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Please ask Sec. Zinke to limit seismic testing off our coast to one round using the latest technology that is safer for marine life and make the results public.

Please oppose coastal fish farming due to the negative impacts of pollution, parasites, and disease on surrounding ecosystems as large numbers of fish are confined in crowded underwater cages.

Please support the use of hatcheries and habitat enhancement to sustainably increase recreational opportunity and seafood production. Wise use of these proven management tools could be the perfect blend of open-water aquaculture and wild-caught seafood that lives free and self-sufficient until harvested.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these comments. I am always happy to answer any questions or go into greater detail.

Thank you, Chris McCaffity freefish7@hotmail.com