

Appendix 1: 2015 Seal Killing Return Forms (January to July)

On 16 November 2015, the Scottish Government provided copies of 'Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Forms' submitted by salmon farmers for the first two quarters of 2015.

The data disclosure followed a FOI request in August 2015; an initial refusal by the Scottish Government in October 2015 and subsequent appeal by GAAIA (see Appendix 2 below for the correspondence in full).

There are 48 PDFs in total containing 62 forms - all available via Dropbox by emailing dstaniford@gaaia.org

RE: Review re: FoI/15/01657 - Request for Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Forms for 2015
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Here's all the seals killed during the first seven months of 2015. Please note that the Scottish Government starts Q1 in February 2015 not January 2015 - hence seals killed in January 2015 are also included here (this data was made available via FOI in August 2015 - see [online here](#)):

Here's a summary of the data available for 2015 (January to July)

Total: 51 dead seals (zero carcasses recovered; three reported; zero collected)

Marine Harvest: 15 dead seals (zero carcasses recovered, reported or collected)

- 1 dead seal at Loch Greshornish (7 July)
- 1 dead seal at Hellisay, Sound of Hellisay, Isle of Barra (14 June)
- 3 dead seals at Invasion Bay, Camas na h-Airbhe, Loch Sunart (26 & 19 May)
- 1 dead seal at Maol Ban, Loch Na Cairidh, Near Sconser, Isle of Skye (22 May)
- 5 dead seals at Sconser, East of Balmeanach Bay, Raasay Narrows, Isle of Skye (10 March; 7, 21 & 22 April; & 1 May)
- 3 dead seals at Shuna Sound (13 March)
- 1 dead seal at Port Na Cro, Loch Melfort (14 February)

Scottish Seafarms: 12 dead seals (zero carcasses recovered, reported or collected)

- 4 dead seals at Toyness, Scapa Flow, Orkney (9 & 10 April)
- 2 dead seals at Bring Head, Scapa Flow, Orkney (9 April)
- 1 dead seal at Nevis C, Loch Nevis (19 March)
- 1 dead seal at Breigeo, Weisdale Voe, Shetland (19 March)
- 1 dead seal at Veantrow Bay, Shapinsay, Orkney (26 February)
- 2 dead seals at Bellister, Shetland (19 February & 29 April)
- 1 dead seal at Kishorn B, West of Kishorn Island (12 February)

The Scottish Salmon Company: 11 dead seals (zero carcasses recovered; three carcasses reported; zero carcasses collected)

- 1 dead seal at Loch Tuath, Isle of Mull (31 July)
- 2 dead seals at Inchkenneth (25 June & 6 July)
- 1 dead seal at Trilleachan Mor (8 April)
- 2 dead seals at Geasgill, Loch Fyne (26 March & 2 April)
- 5 dead seals at Gometra, Isle of Mull (20 & 27 January)

Balta Island Seafare: 3 dead seals (zero carcasses recovered, reported or collected)

- 1 dead seal at Balta Island, West of Balta Island (4 February)
- 1 dead seal at Baltasound Pier, Baltasound, Unst (5 February)
- 1 dead seal at Swarta Skerry, North of Swarta Skerry (26 February)

Cooke Aquaculture: 3 dead seals (zero carcasses recovered, reported or collected)

- 1 dead seal at Carness Bay, Orkney (2 May)
- 2 dead seals at South Cava, Scapa Flow, Orkney (16 April)

Dawnfresh: 3 dead seals (zero carcasses recovered, reported or collected)

- 1 dead seal at Etive 6, Loch Etive (28 June)
- 2 dead seals at Ardchattan Bay, Loch Etive (16 March & 23 June)

Kames Fish Farming: 2 dead seals (zero carcasses recovered, reported or collected)

- 2 dead seals at Shuna Castle, Island of Shuna/Loch Melfort (17 April)

Loch Duart: 1 dead seal (zero carcass recovered, reported or collected)

- 1 dead seal at Lochmaddy, North Uist (25 February)

Hjaltrand Seafarms (Grieg Seafood): 1 dead seals (zero carcass recovered, reported or collected)

