

ORAL COMMENT TRANSCRIBED BY AI AND EDITED BY N. SHARP

Hello, my name is **Alex Scagliotti**

I'm an environmental planner and biologist for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

I have to admit I was fairly skeptical when I first learned about finfish.
Or sorry. Yeah, fin fish open water net pen aquaculture
I had big ideas about [unknown word] or nutrient loading or escapement, but I didn't know much about it and I'm a biologist and as a biologist I have nothing if not data-driven.
So I spent countless hours looking into the research, the regulations, technology industry standards, and it's clear that when well regulated and monitored, that's key.
Uh, net pens will be very low impact from an ecological perspective, but when assessed from a holistic perspective, including greenhouse gas emissions benefit to rural economies reduce impacts from other food production.
It clearly depends a positive course for the state and for the sovereignty of the tribe that I serve.
This is why The Nature Conservancy, one of the most renowned environmental organizations in the world, has named finfish aquaculture as one of the most important, environmentally sustainable and low impact sources of food.
Food and strongly endorses a well regulated and holistic aquaculture practices.
This is why a complete ban on commercial net pens is inappropriate. Much of the scientific justification used in DNR's proposed proposed rule is skewed, irrelevant or out of date.
I have a few examples, but there are many more. A few of them, a few of them are one of the assertions made is the shading from the overwater structures slows aquatic vegetation growth.
This is true but.
The citation cited for this only concludes that this is true in shallow areas, shallow areas where aquatic vegetation occurs.
Commercial net pens are sited well beyond the the depth that aquatic vegetation can grow in the first place.
So this assertion is irrelevant.
Another one, another assertion made by DNR.
One study claimed that the benthic impacts from net pens using was using data that is older than I am and from a different ocean in a shallow low current Bay.
None of which is relevant to today's standards or practices another one.
Is a justification. Often cited is.
The 2017 net pen collapse, which was unequivocally a disaster.
No one's disputing that, but using it to justify an entire ban for this entire sector is a kind of banning all commercial timber because of an accidental fire from logging equipment.
Lastly, DNR did not cite current, relevant and easily accessible research that shows the nuance and balanced picture of this practice.
I'm not implying that it's all positive because it's not, and there are inevitably some risks and impacts, but.
An objective scientific analysis should review the most relevant and up to date data, including ways to avoid.
And minimize and mitigate these impacts.
Finally, we're not asking for an unregulated free for all.
We're just asking for a conversation to be had about the benefits impacts.
Yeah.

Response to T-21-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available

literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

The Department must balance competing paramount concerns as you have described and environmental protection through its policy decisions.

T-22: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lauren Rasmussen

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment T-22-1

ORAL COMMENT TRANSCRIBED BY AI AND EDITED BY N. SHARP

Good evening. My name is **Lauren Rasmussen**.

I'm an attorney for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

I have submitted detailed critique of the SEPA checklist. I'm going to focus in on one particular element found on page 18.

We see how this proposal impact animals, which the answer was it has no impact on animals because we're abandoning an activity.

Well, the problem is is that if we eliminate which this does all net pen aquatic farms in Washington state on DNR lands, that eliminates all net pens in Washington state.

That's not a meaningful difference. They control all the subtidal lands in Washington state.

Orcas, which we just found out today.

Two more died from starvation. Orcas have been

We have saved orcas with net pen farming in the past.

We have relied on raising artificial salmon and in fact some of the initiatives intend to use net pen farms to produce adult salmon, to feed the orcas.

For the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe, this is not just another dead orca.

Orcas are considered members of their family, and they show what will happen to them.

If they don't produce net pen fish and this is the reason for the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe's need to to develop a project and the reason for the last 10 years they've been working with NOAA to try to involve the best available science to creating. So when the department of.

Natural Resources says there's no impact on animals.

They're wrong.

There's impact on orcas, there's impact on people.

And there's impact on the Tribe's ability to survive and their sovereignty.

In my notes that I submitted, reflect on their ability to sustain their culture.

But what this rule is a sledgehammer.

When what we needed was a thoughtful and careful analysis of the available science.

It takes all the subtidal lands out, making no net pens possible anywhere, rather with starting them with a with a phased approach making protecting some lands being deemed important and not protecting and allowing the tribe to move forward with its proposal.

Again, it's a sledgehammer, because only the tribe has proposed a lease application, so this entire rule is stated solely against the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe which violates federal law and the necessity of DNR proving the conservation necessity in order to pass a ban which impacts tribal rights. It's a sledgehammer

Because it allows ceremonial and subsistence uses without any understanding of the fact that the tribe must produce commercial fish in order to support.

The thousands of dollars it takes to run a net pen.

So it's a

It's a pathetic throw to them, but it's meaningless without the commercial aspect and indeed, as Miss Greninger said, the commercial is part and parcel of the treaty right

So DNR announced the ban and they made a ban and we believe that's unfair.

Response to T-22-1

No final response has been entered.

T-23: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lauren Rasmussen

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 9:36 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment T-23-1

Response to T-23-1

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T-24: Suquamish Tribe, Leonard Forsman

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment T-24-1

02:36:20.380 -- Hello Leonard Forsman here.

02:36:36.460 -- Yes.

02:36:36.460 -- Well I'm chairman of the Suquamish Tribe.

02:36:45.580 -- And I am just here to express the Suquamish Tribe support of DNR's continued efforts and the proposed amendments to banning commercial net pen aquaculture on State-owned tidelands.

02:37:00.620 – The Tribe thanks Commissioner Franz for moving forward.

02:37:00.620 – with the rulemaking and implementing her executive ban on net pen aquaculture.

02:37:07.260 -- The tribe has been consistent in its opposition to all finfish farming operations of native and non-native finfish within our usual and accustomed fishing areas established by the Treaty of Point Elliott.

02:37:19.820 -- The Tribe is supportive of DNR's rulemaking to prohibit commercial net pen aquaculture operations being authorized on State-owned aquatic lands managed by DNR.

02:37:29.180 -- Rule defines commercial finfish net pen aquaculture operations as net pen facilities use this used to cultivate feed, raise finfish to a marketable size for harvesting and selling the same as a crop.

02:37:40.700 -- As DNR is already aware and it's included in a letter submitted as comment there are many problems associated with commercial net pen aquaculture which I won't go into in detail but you can refer to our written comments.

02:37:53.020 -- In closing this I could say the tribe supports the rules limitations and that DNR is not seeking to prevent finfish net pen operations that temporarily raise native finfish for eventual open water release in order to support salmon recovery and harvest.

02:38:09.820 -- These delayed release operations are critical to both the state and tribal fisheries and reduce environmental impacts significantly because they only operate for three months out of the year.

02:38:19.020 -- I'm finished.

Response to T-24-1

Thank you for your comment.

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T-25: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Francis Charles

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment T-25-1

02:38:39.660 -- Okay, can you hear me? This is Francis.

02:38:39.660 -- Yes, we can.

02:38:39.660 -- Yes.

02:38:39.660 -- Good afternoon again.

02:38:39.660 -- This is Francis Charles tribal chair for Lower Elwha and I have the other five council members with us.

02:38:47.420 -- There's four of us five.

02:38:53.740 -- We have legal natural resources that are is involved in this discussion just as well.

02:38:53.740 -- But the tribe, Elwa is strongly in support of the CR 102 and the proposed rule that bans commercial finfish net pens and the aquaculture of the state owned lands.

