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To whom it may concern:

In his opinion piece, "The Cost of Trout Fishing," Mr. Thompson conflates two very different aspects of U.S. fisheries and their sustainability. His article focuses on trout fishing and supporting aquaculture, but strays into misrepresenting crucial fisheries that are certified sustainable, and ongoing innovations in marine ingredient aquaculture.

He states that pellet feed is "derived from herring, menhaden and anchovies harvested from oceans in quantities that... are unsustainable," insinuating that the commercial harvest of these fish is unsustainable. Actually, the commercial harvest of [Gulf](#) and [Atlantic menhaden](#) has been declared sustainable by the bodies overseeing their regulation. The resulting fishmeal has been certified as [responsibly sourced by independent bodies](#), as has the Peruvian anchovy which supplies most of the anchovy meal used in the US.

The NOAA and USDA joint publication, "[The Future of Aquafeeds](#)," explains that fish used in pellet feed will remain in a constant, limited, and sustainable supply, but the global population and demand for fish will continue to rise. There lies the risk of "unsustainability." However, aquaculture can solve that gap, and industry is advancing research into alternative ingredients necessary to sustainably support it.

Regards,



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