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October 9, 2019

Kevin Bright
Permit Coordinator
Cooke Aquaculture Pacific, LLC
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Re: Cooke Aquaculture Pacific NPDES permit modifications (Permit numbers WA0031534, WA031593, WA0031526, WA0031542)

Dear Kevin:

In February 2019, Cooke Aquaculture Pacific submitted EPA Form 2B with the modification to raise *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (i.e., rainbow trout/steelhead) at your Clam Bay, Fort Ward, Orchard Rocks, and Hope Island facilities (Permits WA0031534, WA031593, WA0031526, WA0031542). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has been coordinating with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) awaiting their SEPA review of your Marine Aquaculture Permit to raise *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (i.e., rainbow trout/steelhead) at your net pen facilities in Puget Sound to initiate the NPDES permit modification process.

Ecology finds that additional information is necessary for us to consider your modification request complete. You will need to complete an Department of Ecology Marine/Freshwater Salmonid Net-Pen NPDES application as well as EPA NPDES Permit forms 1 and 2B for each facility. The EPA forms 1 and 2B were recently revised in June of this year so be sure to use the most current versions.

In the application, please be sure to include maximum yearly biomass estimates and complete the monthly biomass/feed table. Include any information to better assess whether your change of species will affect water quality of the receiving waters. Attach any supplemental materials such as the SEPA documents provided to WDFW to describe similarities and differences in raising *Oncorhynchus mykiss* versus Atlantic salmon.



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If you need assistance securing forms or have questions, please call or email me at laurie.niewolny@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-7666.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Niewolny', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laurie Niewolny
Aquaculture Specialist and NPDES Permit Coordinator
Southwest Regional Office
Water Quality Program

cc: Jim Parsons, Cooke Aquaculture Pacific, LLC
Andrew Kolosseus, Department of Ecology