02:39:10.540 -- The tribe has been consistent in its opposition to commercial open net pen operations since 19 or since 2017 net pen failure.

02:39:18.220 -- Also, we've noted in the past that the Elwah greatly appreciates Hillary's leadership and a strong rapid opposition DNR to continue the leases in the pollutant industries.

02:39:32.940 -- They reintroducing of biological chemical pollutant industries within the medicated fish food, fish waste, disease transmissions, and sea lice determinant and ecology conditions in Puget Sound and the state goals through the Puget Sound partnerships.

02:39:55.100 -- As you are aware, Alaska, Oregon, California are all banning commercial open net pens operations for fish.

02:40:01.260 -- The Canadian government will phase out commercial open net pen salmon operations by July 30th of 2029.

02:40:07.260 -- We believe that this is a trend is founded in the science and is based on documented adverse impacts of these industries.

02:40:23.180 -- In general, over water structures like open net pens interfere with the exercise of the treaty, reserve fishing rights and obstacles to navigate and deploy efficient gear.

02:40:29.580 -- Go ahead, Russ.

02:40:35.740 -- So, we're oh, nevermind.

Response to T-25-1

Thank you for your comment.

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T-26: Swinomish Tribe, Jeremy JJ Wilbur

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment T-26-1

02:41:05.420 -- Hello, board members and Commissioner Franz.

02:41:23.420 -- It's great to see you.

02:41:23.420 -- My name is Jeremy JJ Wilbur.

02:41:23.420 -- I'm an elected Swinomish Senator.

02:41:28.380 -- My traditional name is [Native Language] seventh generation.

02:41:28.380 -- I'd just like to say that we stand with them, you know, Suquamish, Elwha, and the other tribes, in opposing and in support of this initiative.

02:41:41.820 -- Swinomish People are people of the salmon.

02:41:41.820 -- So we support all efforts to protect salmon and to reduce unnecessary risk to the recovery and survival.

02:41:47.740 -- Net pens are marine feedlots and don't belong in our open waters.

02:41:52.620 -- At least, Swinomish does not want them anywhere in our traditional waters of the northern Salish Sea.

02:41:56.860 -- I want to thank Commissioner Franz for all her great leadership on this net pen issue.

02:42:01.740 -- At Swinomish, we had a big net pen interfering with our treaty, treaty fishing access for decades of one of our sacred points here, the mouth of the Skagit River.

02:42:08.460 -- It did not belong in our marine waters and thankfully, commissioner Franz has made sure it is not there and we'd like to keep it that way.

02:42:21.420 -- We believe that this new rule makes sense.

02:42:21.420 -- Washington should fall to science, the west coast states, Oregon, California and soon British Columbia to ban open water net pens.

02:42:33.580 -- We support the exception in the rule to allow delayed release facilities or tribal cultural and subsistence use facilities are the right balance.

02:42:38.460 -- We need to make sure that only treaty tribes with rights to the propose area could use that exception though.

02:42:43.420 -- Amy can talk more about that on behalf of Swinomish.

02:42:50.540 -- Swinomish is in strong support of the commercial net pen ban on state owned aquatic lands.

02:42:56.220 -- Swinomish, Chairman Steve Edwards submitted a comment letter to you folks yesterday morning, which I urge you to look at.

02:43:01.500 -- Once again, I'd like to thank you board members for your consideration of the Tribe's position and thank Commissioner Franz for all of the good work that you've done in your thoughtful leadership.

02:43:14.220 -- So thank you.

Response to T-26-1

Thank you for your comment.

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T-27: Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Amy Trainer

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment T-27-1

02:43:32.060 -- Good afternoon board members.

02:43:32.060 -- My name is Amy Trainer.

02:43:32.060 -- I serve as the Swinomish Tribal Communities environmental policy director.

02:43:37.420 -- I'd like to echo Senator Swinomish Senator J.J. Wilbur's comments in that there's been a lot of work down over the past many years by Swinomish on this important issue.

02:43:51.740 -- We are very grateful to Commissioner Franz for this rule and we absolutely believe it strikes the right balance by banning commercial net pens on all state owned aquatic lands, but also honoring tribal treaty rights to ensure that open water delayed release facilities as well as tribal subsistence and ceremonial uses could still be operational.

02:44:19.340 -- In the comment letter from chairman Edwards that was submitted yesterday morning, we did suggest a slight revision that we do believe is in keeping with the intent and spirit of the rule.

02:44:35.340 -- We added a phrase at the end of the proposed definition.

02:44:44.540 -- So that in the second sentence, it would read commercial finfish net pen aquaculture does not include operations and containment systems used to raise finfish for open water release or used to raise finfish solely for tribal ceremonial subsistence uses.

02:44:56.860 -- And our addition is if the operation is proposed by a tribe with adjudicated treaty rights in the location of the operation.

02:45:10.700 -- We believe that this additional provision is important to make sure that federal court rulings in the US view Washington case law and to align with adjudicated usual and accustomed areas that align with treaty rights.

02:45:26.220 -- So we would appreciate your consideration of that additional provision or something to that effect.

02:45:33.020 -- Thank you.

Response to T-27-1

Thank you for your comment. DNR completely understands the rationale behind the Swinomish Tribe's proposal here – the Tribe does not want access to its usual and accustomed fishing areas impeded by another Tribe's net pen. At the same time, DNR has concerns about being put in the position of needing to resolve potential inter-tribal disputes about which tribe has rights to fish in different locations under this proposed rule change – DNR is not comfortable with this role.

DNR has therefore respectfully chosen to uphold the proposed language as written. However, the Swinomish Tribe's suggestion sets forth a reasonable and appropriate implementation goal that DNR will endeavor to follow if and when it allows net pen locations for the allowed purposes. DNR anticipates that implementing these provisions will include consultations with tribes potentially affected by a proposal, and DNR will endeavor to avoid the location conflict issue raised by the Swinomish comment.

T-28: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Loni Greninger

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

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Comment T-28-1

02:46:58.540 -- Uh, members of the board.

02:46:58.540 -- Thank you for your time.

02:47:02.700 -- Uh, my name is Loni Greninger.

02:47:02.700 -- I'm the vice chairwoman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

02:47:06.620 -- And I've been heavily involved in the rulemaking process starting in March.

02:47:10.620 -- I want to speak to my concerns to this rule as it is currently written.

02:47:14.140 -- Um, but I also want to acknowledge that DNR tribes, we both agree on stewarding the health of the lands and resources.

02:47:18.380 -- And so in partnership, I come to this virtual space to share my concerns to you.

02:47:23.340 -- Um, in this particular rule, I believe we need more engagement with the tribes before moving anything forward.

02:47:28.220 -- Um, I believe the process is being rushed and my ask is that we slow down.

02:47:33.740 -- Um, starting at the March 20th meeting, we had, uh, a documented timeline and we were told by DNR staff that we would have flexibility.

02:47:39.420 -- So if we needed to elongate the process to do more engagement to answer more questions that we would be able to have that.

