

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 28 Apr 2022 at 07:04 (UTC Z)
Subject: RE: Don Staniford

Hi [REDACTED] They were not thing about Don on Orkney Radio this Morning . [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Sent: 28 April 2022 07:08
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Subject: Re: Don Staniford

Thanks.
Just continue to ensure the guys are on the ball, as he'll be up to no good.
Cheers
[REDACTED]

On 28 Apr 2022, at 08:02, [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED] I not hear anything or seen him just wait if they say anything about him on Orkney radio this morning .

From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Sent: 28 April 2022 06:58
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Subject: Re: Don Staniford

Morning Guys,
Any further news/information re Staniford?
Cheers
[REDACTED]

On 27 Apr 2022, at 12:21, [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com> wrote:

Hello everyone,

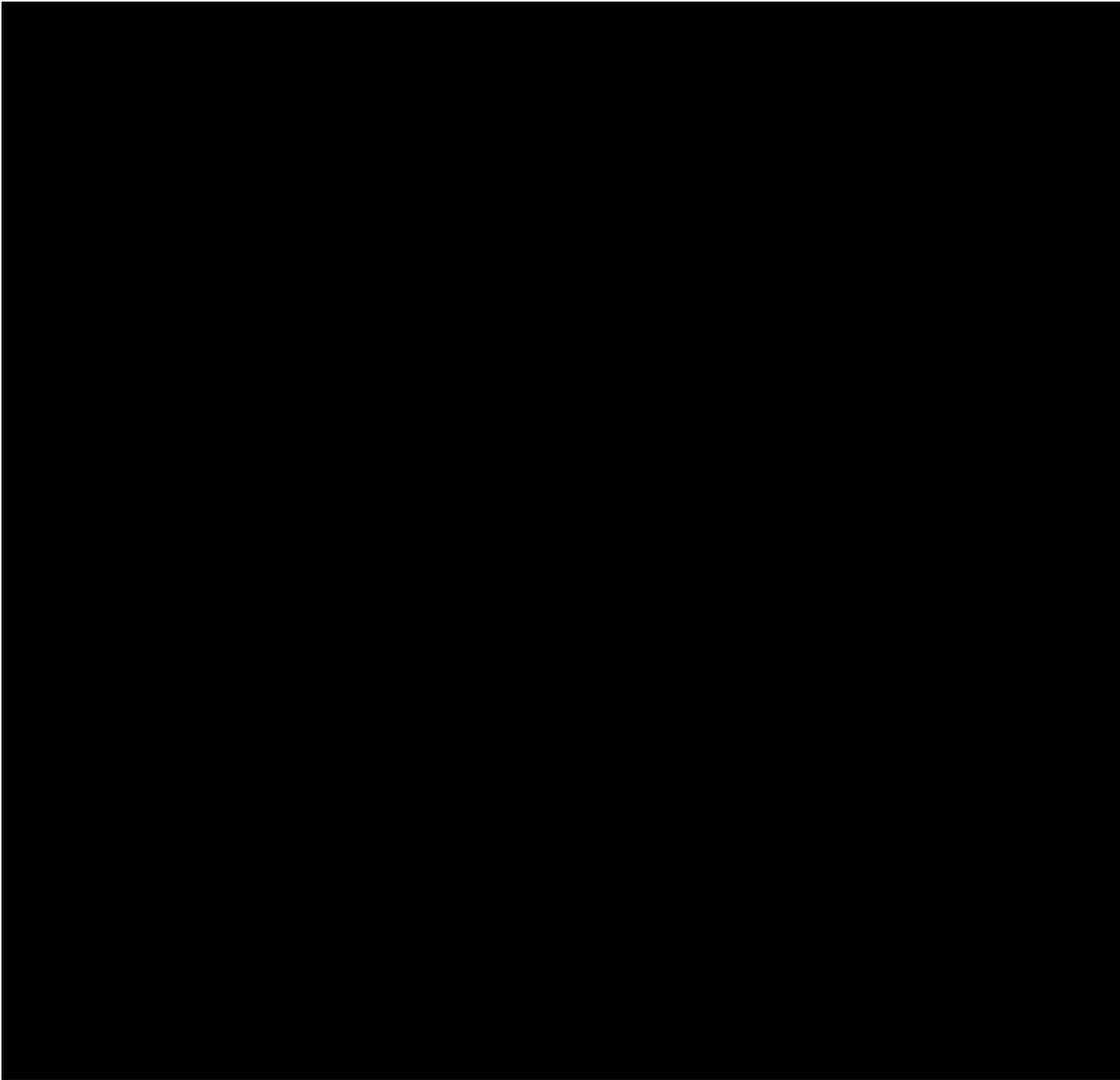
Just a heads up that Don Staniford who is a huge activist against fish farming has arrived in Orkney this morning on the plane.