- 1 dead seal at North Voe, Whalsay, Shetland (17 January)

The salmon farms killing more than two seals were:

- 5 dead seals at Gometra, Isle of Mull (The Scottish Salmon Company)
- 5 dead seals at Sconser, Raasay Narrows, Isle of Skye (Marine Harvest)
- 4 dead seals at Toyness, Scapa Flow, Orkney (Scottish Seafarms)
- 3 dead seals at Invasion Bay, Loch Sunart (Marine Harvest)
- 3 dead seals at Shuna Sound (Marine Harvest)

Here's the source data:

May to July 2015:

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010: PART 6 - CONSERVATION OF SEALS

Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Form

It is the duty of licensee to complete this form and return it to Marine Scotland quarterly. This form should reach Marine Scotland within 10 days of the end of each quarter.

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| Licence Number WS21/2015/W/01 | | Name on Licence : MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD Signed : _____ | | | | | Date of Return 31/07/2015 | | |
|--|------------|---|------------|------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Carcass Recovery | | | |
| | | | Common | Grey | Unidentified | Recovered ¹ | Reported ² | Collected ³ | |
| FS0212 | 28/05/2015 | 18:50 | ONE | NIL | NIL | NO | NO | NO | |
| FS0212 | 19/06/2015 | 20:00 | ONE | NIL | NIL | NO | NO | NO | |
| FS0212 | 19/06/2015 | 20:45 | ONE | NIL | NIL | NO | NO | NO | |
| FS0602 | 01/05/2015 | 10:15 | NIL | ONE | NIL | NO | NO | NO | |
| FS0619 | 22/05/2015 | 10:40 | NIL | ONE | NIL | NO | NO | NO | |
| FS0015 | 07/07/2015 | 08:50 | NIL | ONE | NIL | NO | NO | NO | |
| FS0240 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS0241 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS0244 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| Totals | | | 3 | 3 | NIL | | | | |

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FS0212 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as: Invasion Bay, Camas na h-Airbhe, Loch Sunart, Highland

FS0602 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as:
Sconser, East of Balmeanach Bay, Raasay Narrows, Isle of Skye

FS0519 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as:
Maol Ban, Loch Na Cairidh, Near Sconser, Isle of Skye

FS0015 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as:
Loch Greshornish

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| Licence Number WI14/2015/W/01 | | Name on Licence : MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD Signed : _____ | | | | | Date of Return 31/07/2015 | | |
|--|------------|---|------------|------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Carcass Recovery | | | |
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| FS0865 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS0841 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS0531 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS1259 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS1261 | 14/06/2015 | 14:00 | NIL | ONE | NIL | NO | NO | NO | |
| FS1122 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS1083 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS1263 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| FS0502 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | |
| Totals | | | NIL | ONE | NIL | | | | |

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FS1261 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as:
Hellisay, Sound of Hellisay, Isle of Barra



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| Licence Number | | Name on Licence : Scottish Salmon Company | | | | | Date of Return | | |
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| WS19/2015/W/0 | | | | | | | 1st May - 31st July 2015 | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recovery | | | |
| | | | Common | Grey | Unidentified | Recovered ¹ | Reported ² | Collected ³ | |
| Tuath | 31.07.15 | 08:30 | 1 | Nil | Nil | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Inchkenneth | 25.06.15 | 07:12 | 1 | Nil | Nil | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Inchkenneth | 06.07.15 | 08:17 | 1 | Nil | Nil | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Geasgill | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Gometra | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
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| Totals | | | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | |

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| Licence Number | | Name on Licence : Dawnfresh Farming Ltd | | | | | Date of Return | | |
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| WS11/2015W | | | | | | | 10/08/2015 | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recovery | | | |
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| FS0197 - Ardchattan Bay (Etive 5) | 23/06/2015 | AM | 1 | | | No | | | |
| FS1288 - Etive 6 | 28/07/2015 | AM | 1 | | | No | | | |
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| Licence Number | | Name on Licence : Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Limited | | | | | Date of Return | | |
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| ONC10/2015/W | | | | | | | 10th August 2015 | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recovery | | | |
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| FS/0390 | 02.05.15 | 740 | | 1 | | No | | | |
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FS0390 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as: Carness Bay, Orkney