02:47:44.620 -- And I unfortunately feel like the opposite is happening and it's being truncated.
02:47:48.860 -- Uh, we need to slow down and look at this rule because as stated, no allowance of commercial net pens conflicts with tribal treaty rights and settled law.
02:47:59.580 -- Uh, in US v. Washington, artificially produced fish are considered treaty fish.
02:48:05.500 -- And there is a statement here within that ruling, farmed fish like hatchery fish serve a mitigating function essentially to replace natural fish lost to non-Indian degradation of the habitat.
02:48:17.500 -- And according to our current state laws, native species, net pen fish farming in the Salish Sea is legally allowed.
02:48:23.340 -- So if there's going to be a tribal exemption of any kind in this rule, which there was good intention in this, tribes need to be involved in crafting that language that we avoid accidental conflicts with tribal treaty rights and our current laws.
02:48:32.860 -- And we have not had the opportunity to do that in this process so far.
02:48:37.820 -- So we need to make that happen.
02:48:37.820 -- The SEPA also states that there's no impacts to cultural or traditional resources for the tribes and Jamestown heavily disagrees with that.
02:48:46.700 -- Um, as evidence in this, just the process gaps that I've mentioned.
02:48:51.660 -- And we have not heard any opposition from tribes during these open house meetings in June and July.
02:48:56.380 -- So with that, I just asked for a pause on the rule for December 3rd.
02:48:56.380 -- Thank you.

Response to T-28-1

Thank you for your comment.

DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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sovereignty concerns.

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T-29: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Alex Scagliotti

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

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Comment T-29-1

02:53:51.340 -- Hi, my name is Alex Scagliotti, and I'm an environmental planner with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

02:53:58.780 -- I appreciate the board for allowing me to speak today, and I appreciate your work, and I recognize the very tricky position that you're in with this hot topic.

02:54:08.060 -- I've been a fisheries biologist, researcher, and environmental planner, and the main through line of my professional career is improving conditions and self-sustaining, and resilient, salmonid populations in the Pacific Northwest.

02:54:19.660 -- The same way that this board needs to balance often competing interests with timber sales as you also act with balance with regard to finfish aquaculture.

02:54:30.060 -- The proposed rule to ban all commercial applications of net pen aquaculture on state lands is not informed by sound scientific justifications, but I plan to speak on that more on Thursday.

02:54:43.420 -- Today, I would like to share a few thoughts on the process and my concerns with that, and the rulemaking and why I think it's important to take a step back and re-exam the rulemaking process to allow for a proper review of the scientific literature input from other agencies and adequate time for full tribal and public input.

02:54:58.060 -- Specifically, during the Tribal Open House, multiple tribes of voice support for adding an interagency scientific panel for tribes to gain additional information and insight from those agencies who are more involved and qualified and assessing aquaculture ecosystem interactions.

02:55:13.740 -- The tribes are asking for more information from trusted sources prior to giving feedback on this rulemaking to DNR, but those repeated requests were ignored.

02:55:25.420 -- This short rulemaking process means that we're ignoring the most relevant science developed by independent and well trusted government agencies on net pen aquaculture in the Salish Sea.

02:55:35.740 -- There is no reason for this rush process.

02:55:35.740 -- Please ask the DNR aquatic staff to add back the steps in this process that will make any new rule, well examined, and carefully considered public policies.

02:55:47.500 -- I appreciate your time and thanks for being here to the board.

Response to T-29-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

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T-30: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lauren Rasmussen

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

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Comment T-30-1

03:00:51.340 -- Hello, this is Lauren Rasmussen.

03:00:51.340 -- I'm here on behalf of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

03:00:57.260 -- Earlier this morning I was happy to hear DNR staff talk about thoughtfulness and care.

03:01:06.620 -- The thoughtfulness and care that goes into considering timber sales and the weighing of the interest.

03:01:12.460 -- During our rulemaking process with DNR, Noel Sharp said if it needs to take a long time, it's going to take a long time.

03:01:18.700 -- At those listening sessions, none of the tribes that spoke today against aquaculture presented.

03:01:24.860 -- Instead, Muckleshoot Squaxin, and Tulalip all came and said we support Jamestown.

03:01:33.580 -- Let me take a minute to tell you what Jamestown needs to do.

03:01:33.580 -- Jamestown needs to prepare for a world with climate change that may not be able to produce salmon to feed their people and to continue their cultural practices.

03:01:44.460 -- They need to produce the salmon commercially as is their right under the treaty.

03:01:52.060 -- You heard today a staff member from Swinomish say that this rule is consistent with treaty rights and the tribe at the Jamestown tribe respectfully disagrees.

03:02:05.500 -- The Supreme Court decision in passenger fishing association states clearly that the tribe's right to fish in their usual and accustomed grounds and stations includes the commercial right to take fish.

03:02:18.540 -- We heard from Loni Greninger, the fish include artificially procured salmon.

03:02:18.540 -- The proposed new rule violates tribal treaty rights by prohibiting the activity that mitigates for the loss of treaty fish without any consideration of the impact on the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe.

03:02:31.180 -- We talked about promises broken.

03:02:37.660 -- We were promised the opportunity to weigh in on the language of the rule and in particular the tribal exception.

03:02:42.620 -- Instead we received the language as part of the public.

03:02:48.220 -- This is unacceptable.

03:02:48.220 -- Lastly we have great concerns that the staff of DNR

03:02:59.340 -- Thank you that's time Commissioner that's the end of public comment.

Response to T-30-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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DNR must balance competing paramount concerns such as environmental protection through its policy decisions. Commercial finfish net pen siting guidance has stressed that site-specific conditions may influence guideline applicability on a case-by-case basis. The guidance documents referenced discuss mitigation for damage to aquatic habitats. DNR's science team has thoroughly reviewed the available literature and completed a synthesis at https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/aqr_cfnpa_review_for_rulemaking.pdf. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

DNR has followed the requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the APA's requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

N-1: Northwest Watershed Institute , Peter Bahls

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 3:26 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment N-1-1

Dear Commissioner Franz and the Department of Natural Resources,
Dear Board of Natural Resources:

I am writing on behalf of Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI) a non-profit science based conservation organization that has been on the forefront of salmon and watershed restoration in Puget Sound for 20 years and a long time partner with DNR on landscape scale conservation at Dabob Bay. I am also a fishery biologist with a M.S. in Fisheries Science and Aquatic Ecology from Oregon State University and over 30 years experience in salmon habitat restoration and management in the Pacific Northwest. I urge you to strongly support the proposal by Commissioner Franz to ban industrial netpen aquaculture in Washington state. Like cigarette companies, the aquaculture industry will attempt to convince you that they do no harm. But the science is clear: netpen aquaculture damages the restoration of native salmon populations and degrades water quality and directly conflicts with the multi-million dollar decades long effort by communities and Tribal, state and federal government and partners to restore the health of Puget Sound and it's salmon runs, many of which are federally listed as threatened or endangered . An unequivocal ban on netpens is one the most important and historic actions the the current Board can take for the long term benefit of the environment and the people of the state of Washington. Please say no to netpens in Washington State.

Sincerely,

Peter Bahls

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Port Townsend, WA 98368

Response to N-1-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

N-2: Hubbs Seaworld Research Institute, Michael Rust, PhD

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 9:59 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment N-2-1

Please see attached my public comments for the record regarding banning netpen aquaculture in Washington State.

Sincerely,

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Response to N-2-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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The Department must balance competing paramount concerns including environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

N-3: Pacific Salmon Foundation, Michael Meneer

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 11:00 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment N-3-1

Dear Noel Sharp,

On behalf of the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF), I would like to provide our organization's perspective and relevant science to inform the Department of Natural Resources' development of the proposed rule that would bar any future commercial finfish net pen aquaculture uses on DNR managed, state-owned aquatic lands (CR-102).

The Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) is an independent, not-for-profit organization based in British Columbia with a sole focus on the conservation of wild Pacific salmon. As part of our work, we are proud to be a longtime partner of Pacific salmon focused environmental organizations in Washington State and we are actively building on these partnerships through a new initiative focused on wild Pacific salmon recovery in the face of climate change.

As an organization that is committed to the recovery and conservation of wild Pacific salmon populations, we have supported the ban of open-net pen aquaculture in Canadian waters. As outlined in the reasons for the proposal (WSR 24-20-146), the proposed rule change would align Washington State with its neighboring jurisdictions, minimizing the risk to wild Pacific salmon and supporting their long-term recovery.

In addition to the habitat, effluent and marine debris considerations outlined in WSR-24-20-146, PSF is particularly concerned about the potential for the amplification and transmission of pathogens from open-net pen aquaculture operations to wild fish. Through our collaborative Strategic Salmon Health Initiative (SSHI), and more recently our Salmon Health Program, PSF has become a leader in salmon health research, especially with regards to pathogen transmission from farmed to wild fish. Much of this research is summarized in a recent comprehensive review, published in a leading peer-reviewed journal. The review found clear evidence that three pathogens in particular, sea lice, *Tenacibaculum*, and Piscine orthoreovirus (PRV) are amplified by open-net pens and are associated with negative effects on wild Pacific salmon populations.

- Outbreaks of sea lice, particularly the species *Lepeophtheirus salmonis*, are an issue for the open-net pen industry globally with well-established impacts on wild salmon species. Research on Pacific salmon species has shown that sea lice impact wild salmon physiology and behaviour, with infections leading to increased predation as well as reduced competitive ability, feeding success, growth and swimming endurance.

- The globally distributed marine bacterium *Tenacibaculum maritimum* has recently come to the fore as posing a substantial risk of harm to sockeye, Chinook, and coho salmon. The bacterium is widespread on Atlantic salmon farms in British Columbia where it causes disease and mortality. *T. maritimum* is known to have caused substantial health issues for Pacific salmonids globally. Our research found that *T. maritimum* detection rates in juvenile Fraser River sockeye peaked as the fish migrated past active salmon farms and population-level sampling of wild salmon in their first

year of marine residence, shows that *T. maritimum* infection is associated with decreased marine survival for Chinook and reduced body condition in Chinook and coho. Other recent studies (reviewed below) have recognised that other *Tenacibaculum* species detected in BC can also induce disease and mortality in both farmed and wild salmon populations.

- PRV is a virus originating from the Atlantic Ocean, and in Europe it commonly causes disease issues on farms. The virus was introduced to British Columbia with the advent of Atlantic salmon farming in the region. PRV is amplified by salmon farms, and spills over to wild Pacific salmon where it can result in rupture of the blood cells and subsequent organ damage and is associated with poorer body condition in Chinook and coho as well as declines in the survival of Chinook salmon.

A more complete annotated bibliography is provided in the attached document, which summarizes the most relevant published scientific findings pertaining to the disease risks posed by open-net pen fish farms to wild Pacific salmon. I hope this overview of the state of research will be helpful in your development of the language prohibiting commercial finfish net pen aquaculture on state owned aquatic lands in Washington.

Sincerely,
Michael



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Response to N-3-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

N-4: Global Seafood Alliance, Wally Stevens

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:35 PM
Submit Method: Email

Comment N-4-1

Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources,

Attached, please find my letter of public comment on the proposed ban.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Wally Stevens
Chair
Global Seafood Alliance

Response to N-4-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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N-5: Wild Fish Conservancy, Emma Helverson

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 11:14 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment N-5-1

Noel,

Please find attached Wild Fish Conservancy's comments on DNR's rulemaking process for commercial net pen aquaculture. The main document is attached to this email. The appendices

referenced in that document can be downloaded at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KXfP7TsBwtjHQtrF4cRga2KHV407jurx?usp=drive_link

If you could please confirm you received these comments and are able to access the appendices and include them in the official record.

Sincerely,

Emma

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Response to N-5-1

Thank you for your comment.

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N-6: The Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, Ava Schulenberg

Submit Date: 11/12/2024 6:08 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment N-6-1

Dear Max and Thomas,

I am sending these comments on behalf of the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, for your consideration in reference to the commercial finfish net pen ban. While I realize that the online interface for submission has closed, I would encourage you to read through their brief but powerful comments in support of DNR's proposed rule.

Thank you,

James

Response to N-6-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats

instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

N-7: Environmental Coalition, Kirk Kirkland

Submit Date: 11/01/2024 2:23 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment N-7-1

Hello

Thank you for the opportunity to encourage the board to stop further permits for net fish pens in the state of Washington and on DNR leases. I have made regular visits to the Inside Passage of British Columbia near Vancouver Island.

Since 1977 I have seen the decline of salmon runs and in the last two decades watch the proliferation of net fish pens and the end of the Frasier River Salmon Runs.

Thank you for including my attached letter in your public responses.

Kirk Kirkland

[Environmental Coalition](#)

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Response to N-7-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

N-8: Friends of Burley Lagoon , Lisette West

Submit Date: 11/13/2024 5:44 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment N-8-1

Dear Board of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Friends of Burley Lagoon (FOBL) acknowledges and approves the Department's position to formally ban commercial finfish net pen aquaculture in Washington State managed waters, as now defined in WAC 332-30-106. Please see the attached letter expressing our thoughts.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,

Lisette West

Board Member of FOBL

Response to N-8-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

N-9: NWAA, Jeanne McKnight

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment N-9-1

ORAL COMMENT TRANSCRIBED BY AI AND EDITED BY N. SHARP

The Northwest Aquaculture Alliance would like to make the following comments to the Natural Resources Board regarding the proposed prohibition of net pen finfish aquaculture in Puget Sound. As stated, my name is Jeannie McKnight, and I'm currently the Executive Director of the Northwest Aquaculture Alliance, a trade association

Formerly known as Washington Fish Growers.

Dedicated to championing responsible aquaculture in the Pacific region.

By way of background, I've spent more than 35 years in the seafood industry.

In both wild capture sector and aquaculture notably, the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

Global Aquaculture Alliance, now called the Global Seafood Alliance and for more than 15 years I represented the Association of Chilean Salmon and trout farmers in the US market.

In addition, I serve on two nonprofits, 2 nonprofit boards, the Kirkburnell Scholarship Foundation and the newly formed International Aquaculture Innovation Alliance, which represents innovators for and institutions from Chile, Norway, Brazil.

Australia and the United States we at N.W.A.A.

Encourage and urge the thoughtful approach to the proposed rule change language prohibiting commercial net pens in Puget Sound.

There are many conflicting voices and interests on this issue, and for this reason alone we respectfully request that the Agency and its Board of Directors take the time needed to make a wise, informed decision based on the latest science and expertise and not citing well meaning not used.

Depending on the well meaning of activist or [unknown word] assumptions.

We firmly believe that Washington State has a unique opportunity to showcase the sector and that's finfish aquaculture as the most well one of the most well managed and monitored in the world.

However, with the precipitous cancellation in 2022 of existing steelhead leases and the announcement of a ban, we lost that chance.

I'd like to talk a little bit about what else.

What else was lost in terms of what we lost as a state.

But could get back.

We lost 15 the production of 15,000 pounds, that's roughly 37 million.

Servings the nutrition nutritious and delicious steelhead produced here.

Direct economic activity in Washington state, \$40 million annually, now lost. Lease revenue from DNR leased lands \$200,000 per year. Now rural employment some 85 direct and three times as many indirect jobs now gone.