[REDACTED]

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Thank you, [REDACTED]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 06 August 2018 14:25

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; [\[redacted\]@cookeaqu.com](mailto:[redacted]@cookeaqu.com); [\[redacted\]@cookeaqu.com](mailto:[redacted]@cookeaqu.com)

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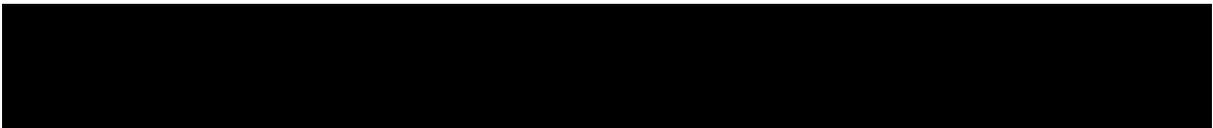
Subject: Don Staniford accessing sites

Importance: High

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Dear All,

We have just had notification that Don Staniford has been accessing farm sites on Mull over the weekend without permission. He is believed to have taken underwater photos at the sites. He was on the Mull Ferry off the Island yesterday and is heading North up the West Coast.



Best Regards



From:

[REDACTED]

To:

[REDACTED]

Date:

27 Jul 2020 at 10:49 (UTC Z)

Subject:

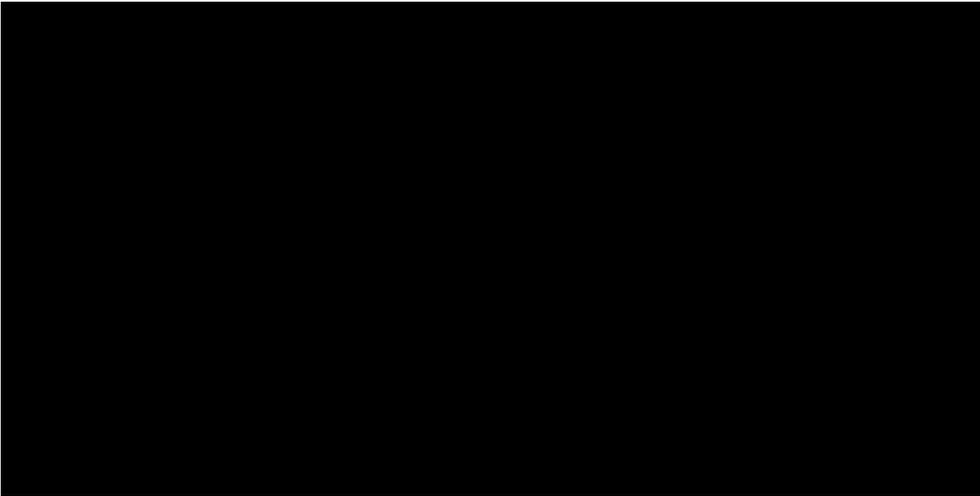
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Don Staniford is Hitting the Fresh-water Sites now, so need to be more Vigilant than ever.

