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Industrial aquaculture has no place in Oregon. Open-net pens can lead to the spread of diseases and parasites from farmed fish to wild populations, threatening native species like salmon. Waste and uneaten feed from these operations can accumulate on the ocean floor, degrading water quality and harming marine ecosystems. Additionally, escaped farmed fish can compete with or interbreed with wild fish, disrupting local biodiversity. By banning net aquaculture, Oregon can protect its marine environments and preserve the health of its coastal ecosystems for future generations.