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Hearing Commissioner Rice:

Please review your direct question to Taylor Shellfish concerning the Science behind their new mesh tube. They gave any arbitrary response " It is used heavily in the marine industry". They couldn't give a real world example of a location or a company using them except themselves.

They didn't apply for a permit with this method to the County, Corp of Engineers or SEPA. They arrogantly seem to think they make the science. There are enough farms in the Puget Sound for Taylor and the State of Washington to do the research on these mesh tubes and the environmental effects prior to approval of anymore farms.

I formally request you reject this permit on these grounds and require the County to do their due diligence as required by law to insure the Sound and shoreline tideland's and wildlife are protected.

Regards,  
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