February to April 2015:



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| Licence Number | | Name on Licence : Scottish Sea Farms, Orkney and Eriboll | | | | | Date of Return | | |
|--|------------|--|------------|------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | 8th May 2015 | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recovery | | | |
| | | | Common | Grey | Unidentified | Recovered ¹ | Reported ² | Collected ³ | |
| FS0860 | 28/02/2015 | 14:48 | | 1 | | | | | |
| FS1023 | 09/04/2015 | 9.05 | | 1 | | | | | |
| FS1023 | 09/04/2015 | 11.15 | | 1 | | | | | |
| FS1024 | 09/04/2015 | 16.10 | | 1 | | | | | |
| FS1024 | 09/04/2015 | 17.20 | | 1 | | | | | |
| FS1024 | 10/04/2015 | 13.05 | | 1 | | | | | |
| FS1024 | 10/04/2015 | 15.15 | | 1 | | | | | |
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FS0860 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as: Veantrow Bay, Shapinsay, Orkney



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|--|------------|---|------------|------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| WS21/2015/W/01 | | Signed : [REDACTED] | | | | | | 30/04/2015 | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recovery | | | | |
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| FS0602 | 10/03/2015 | 0915hrs | NIL | ONE | NIL | NO | NO | NO | | |
| FS0602 | 07/04/2015 | 0900hrs | NIL | ONE | NIL | NO | NO | NO | | |
| FS0602 | 21/04/2015 | 0915hrs | NIL | ONE | NIL | NO | NO | NO | | |
| FS0602 | 22/04/2015 | 1020hrs | NIL | ONE | NIL | NO | NO | NO | | |
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- ¹ Was the carcase recovered?
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FS0602 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as: Sconser, East of Balmeanach Bay, Raasay Narrows, Isle of Skye



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| Licence Number | | Name on Licence : MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD | | | | | | Date of Return | | |
|--|------------|---|------------|------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| WS06/2015/W | | Signed : [REDACTED] | | | | | | 30/04/2015 | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recovery | | | | |
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| FS0464 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | | |
| FS0805 | | | NIL | NIL | NIL | | | | | |
| FS0629 | 14/02/2015 | 0800hrs | NIL | ONE | NIL | | | | | |
| FS0659 | 13/03/2015 | 1030hrs | ONE | NIL | NIL | | | | | |
| FS0659 | 13/03/2015 | 1449hrs | ONE | NIL | NIL | | | | | |
| FS0659 | 13/03/2015 | 1630hrs | ONE | NIL | NIL | | | | | |
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| Totals | | | 3 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |

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FS0629 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as: Port Na Cro, Loch Melfort



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| Licence Number WS13/2015/W | | Name on Licence: SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LIMITED Kishorn B, West of Kishorn Island | | | | | Date of Return 09/05/2015 | | |
|--|------------|--|------------|------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | | | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recovery | | | |
| | Date | Time | Common | Grey | Unidentified | Recovered ¹ | Reported ² | Collected ³ | |
| FS0804 | 12/02/2015 | 13:00 | 1 | | | No | No | No | |
| FS0549 | 19/03/2015 | 08:30 | | 1 | | No | No | No | |
| FS0546 | 19/03/2015 | 10:15 | | 1 | | No | No | No | |
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 Kishorn B, West of Kishorn Island

FS0549 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as:
 Breigeo, Weisdale Voe, Shetland

FS0546 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as:
 Nevis C, Loch Nevis



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| Licence Number | Name on Licence | | Date of Return | | | Carcass Recovery | | |
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| SS/2011/w0 | | | 28th may 2015 | | | | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Fish Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Recovered ¹ | Reported ² | Collected ³ |
| | | | Common | Grey | Unidentified | | | |
| Bellister | 12th Feb 2015 | 9.3 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bellister | 29th April 2015 | 14.45 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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[Note that the company name is not listed above but it is Scottish Seafarms - confirmed by the Scottish Government via email on 25 November 2015]



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|--|---------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| WF11/2015/W | Signed : [Redacted] | | 01/02/2015 to 30/04/2015 | | | | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Seals Shot | | | Recovered ¹ | Reported ² | Collected ³ |
| | | | Common | Grey | Unidentified | | | |
| Lochnaddy | 26/02/2015 | 1330 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Please report carcasses for collection to: Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme: Tel: 01463 243030

¹ Was the carcass recovered?

