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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft study plan. Mostly it appears a comprehensive and well structured review. I make a few comments though:
- The issue of cumulative impacts of increased nutrient loads on receiving waters from all sources , as well as salmon farming, needs to be taken into account, because in reality there are other sources and any expansion of salmon farming cannot ignore that some receiving waters are already stressed and expansion may not be appropriate. This is particularly relevant for our freshwater systems and salmon hatchery expansion.

- There needs to be an open mind to the idea of removing fish pens in areas where the evidence shows significant impact and not just assuming adaptive management will somehow produce solutions. This is especially relevant with our increasingly warming waters.

- The study needs to examine the expansion plans that the salmon farmers are hoping to pursue and clearly model what the consequences of that expansion might have, not just on water quality of the receiving waters but impacts such as increased visual pollution, noise, and increased marine traffic, as well as impacts on other fisheries including recreational.

Thank you

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