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This morning, a public hearing was held for HB 2965-5, a crucial piece of legislation aimed at prohibiting net pen industrial aquaculture in marine and estuarine waters in Oregon.

This bill is vital for safeguarding our native ecosystems and marine animals from the harmful, corporate-driven net pen aquaculture industry. Unfortunately, the dirty, corporate net pen industry is spewing lies and manipulating certain legislators into believing this bill would be harmful for Oregon. In Canada, net pen salmon have escaped. and mingled with native, wild fish. This will pollute the gene pool of wild salmon. Net pen fish create massive amounts of waste. Net pen fish can pass diseases to wild fish. HB 2965-5 is a must-pass bill.