² Was the carcass reported to Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme?

³ Was the carcass collected by Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme?

[Note that the company name is not listed above but it is Loch Duart - confirmed by the Scottish Government via email on 25 November 2015]

January 2015:



MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010:PART 6 - CONSERVATION OF SEALS
Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Form



It is the duty of licensees to complete this form and return it to Marine Scotland quarterly.

| Licence Number | | Name on Licence | | | | | | Date of Return | |
|---|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|--|
| WS19/2014/W/0 | | The Scottish Salmon Company | | | | | | 1st November - 31st | |
| | | | | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recov | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Fish Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Location* | Common | Grey | Unidentified | Recovered1 | Reported2 | |
| Tuath | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0 | 0 | |
| Inchkenneth | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0 | 0 | |
| Geasgill | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 0 | 0 | |
| Gometra | 20.01.15 | 18:00 | On Site | 1 | Nil | Nil | 0 | 1 | |
| Gometra | 20.01.15 | 18:00 | On Site | Nil | 1 | Nil | 0 | 1 | |
| Gometra | 27.01.15 | 14:00 - 18:00:00 | On Site | 1 | Nil | Nil | 0 | 1 | |
| Gometra | 27.01.15 | 14:00 - 18:00:00 | On Site | Nil | 1 | Nil | 0 | 1 | |
| Gometra | 27.01.15 | 14:00 - 18:00:00 | On Site | Nil | 1 | Nil | 0 | 1 | |
| | | | | Totals | 2 | 3 | 0 | | |

Each incident must be listed separately on the form with relevant details.

*Please supply the OS reference or fish farm location (if applicable) of where seal was shot.

Please report carcases for collection to: Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme: Tel: 01463 243030

1: Was the carcase recovered?

2: Was the carcase reported to Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme?

3: Was the carcase collected by Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme?

Other seal-killing return forms for 2015 included:



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| Licence Number | | Name on Licence | | | | | | Date of Return | | |
|--|------------|--------------------|--------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| S07/2014/W/0 | | Hjaltland Seafarms | | | | | | 1/11/2014 - 31/1/2015 | | |
| | | | | Seals Shot | | | Carcase Recovery | | | |
| DSFB/Netting Station/Farm Registration/Other | Date | Time | Common | Grey | Unidentified | Recovered 1 | Reported 2 | Collected 3 | | |
| FS0946 | 15/12/2014 | 930 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| FS0946 | 17/01/2015 | 1110 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | | Totals | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |

Each incident must be listed separately on the form with relevant details.

Please report carcases for collection to: Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme: Tel: 01463 243030

1: Was the carcase recovered?

2: Was the carcase reported to Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme?

3: Was the carcase collected by Scottish Agricultural College Strandings Scheme?

FS0946 is listed in the [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#) as:

["Stop shooting seals for salmon meals!"](#)

For data for 2013 and 2014 please read:

["Appendix: Companies, Regions & Sites"](#)

["Appendix: Source Data - Seal Killing Return Forms Submitted by Salmon Farms"](#)

Appendix 2: FOI correspondence

From: Stephen.Bruce@gov.scot [mailto:Stephen.Bruce@gov.scot]
Sent: 25 November 2015 10:35
To: salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com
Subject: Review re: FoI/15/01657 - Request for Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Forms for 201

Dear Mr Staniford

I refer to your two e-mails of 23 November asking for the company name in relation to two seal licence return forms.

