

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO
OPEN WATER NET AQUACULTURE IN WASHINGTON**

Whereas: Open net pens or cages that enclose fish such as salmon in offshore coastal areas or in freshwater lakes are known as open ocean aquaculture.

Whereas: Net pens are a high-impact aquaculture method because waste from the fish passes freely into the surrounding environment, polluting wild habitat.

Whereas: Farmed fish can escape and compete with wild fish for natural resources or interbreed with wild fish of the same species, compromising the wild population.

Whereas: Diseases and parasites can spread to wild fish living near or swimming past net pens.

Therefore be it resolved:

The Clallam County Democrats hereby assert that open net fish aquaculture should be banned in the state of Washington and that the Washington State Democrats should join in the effort to ban this form of fish aquaculture.

Be it further resolved:

Action shall be taken to influence local denial of any permits for this industry and to encourage WA State legislation toward the ultimate ban of all open net fish farming by forwarding this resolution to our local and all Washington State Democratic representatives.

Adopted by the Clallam County Democrats
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