County land and personal property taxes.

\$175,000 per year now lost.

You might see that the opportunity is lost, but with a wise

Decision to go slow and pay attention to the science we may be able to get it back.

In April 2022, the Department of Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, Agriculture and Natural Resources released the Netpen guidance document. A prohibition will be a vote of no confidence in that document, and we encourage you to not prohibit.

Thank you.

Response to N-9-1

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N-10: NWAA, Wally Pereya

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment N-10-1

ORAL COMMENT TRANSCRIBED BY AI AND EDITED BY N. SHARP

My name is **Wally Pereya**. I live at a Farm in Sammamish, WA.

And I'm thank you very much for the opportunity to testify before you express my deep concerns regarding the proposed rule making to ban finfish aquaculture of state owned aquatic lands.

I've been involved in North Pacific fisheries for more than 65 years. First as a fishery scientist and director at NOAA's Northwest Alaska Fishery Center.

I was an professor of University of Washington.

In an associate position and also in Chile.

I left NOAA in '77 and become directly involved in development of the North Pacific Rockfish fisheries, primarily during sea Pollock fisheries.

I was appointed in North Pacific Council Management Council for nine years.
I served as vice chair and more recently, my son and daughter.
And I established a successful netpen tilapia farm in Lago Izabal in Guatemala.
I'm also a founding member of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Working Group.
Please just say that this year we have one of the biggest runs we've had since I've been in the state of Washington, which has been 75 years.
During my long career, I've always been guided by the operating philosophy.
Always follow the science.
At times, this guideline is necessitated, but more thought, thoughtful research considered taking into.
Account I've never been disappointed by following the science, taking time to implement informed decisions.
Consistent with the science, unfortunately, the proposed rule may be to bar any future commercial finfish netpen aquaculture
Uses on DNR managed and state owned aquatic lands does not follow the science and is not supported by the science. For example, a proposed rule making.
Fails to recognize NOAA's recent 110 page biological opinion.
Under ESA consideration of the of the Ecology's sediment management standards.
That that opinion, I know, I concluded that proposed approval of net pens and Puget Sound is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of environmentally challenged Salmonids and Rockfish species.
I believe that until such time and more knowledge is available on the role of netpens, that this rulemaking should be delayed.
And restudied.
Thank you.

Response to N-10-1

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N-11: North American Marine Alliance, Estefania Narvaez

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment N-11-1

ORAL COMMENT TRANSCRIBED BY AI AND EDITED BY N. SHARP

I'm gonna take this opportunity to maybe respond and build on some of the things that have already been said.

So first I'm hearing a lot of this is a rush decision rush decision and I think that and I'm also hearing a lot of scientists listen to the science and I think it's pretty bold to think that.

I'm pro the ban.

It's bold to think that we have come to this place to suggest that ban

Without science and cooke aquaculture.

It is science.

That experience is a scientific experience.

it is extremely numbing that farmed salmon is not a question of if they escape, but when.

So I'm hearing.

I'm not hearing about anything about containers practices. I'm not hearing anything about what we do when that happens, so that is the miscience of the folks that the majority of folks that have advocated so far.

In terms of rushed decision, putting a ban on something would be holding a line.

So what I'm hearing is people really want want the economic benefits of this.

Of offshore finfish net pen aquaculture.

That's what I'm hearing.

I'm hearing people are more interested in economic benefits of this than they are about the long term.

Risks of escapements and so many other things, which includes contamination.

I'm curious, you know, especially in Lani directly.

I'll speak to you.

Have you thought about the impact of this on native people around the world because

Offshore net pen application and farmed fish depend on.

Big.

[Michal Rechner, DNR]] Please, please please direct your comments this way.

So I I hear nothing about.

What about that? So, so far the science that supports offshore net pen aquaculture says is very proud that we are.

We have reached a ratio of 1 to one in terms of feed and and pound of salmon. So for every pound of salmon farm salmon for example, there's some kind of pride around how.

We have reached the point where the same amount of input of other fish to feed these farm is 1 to one.

That's the ratio that they're proud of. I don't think that's anything to be proud of to cultivate a pound of farmed fish at the expense of a pound of other fish that comes from the coast of other countries, in global that's what we're looking at here.

There's no.

There's no climate solution in this because as far as as long as we are using feed.

That is dependent on the fish of other countries.

Can you just state your full name and affiliation for the for the report.

Yeah, stephania and NAMA

Response to N-11-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

N-12: Protect Henderson Inlet, Ronald Smith

Submit Date: 11/03/2024 7:08 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment N-12-1

To Noel Sharp and others whom it may concern:

I am submitting a statement in writing, as I will be unavailable for the planned public meetings.

As president of the non-profit group Protect Henderson Inlet, I support the banning of commercial finfish aquaculture in all Washington State waters, based on science which clearly shows detrimental effects from escapement as we saw in 2017, disease, pollution, and net food insecurity due to overfishing of forage fish.

I accept the definition of commercial finfish aquaculture and I support the published new section:

NEW SECTION

WAC 332-30-138 Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture. Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture shall not be authorized on state-owned aquatic lands.

As I review documents prepared by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), I find that they are issuing a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) for this supposed netpen ban in which they make this specific statement after identifying the lead agency as DNR.

"The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on

the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21c.030(2)(c). This

decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the

lead agency."

Please tell me and my constituents why you are making a statement that contradicts the purpose of a rulemaking process that purports to ban Commercial finfish aquaculture in the State of Washington as mandated by the legislature in House Bill 2957?

While I support the Proposed Rulemaking Document WSR -24-20-146 which includes appropriate reasons for instituting the netpen ban, there is no explanation for the need to include a DNS for netpens in DNR documents. Explanation is required.

Ronald Smith
president, Protect Henderson Inlet
360-259-3789

Response to N-12-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

To clarify, DNR has stated the rule adoption will not result in an environmental impact. DNR did not state commercial finfish netpen aquaculture has no impact.

N-13: Wild Fish Conservancy, Emma Halverson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment N-13-1

02:34:10.860 -- My name is Emma Halverson and I'm the director of Wild Fish Conservancy, a nonprofit organization based in Washington dedicated to protecting the Northwest wild fish.

02:34:21.740 -- And today I'm here to testify in strong support of Commissioner Franz's landmark executive order and the proposed rule to prohibit industrial fin fish net pen aquaculture in Washington marine waters.

02:34:31.660 -- Our organization has spent over two decades watch-dogging the industry, advancing scientific understanding of the risk net pens pose, and working with colleagues around the world to bring an end to this practice in public waters.

02:34:41.900 -- And these impacts include but are not limited to rampant untreated daily pollution, the amplification and spread of both exotic and native viruses and escape events like the catastrophic cypress island net pen collapse in 2017 that released over 260,000 non native and viral infected farmed fish into Puget Sound.

02:35:05.900 -- I'm also testifying today proudly on behalf of Our Sound Our Salmon, a broad based coalition consisting of over 10,000 individuals and over 100 businesses and organizations.

02:35:11.100 -- And this dedicated group has been working together tirelessly over the last decade side by side with Washington's tribal nations to protect wild salmon, orcas, tribal treaty rights, and the health of Puget Sound from the dangers of industrial net pen aquaculture.

02:35:26.860 -- And most recently we called on Commissioner Franz to stop leasing our public waters for the net pen industry.

