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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in SUPPORT of Measure HB2965. There are too many environmental risks associated with net-pen aquaculture.

The primary environmental risks associated with net-pen aquaculture include: water quality degradation due to accumulated fish waste, potential for fish escapes impacting wild populations, disease transmission between farmed and wild fish, seabed damage from sediment buildup, introduction of non-native species, and the use of chemicals and antibiotics which can pollute the surrounding ecosystem; all of which can significantly disrupt marine ecosystems if not properly managed.