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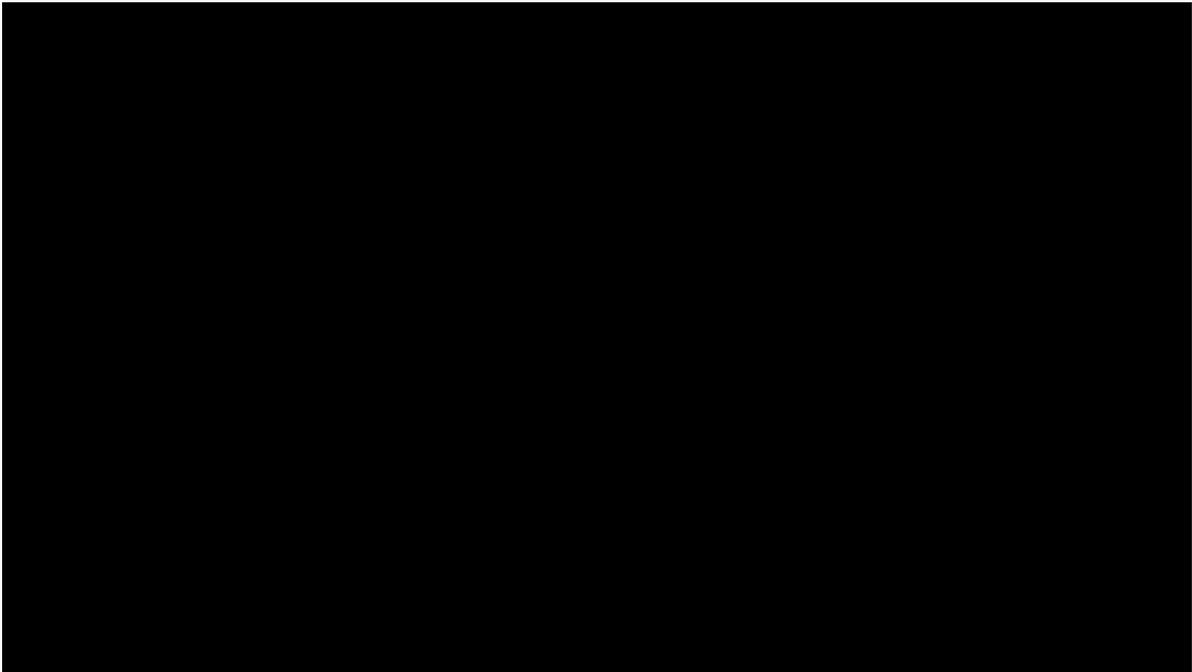
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From: [redacted]
Date: 7 April 2020 at 13:03:36 BST
To: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

Mr Staniford has put something up about morts on twitter this morning about Cairndow hatchery





On 8 Sep 2020, at 14:42, [redacted]@cookeaqu.com> wrote:



If he is stopping at the Anchor tonight I will pass on our regards.

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From: [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:27:33 PM
To: [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>
Cc: [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>
Subject: FW: Don is around

See below from [redacted], Don Staniford is in the area.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 08 September 2020 13:31
To: [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]@cookeaqu.com>;
[redacted]@cookeaqu.com>; [redacted]
Subject: Don is around

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Hi All,

Just want to notify you that Don is traveling around Scotland. He has been at Kames facilities last Saturday, he has been to Quarry Point and today he showed up at our site.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

On 18 Apr 2018, at 12:45, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Don Staniford has already made headlines prior to today's REC proceedings.