02:35:32.780 -- And she answered those calls in November of 2022 when she heroically denied new leases to Cooke Aquaculture and announced the rule before you today or that you'll decide on in December to ensure this industry can never again threaten our public waters.

02:35:49.580 -- This decision initiated the largest natural restoration project in Washington's history.

02:35:54.940 -- It restored public and tribal access to over 140 acres of Puget Sound and united the entire Pacific coast in banning this industry.

02:36:00.140 -- So in closing I urge you to please follow Commissioner Franz's lead and vote to uphold this rule that the public has fought so hard for.

Response to N-13-1

Thank you for your comment.

Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

N-14: Northwest Aquaculture Alliance, Jeanie McKnight

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment N-14-1

02:58:35.980 -- My name is Jeannie McKnight and I'm the executive director of the Northwest Aquaculture Alliance formerly called the Washington Fish Growers Association or WIFCAS.

02:58:45.900 -- Some of you might have known.

02:58:45.900 -- First of all before I start I want to correct something that has been said over and over again and that is that all of our neighbors have banned net pen fishing.

02:58:58.060 -- It is not true.

02:58:58.060 -- In fact Canada did vote to extend the leases until 2029 until they could have a transition in place if in fact that's what happens.

02:59:03.180 -- Atlantic Canada currently has a thriving net pen fin fish industry that supplies the Atlantic seaboard with beautiful healthy Atlantic salmon.

02:59:15.020 -- So what I'd like to do is to talk to you a little bit about a vision that we had when Dan Swecker, Senator Dan Swecker ran this organization and that was to make Washington state the leader in sustainable aquaculture.

02:59:26.860 -- And I when Dan died in 2021 I said we're going to make that happen.

02:59:33.340 -- There were two or there were four beautiful leases of farms growing steelhead in Washington state that by the commissioner's order and by the refusal to renew the leases we'll put out a business.

02:59:46.700 -- Those farms produced about 15 million pounds of beautiful healthy steelhead.

02:59:53.340 -- 30 million nutritious meals per year.

02:59:53.340 -- They had a direct impact on the state of 40 million dollars now lost.

03:00:00.220 -- Lease revenue that goes to schools.

03:00:00.220 -- \$200,000 per year now lost.

03:00:00.220 -- Rural employment 85 direct and perhaps three times that indirect jobs suddenly gone.

03:00:08.460 -- County land and personal property taxes of 175,000 dollars a year now lost.

03:00:15.020 -- I also want to say that this is not industrial aquaculture.

03:00:21.980 -- I have worked around the world including in Chile.

03:00:21.980 -- If you want to start thinking about industrial aquaculture that is not what we were doing here.

03:00:26.860 -- It is small scale.

03:00:31.180 -- Thank you.

Response to N-14-1

Comment noted, DNR respectfully disagrees. DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

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[B-1: Pacific Seafood, Bella Johnson](#)

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 4:14 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment B-1-1

Dear Members of the Washington Board of Natural Resources,
Please see the attached comment letter regarding the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' consideration of amendments and/or additions to Chapter 332-30 WAC regarding the use of state-owned aquatic lands for commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

Kind Regards,

Bella Johnson

Public Affairs Specialist

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Response to B-1-1

Thank you for your comment. The Board of Natural Resources has received your comment and DNR staff will provide them with any requested information.

B-2: Icicle Seafoods, Brett Raemer

Submit Date: 11/06/2024 5:33 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment B-2-1

Washington Board of Natural Resources

Dear Members of the Natural Resources

I am writing to express my concerns on the proposed ban on net pen aquaculture.

It is imperative that we leave open the opportunity to maintain our food security with locally sourced and regulated seafood. By producing locally we can maintain quality and insure that it is raised in a responsible manner.

Please consider the best available science instead fear mongering and political pandering before making your decision.

Thank you for your consideration

Brett Raemer

Raemer1@hotmail.com

360 477-8269

Response to B-2-1

Thank you for your comment. The Board of Natural Resources has received your comment and DNR staff will provide them with any requested information.

B-3: Penn Cove Shellfish, LLC, Tom Glaspie

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 6:46 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment B-3-1

Public Comments to DNR regarding SEPA File No. 24-101601

Tom Glaspie

Oak Harbor, WA

Date: November 6, 2024

Cc: Washington Board of Natural Resources

The Public Notice process by DNR has been inadequately circulated and I request a continuation for this process in order to gather full public comment and information on this very serious issue. DNR has the ability to make lease conditions that will add more protections and safeguards to the environment. They need to regulate, not terminate this type of activity which can sustainably produce food and income for the people of Washington state.

The ban on net-pen aquaculture should not be allowed to go through as it is another display of how Hilary Franz has and continues to use and step outside her authority to make decisions for personal interests and should be unbiased. The DNR manages state owned lands for public use to encourage and foster the use of these lands for the production of food, fiber, income and recreation and work in the interest for all the citizens of Washington state. A blanket prohibition on a preferred water dependent use is not in the publics best interests.

State law sets guidelines for DNR to use for evaluation and decision making on whether the use of public lands makes sense for the application and in the best interest of the public. In these guidelines DNR is supposed to use the community, local, state, and federal government agencies to base their decisions. Hilary Franz has failed to work with any of these agencies and she has made unilateral decisions out of her political and personal interests, which conflict with state and federal rules and policies.

The net-pen aquaculture industry has always worked with the community and government agencies to produce high quality affordable seafoods for human consumption. This is in the best interest of the public. The industry has used third party certifications and inspections and will continue to carry out the necessary monitoring, practices and reporting to ensure environmental compliance and fish health safety. These reports are well documented and presented to the appropriate agencies on a routine basis.

Hilary has failed to utilize the agencies and the available information as a resource on which to base her decisions. She has and continues to make false accusations without providing any scientific bases for these assumptions. She proclaims that the escapement of 250,000 fish was a tragic devastation to the environment and that net-pen aquaculture has a negative impact on wild fish. If this is true, the science should be presented and the effects of the escapement in 2017 quite apparent without a doubt. There are no reports or observations of any Atlantic salmon feral populations occurring in Washington state since this accident. The fish do not survive in the wild and there are countless scientific studies and historical evidence that escaped and purposely planted Atlantic salmon are not successful colonizers in the NW. This issue is also moot anyway, as Washington state law said that only native fish species can be raised in marine net pens now. The company I worked for moved to raising native all-female triploid steelhead. Those fish did well in the net pens, were a quality food product and can be the future for increasing local seafood, creating jobs and allowing future technological innovations to occur in Washington. A managed solution is needed for the future of the people in Washington state. A prohibition is not a managed solution, it is a one side all or nothing decision that will have unintended negative consequences for our communities, small business and the environment down the road.

Around the 1980's, there was a bill presented for the net-pen industry to be self-regulated to save government time and money. The industry fought this bill because it was not in the best interest of the industry being on public lands and industry wanted the government to be involved to guide the monitoring process and develop proper regulations for the health of the environment and guidance for the industry for years to come. It was to help work through or avoid times like this.

Due to the failure to renew the leases at existing marine net pens sites there was an immediate loss of income for the federal, state, local governments and the numerous small businesses my company worked with throughout the area. Also, it directly caused the direct loss of 60 to 80 jobs, loss of income for surrounding businesses, and even caused other supporting companies to close or downsize because due to this wrong decision by the Commissioner. But even more so, the greater loss is the production of locally produced, quality and affordable seafood for people in Washington. The impact of the lack of locally grown seafood on the coast requires Washington to import seafood and will continue to increase commercial fishing pressures on the wild stocks in Washington and around the world. There have been "millions" of servings of locally grown seafood that have not hit the dinner table since the lease renewal decline. The ban by DNR will only exacerbate this problem. Marine fish and shellfish aquaculture provides a future ability to grow our seafood sources for years to come.