The details which were redacted from these two forms were the name and signature of individuals, because the regulation 11(2) exception (personal data) applied as explained in my review response. The company names weren't included on these particular forms but I can confirm that the names you asked for are:

- Bellister – Scottish Sea Farms (ref S8)
- Lochmaddy – Loch Duart Ltd (ref WI11).

The return forms usually have the name of the company stated at the top but on rare occasions this is omitted. Marine Scotland will be making sure that companies include their names on return forms from now on. However, the companies can easily be identified by their licence number and so where the name has been omitted from a return form you can find it easily by checking the licence number against the full list of licences which is published at: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/SealLicensing/Issued2015>. This would give you a quicker answer than asking us to tell you the company name.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Bruce

Scottish Government
2W
St Andrews House

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|---|---|
|  21. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (28 KB) |  21. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (47 KB) |
|  22. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (27 KB) |  22. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (27 KB) |
|  23. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (38 KB) |  23. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (27 KB) |
|  24. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (29 KB) |  25. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (46 KB) |
|  3. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (28 KB) |  3. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (28 KB) |
|  4. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (31 KB) |  4. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (28 KB) |
|  5. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (28 KB) |  5. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (31 KB) |
|  6. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (28 KB) |  6. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (27 KB) |
|  7. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (32 KB) |  7. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (28 KB) |
|  8. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (28 KB) |  8. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (30 KB) |
|  9. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q1.pdf (30 KB) |  9. Seal Licence Return Forms 2015 Q2.pdf (30 KB) |

Further to your review request dated 22 October, I have now completed my review of our response to your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for "copies of all Marine Scotland Statutory seal Licence return Forms in 2015 for salmon farms (presumably Q1 and Q2 2015 are now available)".

I have concluded that a different decision should be substituted.

Information from seal licence returns is being proactively published in table form on the Scottish government website because this makes the information more accessible and useful for members of the public than publishing each individual form with sensitive information, such as personal data, redacted. It is also a more efficient manner for Marine Scotland to make the information available than publishing individual redacted forms.

While our proactive publication provides the key data from the returns for the first two quarters of 2015, I accept that it doesn't provide every detail. On this occasion, I can provide the copies you requested.

However, we may not be able to provide individual forms in future, particularly if the number of forms caught by the request and the amount of redaction needed would impose an unreasonable burden on Marine Scotland. In any future requests about seal licence returns, it would be helpful if you could tell us specifically what information you want, that is not already included in the proactive publication. That would enable us to provide the actual information you want, without imposing unnecessary costs on the public purse.

Some information has been redacted from the enclosed forms because an exception under regulation 11(2) of the EIRs (personal information) applies to that information. The exception applies to that information because it is personal data of a third party and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998. This exception is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of this review you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner about our decision within 6 months of receiving this letter. You can contact the Commissioner at:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Telephone: 01334 464610

Should you then wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Bruce (on behalf of Carey Cunningham)

Scottish Government
2W
St Andrews House
Edinburgh

From: Don Staniford [<mailto:salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com>]

Sent: 22 October 2015 07:48

To: Rosborough LM (Linda)
Cc: Walker IW (Ian)
Subject: Review re: FoI/15/01657 - Request for Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Forms for 2015

Linda,

Please consider this a formal request for a review of FoI/15/01657.

The reply dated 20 October 2015 is inadequate as it does not include the information requested; namely "copies of all Marine Scotland Statutory seal Licence return Forms in 2015 for salmon farms".

The information made available online via <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/SealLicensing/Issued2015> is merely a summary of the information and not the raw data/source documents as requested.

During the course of the FOI process I already conceded to a narrowed down FOI request (see my email dated 18 September 2015).

To not now receive the full information is unacceptable and unreasonable - especially given previous rulings by the Scottish Information Commissioner which demanded disclosure of exactly the same information now refused.

Please provide the information requested or we will have to go down the same road with an ad nauseam appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner which will presumably only lead to another ruling forcing disclosure (and further publicity on this controversial issue).

Refusal once again by Marine Scotland represents another backward step for Freedom of Information.

Please see below for correspondence on this issue since the FOI was filed on 24 August 2015.

Please provide a receipt for this request for an internal review.