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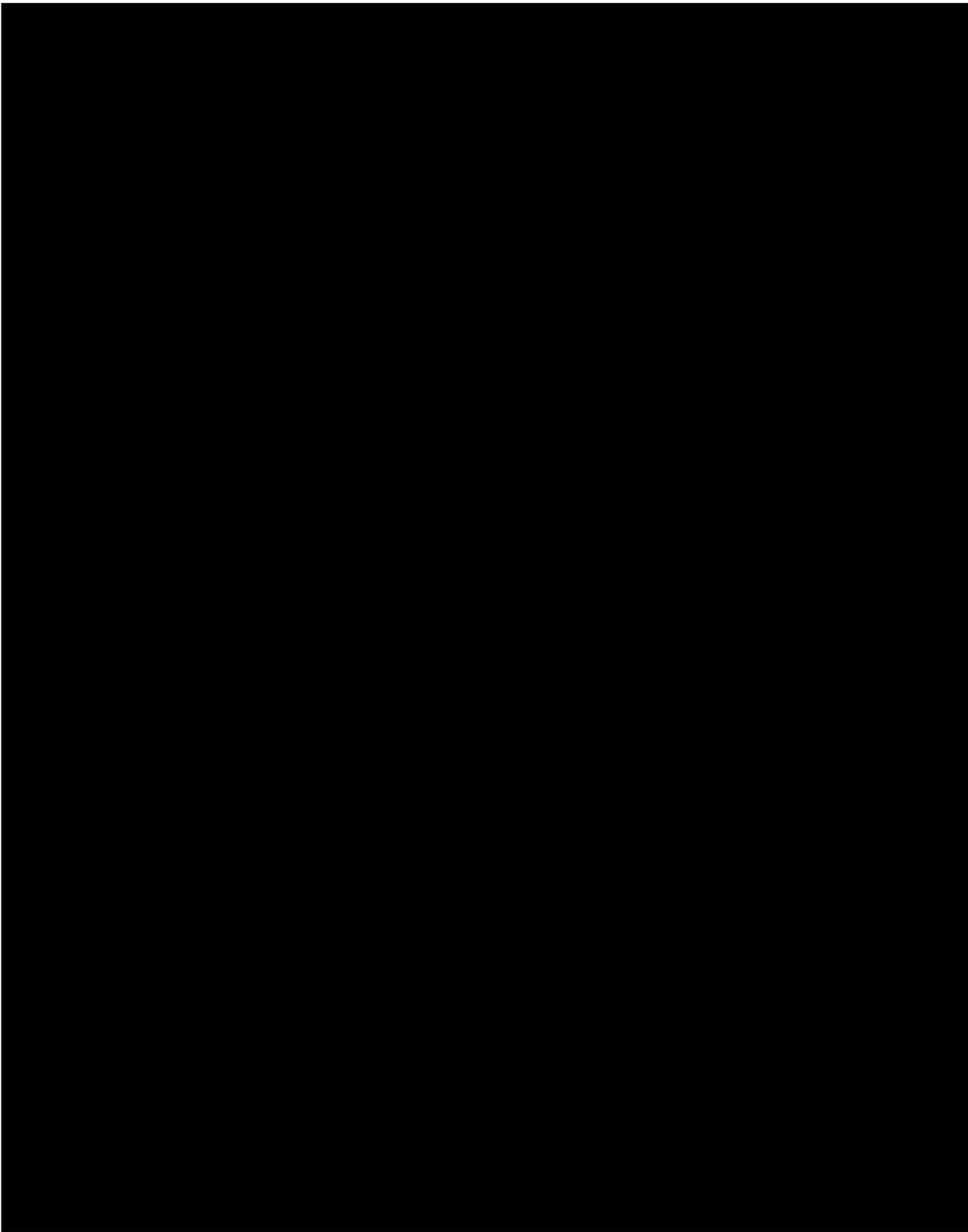
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Campaigners blast Scottish environment agency for low prosecution rate against salmon farms

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You may also like: One salmon farm produces waste equivalent to multiple towns, UK inquiry hears Scottish report: Salmon farming risks 'irrecoverable damage' to ecosystem Scottish parliament announces salmon farming inquiry Scottish salmon farmers commit to make lice,



From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:24:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted]

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came on the agenda yesterday which had to be dealt with.