This is not just about one company, it's about the growing demand that another 2 billion people on this planet by 2050 that will be putting immense additional pressure on the ocean capture fisheries in order to produce a vital protein source. Capture fisheries cannot sustain that pressure, and

aquaculture innovation is necessary to meet this and other future challenges. That is why I strongly oppose DNR's proposed ban on commercial net-pen aquaculture. DNR has the ability to use lease conditions and other management tools to mitigate and monitor commercial fish aquaculture leaseholders and DNR needs to explain why they have not given any alternatives rather than a blanket ban on commercial net pens. It also not justifiable to allow delayed release net pens and ban commercial net pens, when they are essentially the same thing. Both are floating fish pens that feed the fish a formulated fish feed until they reach a certain size.

DNR needs to review all the information available to them and look at the big picture which will require them to consult with the other state and especially the federal fisheries agencies that expertise in these future trends in order to properly design management policies that will carefully manage our public natural resources for future generations. DNR's proposed rule language is not a solution, and I strongly oppose it.

Thank You,

Tom Glaspie

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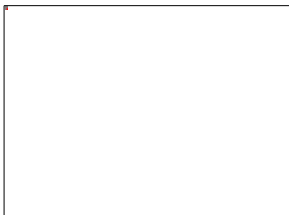
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Response to B-3-1

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B-4: Salish Fish LLC, Kevin Bright

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 7:37 AM

Submit Method: Email

Comment B-4-1

Hello Noel

Attached pdf with my public comments. I submitted them through the portal also along with 3 supporting documents, the 2 NOAA Biops, and the Salish Fish DNR lease application.

Just wanted to make my comments are on time and in the file.

Thanks, Kevin Bright

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[COMMERCIAL FINFISH NET PEN AQUACULTURE RULEMAKING](#)

Attachment(s):

Kevin Bright Public Comments DNR Rule making SEPA File No. 24-101601. November 7, 2024.pdf

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2022_02-16_FinfishRearingReinit_WCRO-2018-00286.pdf

Salish_Fish_DNR_Lease_Application_12_23_2021.pdf

Response to B-4-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the minimum requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

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B-5: Lusamerica Foods, Inc , Peter Adame

Submit Date: 11/08/2024 4:32 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment B-5-1

Dear Board of Natural Resources,

I am reaching out to get an update on yesterday's ruling regarding net-pen aquaculture.

Lusamerica Foods, Inc is a family-owned and operated seafood wholesaler, processor, and distributor with facilities in Fife, Washington and Port Angeles, Washington. As the sustainability director of the company, I'm consistently looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprint and support our working waterfronts. One of the key areas identified for us is supporting the domestic aquaculture industry to help reduce our reliance on imported seafood.

As the former outreach manager of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch program, a science-based NGO that provides sustainable seafood recommendations and a leader in sustainability assessments globally, I have seen how far the aquaculture industry has advanced and know sustainable aquaculture is readily possible when done responsibly. We need to support domestic aquaculture, which is already battling cheaper, foreign, less-regulated imports.

Seafood is one of the healthiest proteins on the planet and research shows American's do not meet the dietary recommendations in terms of consumption. Seafood is also a low-carbon footprint protein unless it is flown from abroad and I encourage the board to support responsible, domestic aquaculture as it is the future to addressing food security while combatting the climate crisis. Our growing global population cannot rely on wild-caught seafood alone and aquaculture is one of the fastest growing sectors of the commercial food industry globally, yet America is falling further behind.

It also came to my attention recently that a NOAA 2022 Biological Opinion incorporating a multi-agency study noted that current credible research shows the ecological safety of native-species net-pen farming in the Puget Sound.

Lusamerica works closely with several tribes, and we want to support their sovereignty, interests, and Tribal Treaty rights.

Lusamerica strongly opposes the proposed ban on native-species net pen aquaculture in Washington State.

Please let me know if I can support in any way or help with any outstanding questions. An update on the outcome of yesterday's meeting would be appreciated, if possible.

Thank you,

Peter Adame

Director of Communications & Sustainability

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Response to B-5-1

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DNR has included the ability to use net pens for cultural and subsistence uses. Smaller scale versus commercial operations in the proposed language.

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aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.

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B-6: Faraway Fly Fishing LLC, Barrett Mattison

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 7:46 PM

Submit Method: Email

Comment B-6-1

Hello,

It has come to my attention that the 2022 decision to ban net pen aquaculture in WA is coming up for reconsideration on Dec 3 2024.

The science is abundantly clear that this would jeopardize native salmon and steelhead recovery efforts as well as Puget sound orcas.

I urge you to dismiss the idea of reversing the ban on net pens with the disdain it deserves. Science is on your side, as are all those with a vested interest in preserving the heritage of our native fish.

Sincerely?

Barrett Mattison

Faraway Fly Fishing LLC

Cell: (360) 319 2726

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Response to B-6-1

Thank you for your comment.

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B-7: ProFish, Walter Pereyra

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment B-7-1

Response to B-7-1

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B-8: Jamestown Salish, Maria Smithson

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment B-8-1

ORAL COMMENT TRANSCRIBED BY AI AND EDITED BY N. SHARP

Good evening. My name is **Maria Smithson** and I am a strategist for Salish Fish, a project of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe working to farm native Steelhead, sea cucumbers and kelp in the tribe's fishery on the Salish Sea.

We ignore science at our peril.

If there was ever a moment in human history when science mattered, it might just be this week.

Science shows us that vaccines work.

Science shows us that climate change is real.

And on this topic, legitimate, relevant, peer reviewed science clearly shows that well regulated native species fish farming is sustainable, ecologically safe and an environmentally friendly solution to restore access to locally produced seafood. If this proposed rule is adopted, science will be ignored and the state of Washington will.

Adopt policy that results in more carbon emissions.

Fueling climate change and further degrading habitat for wild salmon.

And other endangered aquatic species adopting this rule would directly contradict Washington's climate Commitment Act of 2021, which was just upheld this week by Washington voters and banning sustainable fish farming will continue to put intense pressure on native stocks and wild fish. Fact, fish farming net.

Pen fish farming is the most climate friendly way of producing animal protein anywhere on the planet.

It uses the least amount of electricity and produces few greenhouse gases.

Fact current relevant science shows the ecological safety of native species.

Netpen farming in Washington.

The 2022 NOAA biological opinion opinion specific to native species.

Net pen farming in Puget Sound was extensive multi year and should be relied upon by DNR in guiding this rule making fact 80% of us consumed seafood is imported from overseas using carbon heavy transportation.

Of fresh and frozen seafood.

Contributing to greenhouse gas emissions fact land based fish farming is not yet a real solution.

Land based fish farming hasn't yet proven it can be done to scale.

It isn't climate friendly and uses tremendous amounts of groundwater and electricity.

This is one reason why the Canada the Government of Canada has recently extended net pen leases in British Columbia.

Do not believe the misinformation about Net Pen Aqua culture.

Sustainably growing fish here in Washington is a climate solution.

By embracing a strong regulatory framework, sustainable native species net pen farming can produce high quality seafood in our own water, meeting regional demand and dramatically

reducing our current large and unnecessary carbon footprint from imports we can sustainably locally farm native fish in a way that honors our imperative
To fight climate change here at home, we should listen to science.
Thank you.