Thanks,

Don

Don Staniford

Director, Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture (GAAIA):
<http://www.salmonfarmingkills.com>

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From: Ian.Walker@gov.scot [<mailto:Ian.Walker@gov.scot>]
Sent: 20 October 2015 15:50

To: salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com

Subject: FoI/15/01657 - Request for Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Forms for 2015

Dear Mr Staniford

Thank you for your request dated 1 September 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

Your request

You asked for “copies of all Marine Scotland Statutory seal Licence return Forms in 2015 for salmon farms (presumably Q1 and Q2 2015 are now available)”.

As the information you have requested is ‘environmental information’ for the purposes of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs), we are required to deal with your request under those Regulations. We are applying the exemption at section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), so that we do not also have to deal with your request under FOISA.

This exemption is subject to the ‘public interest test’. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption, because there is no public interest in dealing with the same request under two different regimes. This is essentially a technical point and has no material effect on the outcome of your request.

Response to your request

You will be pleased to know that the information from all the returns from the first two quarters of 2015 has now been published on the Scottish government web-site. This contains the information that you are looking for. It can be found at the following link:- <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/SealLicensing/Issued2015>

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your EIRs request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Linda Rosborough, Area 1B South, Victoria Quay, The Shore, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, linda.rosborough@scotland.gsi.gov.uk. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your rights is available on the Commissioner’s website at: www.itspublicknowledge.info.

Best wishes

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From: Don Staniford [<mailto:salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com>]
Sent: 18 September 2015 15:44
To: Central Enquiry Unit
Cc: Bruce S (Stephen); Walker IW (Ian); Baker S (Sam)
Subject: FOI request for Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Forms for 2015

Please provide copies of all Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Forms in 2015 for salmon farms (presumably Q1 and Q2 2015 are now available).

Please note this follows a suggestion on 17 September 2015 by Ian Walker; namely:

"You may wish to consider submitting a new request for more specific information, e.g. the seal licence return forms for salmon farms. We would be happy to consider such a request and respond in accordance with the EIRs."

Please consider this a request for information under the relevant Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations including both the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as well as any other new or other regulations which may be appropriate).

Please provide this information electronically.

Please acknowledge receipt of this FOI request.

Many thanks and I look forward to a response shortly.

Thanks,

Don

Don Staniford

Director, Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture (GAAIA):
<http://www.salmonfarmingkills.com>

From: Ian.Walker@gov.scot [<mailto:Ian.Walker@gov.scot>]
Sent: 17 September 2015 15:59
To: salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com
Cc: Sam.Baker@gov.scot; Stephen.Bruce@gov.scot
Subject: FoI/15/01494 - Request for Salmon farms killing seals.

Dear Mr Staniford

Thank you for your request dated 24 August under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

Your request

You asked for “information relating to salmon farms killing seals in 2015”, including “all quarterly Marine Scotland Seal Licence Return Forms . . . , e-mail correspondence letters, photos and any other information relating to salmon farms killing seals” and, in particular, “any letters/e-mails/notes of meetings with the salmon industry and lobbyists: discussions with members of the public and dialogue/correspondence with the media following the decisions by the Scottish Information Commissioner . . . on 7 July 2015”.

As the information you have requested is ‘environmental information’ for the purposes of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs), we are required to deal with your request under those Regulations. We are applying the exemption at section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), so that we do not also have to deal with your request under FOISA.

This exemption is subject to the ‘public interest test’. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption, because there is no public interest in dealing with the same request under two different regimes. This is essentially a technical point and has no material effect on the outcome of your request.

Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, under the exception at regulation 10(4)(b) of the EIRs a public authority may refuse a request for information if it is ‘manifestly unreasonable’. The Scottish Information Commissioner’s guidance on vexatious or repeated requests at: <http://www.itpublicknowledge.info/Law/FOISA-EIRsGuidance/Section14/Section14Overview.asp> says that in deciding whether a request is ‘manifestly unreasonable’, she is likely to take into account the same kinds of considerations as she would in deciding whether a request is vexatious under section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. In relation to section 14(1), this guidance says that “The Commissioner considers the following factors to be relevant to a finding that a request (which may be the latest in a series of requests or other related correspondence) is vexatious:

- it would impose a significant burden on the public authority;
- it does not have a serious purpose or value;
- it is designed to cause disruption or annoyance to the public authority;
- it has the effect of harassing the public authority;

- it would otherwise, in the opinion of a reasonable person, be considered to be manifestly unreasonable or disproportionate.

