Wild salmon decline not caused by sea lice from farms?

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A new study from the UC Davis contradicts earlier reports that salmon farms were responsible for the 2002 population crash of wild pink salmon in the Broughton Archipelago of western Canada. Lead author Gary Marty concludes: "Sea lice from fish farms have no significant effect on wild salmon population productivity." Marty suggests that the millions of dollars spent on enclosed tanks for farmed fish might have been wasted. No doubt this new study will touch off another firestorm of controversy over the possible impact of sea lice on wild salmon survival. More here and here

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