Response to B-8-1

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B-9: Salish Fish, Kevin Bright

Submit Date: 11/07/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment B-9-1

ORAL COMMENT TRANSCRIBED BY AI AND EDITED BY N. SHARP

My name's **Kevin Bright**.

My notes are terrible, so I'm just gonna try and talk from the top of my head and maybe glance down, but I've been a lifelong

Washington resident grew up around the water, Bremerton. My dad was from Bremerton.

He salmon fishing when I was a kid.

My mom oyster gallery when I was a kid.

on the Hood canal.
I love the water.
I respect the water and I I respect.
Protecting that water. But I also have gone on to get a marine biology degree which from Western Washington, which really opened my eyes to capture fisheries and world global fishery trends.
And that's what really.
And you think that?
Overfishing and water fisheries collapse around the world.
We need to learn how to grow this food if we're gonna eat it, we need to recover stocks.
We need to continue to work on managing and safely harvesting commercial stocks and wild fisheries, but at the same time we need to develop marine aquaculture and other ways of seafood if we're gonna eat it.
And that's just my been my philosophy.
I got into this business.
Over 30 years ago.
Oh, I've enjoyed every minute of it, from working at hatcheries to working in salt water and working on the water.
It's AI.
Believe it's an important way for.
People in Washington, young people in Washington get connected to the natural environment and make a living at it.
And I think the tribes, I was fortunate enough to know Kirk Grannell from the Jamestown tribe who saw have the foresight of seeing that we need to plant what we take off.
He got the shellfish aquaculture shirt and then he got into he wanted to bring the Jamestown To fish aquaculture because he just has continued to watch the runs decline and his opportunities. Disappear for being connected to see.
Unfortunately, Kurtz passed away, but was such a great man and such a great inspiration.
I believed in DNR, really needs to slow down this process and take a really thoughtful look and bring in agency science scientists and experts from NOAA to ecology, Fisheries, Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, US Fish & Wildlife.
And look at the long term ramifications of Washington turning its back on net. pen aquaculture. it's not perfect, but it's the next step in an evolution. If it's continuing to innovate, be innovative around the world.
It's gonna continue to get improved and lighten this footprint and become a even more efficient of an already efficient food production source.
There's gonna be two and a 2 1/2 billion people on this planet in the next 30 years. We need to figure out how to feed them, and aquaculture is that way. Thank you.

Response to B-9-1

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B-10: Jamestown Seafood, Jim Parsons

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment B-10-1

02:49:22.140 -- My name is Jim Parsons.

02:49:22.140 -- I'm the CEO of Jamestown Seafood, a tribal enterprise of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe that produces fish and shellfish that contributes to the tribe's economic sovereignty.

02:49:36.220 -- I've been raising fish and shellfish in the Pacific Northwest since 1976 and graduated from Washington State University.

02:49:43.740 -- Go Cougs.

02:49:43.740 -- You're going to hear a story today from DNR staff.

02:49:43.740 -- And while you have no action item before you today, this story is incomplete.

02:49:50.860 -- Yes, one net pen array collapsed in 2017 and it was indeed tragic.

02:49:59.420 -- But consequently in 2018, the legislature passed and Governor Inslee signed House Bill 2957, which phased out the farming of non-native fish species, while continuing to allow for the farming of native species.

02:50:13.660 -- What you won't hear is that our departments of Ag ecology, Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources were then ordered to develop a guidance document for the continued farming of native species in Washington.

02:50:24.780 -- 144 pages long with 230 scientific references.

02:50:32.620 -- It was produced in 2022 after an intensive four-year examination with additional input from NOAA.

02:50:40.220 -- You also won't hear about the 2022 Endangered Species Act Biological Opinion by NOAA, which concluded that native species farming in Puget Sound is not likely to jeopardize any ESA listed fish species.

02:50:52.300 -- Also in 2022, the Washington State Supreme Court upheld the continuance of native species net pen aquaculture in a unanimous nine to nothing vote that upheld permits issued to raise native steelhead in Puget Sound.

02:51:07.340 -- I urge you to think about what information is not being provided by staff today.

02:51:13.100 -- Keep one thing in mind, there are no commercial net pens in Puget Sound today.

02:51:19.660 -- We don't need to rush this.

02:51:19.660 -- The information you receive is incomplete.

02:51:25.980 -- Thank you.

Response to B-10-1

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B-11: Salish Fish, Maria Smithson

Submit Date: 11/05/2024 12:00 AM

Submit Method: Oral

Comment B-11-1

02:51:36.460 -- My name is Maria Smithson.

02:51:36.460 -- I am the government affairs strategist for Salish Fish.

02:51:41.420 -- The Jamestown S'Klallam's work to establish a multi-trophic farm and sustainably grow native species steelhead, sea cucumbers, and kelp.

02:51:53.660 -- Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak.

02:51:53.660 -- I want to focus today on the inadequacies and failures of this rulemaking process, which are not an example of good government, in fact, they're quite the opposite.

02:52:02.620 -- In November of 2022, Commissioner Franz announced a net pen ban in April of 2023, staff filed a CR 101 to start rulemaking, and then crickets for a year.

02:52:19.020 -- Crickets.

02:52:19.020 -- In March of 2024, DNR aquatic staff finally restarted the rulemaking process, but with a very tight timeline, and consideration by this board was not set to occur until 2025.

02:52:33.900 -- So why are we here today? During the tribal meetings, many promises were made by DNR staff, which have been broken.

02:52:39.260 -- Several times, tribes expressed significant concern around the lack of outreach and this rushed process.

02:52:45.660 -- Agency staff ignored repeated tribal requests for a multi-agency science panel to enhance the fact finding and rulemaking in this process.

02:52:52.700 -- DNR staff promised tribes and other state that other state and federal agencies would be consulting, consulted, prior to a draft rule, they were not.

02:53:05.820 -- And this very new shortened rulemaking timeline breaks all the promises made by DNR.

02:53:13.180 -- The CR 102 was filed on October 2, but no tribes were notified for two weeks until October 16th, and then we were just given three weeks to hastily arrange attendance at Thursday's hearing.

02:53:25.660 -- We were given no notice that today's meeting would include a presentation, and the public comment portion of this rulemaking is being squeezed into just three short weeks.

02:53:35.740 -- I need you to ask why that's happening.

Response to B-11-1

Comment noted and DNR respectfully disagrees. The Department has followed the requirements outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05) and conducted Tribal Government outreach beyond the minimum requirements. DNR provided adequate notice of available public and Tribal comment opportunities. Tribal Governments, the public, local, state, and federal agencies had multiple opportunities throughout the process to provide comment through multiple methods.

DNR is directed by statute (RCW 79.105.030) to manage state-owned aquatic lands to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state. These public benefits include:

- (1) Encouraging direct public use and access;
- (2) Fostering water-dependent uses;
- (3) Ensuring environmental protection;
- (4) Utilizing renewable resources.

Generating revenue in a manner consistent with subsections (1) through (4) of this section is a public benefit.

DNR must balance competing paramount concerns such as industry growth, varying avenues for nutrition and sustenance, and environmental protection through its policy decisions. Through the proposed rule language, DNR, as managers of Washington State-owned aquatic land proposes to prevent further damage to these important aquatic habitats instead of mitigating or responding to negative impacts resulting from commercial finfish net pen aquaculture.