We consider that two of these factors apply to your request. First, it would impose a **significant burden** on Marine Scotland. While it is reasonable for you to request specific information, such as seal licence return forms, this request then goes on to also ask for a variety of other information including “any other information relating to salmon farms killing seals”. This makes the scope of your request extremely broad and unspecific. Combined with your previous requests about seals and other related subjects (many of which were similarly broad and unspecific), dealing with this request would require a disproportionate amount of time and divert an unreasonable amount of Marine Scotland’s financial and human resources away from other statutory functions, not least processing and publishing the details of quarterly seal licence returns at site level and preparing for next year’s seal licensing round. In relation to all of your requests, we have done our best to help you and to provide the information you asked for wherever possible. However, the burden of continuing to do so is unsustainable.

Second, it would **otherwise, in the opinion of a reasonable person, be considered manifestly unreasonable or disproportionate**. This broad and unspecific request follows over 100 requests Scottish Government have received from you in the past 3 years, many of which have been similarly broad and unspecific. Also, there are often overlaps between your requests. In particular, your previous request FoI/14/02070 asked for “copies of correspondence from companies and organisations” which would also be covered by this latest request. You appealed to the Commissioner about our decision on that request but subsequently withdrew the appeal before a decision was made. In our view it is not reasonable for you to ask for the same information again (along with other information) less than 2 months after withdrawing your appeal. In all these circumstances, we have concluded that a reasonable person would consider this request to be manifestly unreasonable and disproportionate.

For these reasons, we consider that your request is manifestly unreasonable and so we are refusing it under regulation 10(4)(b).

As the exception is conditional we have applied the ‘public interest test’. This means we have, in all the circumstances of this case, considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exception. While we recognise that there may be some public interest in information about “salmon farms killing seals in 2015, this is outweighed by the public interest in ensuring the efficient and effective use of public resources by not complying with information requests which are manifestly unreasonable.

You may wish to consider submitting a new request for more specific information, e.g. the seal licence return forms for salmon farms. We would be happy to consider such a request and respond in accordance with the EIRs. You may also find it helpful to look at the Scottish Information Commissioner’s ‘Tips for requesting information under FOI and the EIRs’ on her website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your EIRs request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Linda Rosborough, Area 1B South, Victoria Quay, The Shore, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, linda.rosborough@scotland.gsi.gov.uk . Your

review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

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Best wishes

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From: Don Staniford [<mailto:salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com>]
Sent: 24 August 2015 19:18
To: 'ceu@scotland.gsi.gov.uk'
Cc: 'Sarah.Walkinshaw@scotland.gsi.gov.uk'; 'Sam.Baker@scotland.gsi.gov.uk'; 'Ian.Walker@scotland.gsi.gov.uk'; 'Oana.Racu@scotland.gsi.gov.uk'
Subject: FOI request for salmon farms killing seals in 2015

Further to previous FOIs, please provide information relating to salmon farms killing seals in 2015.

Please include all quarterly Marine Scotland Statutory Seal Licence Return Forms (presumably two quarters of forms are now available), email correspondence, letters, photos and any other information relating to salmon farms killing seals.

In particular, please disclose any letters/emails/notes of meetings with the salmon industry and lobbyists; discussions with members of the public and dialogue/correspondence with the media following the decisions by the [Scottish Information Commissioner \(Decision 102/2015\)](#) and [Decision 103/2015](#)) on 7 July 2015.

Please consider this a request for information under the relevant Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations including both the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as well as any other new or other regulations which may be appropriate).

Please provide this information electronically.

Please acknowledge receipt of this FOI request.

