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To: CEQAResponses
Subject: No fish farms

Hi,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the Nordic Aquafarm fish farm. Whatever short-term financial benefits that will come of this project fail in comparison to the environmental harm it will cause. Specifically, fish farms are harmful to wild fish. For starters, more fish will be required to feed the fish in the 'farm' than will be successfully produced by the 'farm.' More importantly, the threatened wild salmon that try to make their way upstream to spawn in Humboldt County will be competing for resources with the farm fish. The farm fish will also lure more predators, putting wild fish at more risk.

Last year Mark Kurlansky wrote a wonderful book simply called *Salmon* (published by Patagonia) and I implore you to read it and become better informed about the threats that wild salmon face. If you can't commit to that, please watch the documentary film, also released last year, called *Artifishal*. As it happens, the fish farm operated by Nordic Aquafarm in Norway is featured in the film. I am confident if you take a peek at what their fish farm in Norway looks like, then you won't want it in your backyard.

Thanks,
Andrew