

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMITS FOR
MARINE ATLANTIC SALMON NET PENS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

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 Atlantic salmon 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.

Following evaluation of the application and other available information, The Department has developed draft documents to reissue NPDES permits to **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>

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Southwest Regional Office, please call Susan Baxter at 360-407-6365 e-mail publicdisclosureswro@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permits. All comments must be submitted within 60 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

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E-mail comments are encouraged and should be sent to <http://ws.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=7kdj4>.

Ecology intends to hold information meetings and public hearings since there is significant public interest. There will be two workshops immediately followed by public hearings and a webinar scheduled as follows:

Webinar	In Person - Anacortes	In Person – Bainbridge Island
Jan. 30, 2019	Feb. 5, 2019	Feb. 7, 2019
1pm start	6pm start	6pm start
Register online:	Anacortes Library	Filipino Community Hall
https://bit.ly/2Gv3UPW	1220 10 th Street	7566 High School Rd. NE.
	Anacortes, WA 98221	Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

During each workshop, we will explain the proposed changes to the permits and answer questions. The hearing will begin after each workshop and will end when public testimony is complete. During each hearing, you may give oral testimony and written comments on the proposed changes. Written comments will receive the same consideration as oral testimony.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. Ecology is an equal opportunity agency. If you have a special accommodation needs, please contact Melinda Wilson at 360-407-6280 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 800-833-6388.