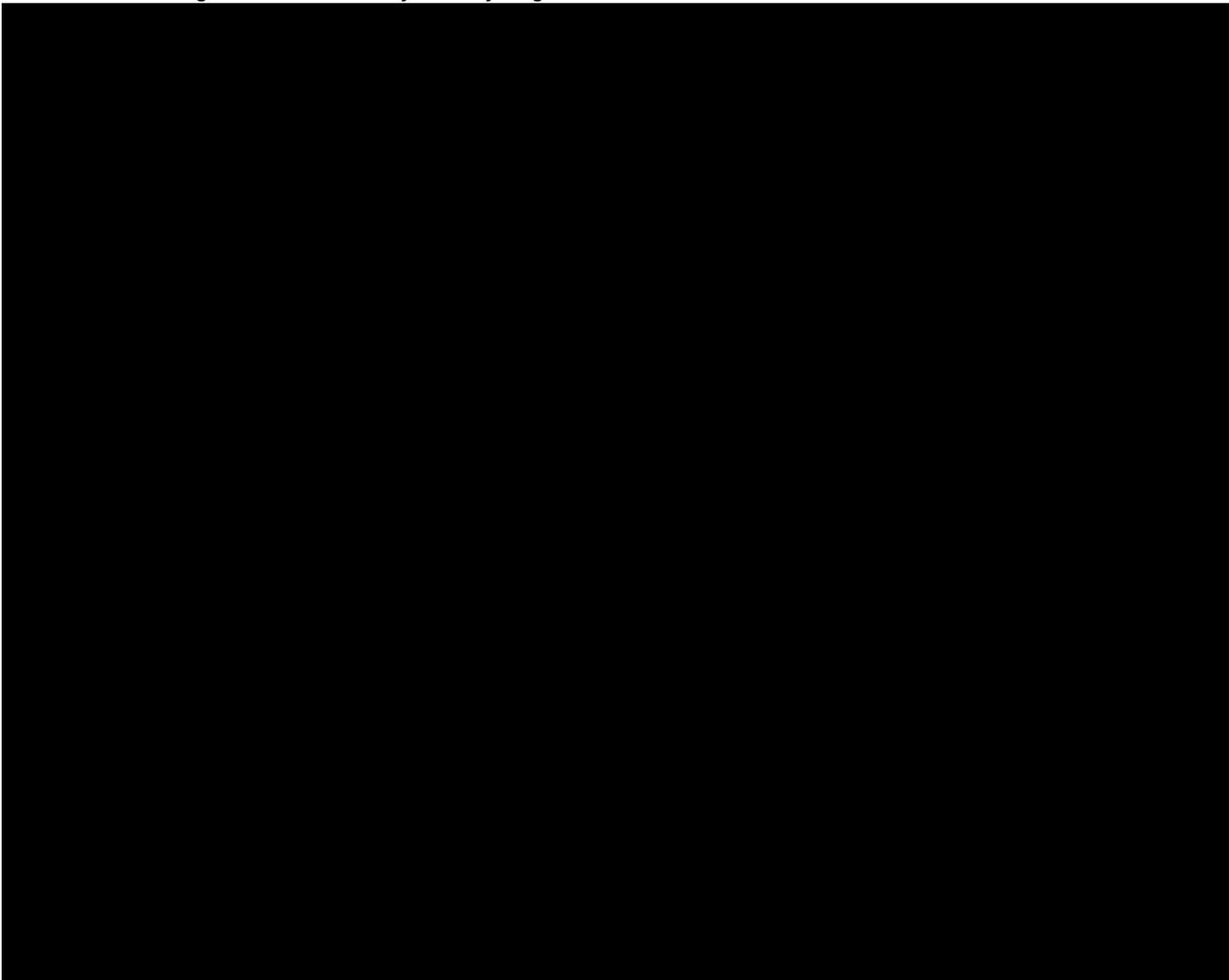
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2020 14:41
To: [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Subject: [REDACTED]

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You'll probably be aware that Don Staniford has started causing problems on farm sites again and, with lockdown easing, this sort of activity is likely to get worse.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2018 15:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Don Stanford release about companies

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Press release embargoed until tomorrow:

[Scottish Salmon Watch](#), 27 July 2018

Failing Fish Farms: Scotland's Worst Salmon Farms Named & Shamed

- 51 sites including Marine Harvest's Loch Leven salmon farm promoted by Prince Charles & Scotland's first salmon farm to be certified by the ASC (now expired)

Documents disclosed by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) via Freedom of Information (FOI) expose the poor practices of Scotland's worst salmon farms. In February, [BBC News revealed](#) that 51 fish farms in Scotland were failing to comply with environmental protection measures yet SEPA failed to name the companies responsible. In July, SEPA finally disclosed documents naming and shaming the salmon farming companies [guilty of non-compliance during 2016](#) [1].

Scottish Salmon Watch can now reveal that Scottish salmon's worst operator is [Norwegian-owned](#) Scottish Sea Farms with 10 fish farms failing SEPA's compliance assessment in 2016 (with 9 farms assessed as "Poor" and one as "Very Poor"). [Norwegian-owned Marine Harvest](#) and [Canadian-owned Cooke Aquaculture](#) closely follow both with 9 failing fish farms and [Jersey-registered](#) and [Swiss-owned](#) the Scottish Salmon Company with 6 failing fish farms (all are [members of the Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation](#)).

