



Notice of Permit Application for Marine Atlantic Salmon Net Pens

The Department of Ecology has received wastewater permit applications for renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act). Cooke Aquaculture Pacific, LLC operates seven (7) existing marine salmon net pen facilities in Puget Sound. These facilities are operated to rear fish for market sale (private). Uneaten fish food, fish feces, and the accidental release of Atlantic Salmon are the primary pollutants produced as a result of the operation of these facilities.

The facility names for each permit application are as follows:

Cooke, LLC	Clam Bay – Saltwater I
Cooke, LLC	Fort Ward – Saltwater II
Cooke, LLC	Orchard Rocks – Saltwater IV
Cooke, LLC	Site 1 – Deepwater Bay
Cooke, LLC	Site 3 – Deepwater Bay
Cooke, LLC	Site 4 – Hope Island Skagit Bay
Cooke, LLC	Port Angeles – Ediz Hook

The Department proposes to reissue NPDES permits to **only the following four net pens**:

- Clam Bay – Saltwater I
- Fort Ward – Saltwater II
- Orchard Rocks – Saltwater IV
- Site 4 – Hope Island Skagit Bay

For more information go to <https://ecology.wa.gov/netpenpermit>

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION: Interested agencies, organizations or persons desiring to express their views or to be notified of the Department's actions on the permit applications should notify the Washington State Department of Ecology at the address or email below within 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. The Department will **not** reply to comments received in response to this public notice.

Comments should be sent to:

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The applications and related documents are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the Southwest Regional Office of the Department. If you require special accommodation or need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call Sultana Shah at 360-407-6831. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

The Department will add the names of all interested agencies, organizations, or persons to our mailing list for these permits. Ecology will publish a 45-day notice of public comment for the draft permits and fact sheets and respond in writing to public comments.