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**Cooke Aquaculture Pacific will respect new Washington State
Law to phase out non-native fish farming by 2025**

(OLYMPIA, Washington) Cooke Aquaculture Pacific's Vice President of Public Relations, Joel Richardson, provided the following response after Gov. Jay Inslee signed House Bill 2957 to phase out non-native fish farming of Atlantic salmon by 2025:

"While our company and our rural sea farming employees are deeply disappointed by the Governor's decision to ignore the science and sign the bill, we will certainly respect the wishes of the legislature. Our employees remain our top priority, and Cooke Aquaculture Pacific will continue to take the time we need to fully evaluate our operations and investments in Washington and explore all our available options. We will also continue to work with tribal, state and community partners."

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