One of Marine Harvest's 9 salmon farms rated as "Poor" was [Loch Leven](#) - the [first salmon farm in Scotland to be certified by the Aquaculture Stewardship Council](#) and one of only two [ASC-certified](#) farms in Scotland before its certification expired in February 2018. Marine Harvest's other ASC-certified site in [Loch Linnhe](#) has had its [certification "cancelled" according to the ASC](#) and expires in November - with another three salmon farms operated by Marine Harvest (Duich, Loch Aish & Ardintoul) also having their ASC-certification "cancelled" [2]. Marine Harvest's farm in Loch Leven was [visited by Prince Charles in 2016](#) who said it "[has set the benchmark](#)" and [described the operations as "sustainable"](#).





The Prince of Wales during his visit to a Loch Leven fish farm facility in October CREDIT: PA WIRE



Marine Harvest's salmon farm in Loch Duich - [a Special Area of Conservation supposedly protected under EU Law](#) - was ranked "Poor" by SEPA due to a significant failure for contamination of sediments with residues of the [toxic chemical Emamectin benzoate](#).

Two of Scottish Sea Farms' 10 salmon farms rated as "Very Poor" or "Poor" were located at Fishnish in the Sound of Mull - the site of the [killing a humpback whale in 2014](#) and [exceedance of lice limits in January 2018](#). Fishnish A salmon farm "failed repeatedly" according to SEPA with "6 consecutive unsatisfactory surveys since 2006" and Fishnish B had "3 consecutive unsatisfactory surveys since 2010" leading to SEPA imposing a conditional reduction in biomass on both sites.

Another Scottish Sea Farm site in Loch Spelve at Balure on the Isle of Mull was rated "Very Poor" due to exceedance of the Environmental Quality Standard for residues of Emamectin benzoate ([a toxic chemical known to kill lobsters](#)) and evidence of drug over-dosing.

One of the Scottish Salmon Company's 6 salmon rated as "Poor" was [Gometra salmon farm](#) off the Isle of Mull - a site controversially approved back in 2012 [despite a campaign calling it "dangerous" and a "blight on the horizon"](#). Another "Poor" salmon farm operated by the Scottish Salmon Company is located at Inch Kenneth in Loch na Keal on the Isle of Mull - described by SEPA as failing all benthic surveys since 2002.

Cooke Aquaculture's [hatchery in Furnace](#) was rated "Poor" for effluent discharge failures into Loch Fyne whilst Wester Ross Fisheries - [a company with a long history of pollution breaches](#) - had two salmon farms assessed by SEPA as "Poor" due to 'unsatisfactory' benthic pollution in Little Loch Broom and Loch Broom.

Here's the list of salmon farms - download Excel spreadsheet obtained from SEPA via [Operators List](#)

AUTHORISATION #	Operator	LOCATION DESCRIPTION
CAR/L/1000329	COOKE AQUACULTURE FRESHWATER LIMITED	Furnace Hatchery Main Discharge
CAR/L/1002997	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Ouse Ness MCFF, Papa Sound
CAR/L/1003062	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Chalmers Hope MCFF, Bring Deeps
CAR/L/1003873	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Djuba Wick MCFF, Hascosay Sound
CAR/L/1004208	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Kirkabister MCFF, Basta Voe
CAR/L/1004225	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Kirk Noust MCFF, Rousay Sound
CAR/L/1005091	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Vee Taing MCFF, Uyea Sound
CAR/L/1102608	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Fossoway Fish Farm, Yetts O Muckhart, Kinross
CAR/L/1111048	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Bastaness MCFF, Mid Yell, Shetland
CAR/L/1003929	GRIEG SEAFOOD SHETLAND LIMITED	Collafirth Ness MCFF, Swining Voe (Site 3)
CAR/L/1004031	GRIEG SEAFOOD SHETLAND LIMITED	Blight Of Foraness MCFF, Yell Sound
CAR/L/1015763	GRIEG SEAFOOD SHETLAND LIMITED	South Linga MCFF, Yell Sound
CAR/L/1002193	HEBRIDEAN SMOLTS LTD	Clachan Hatchery, South Uist
CAR/L/1002214	HEBRIDEAN SMOLTS LTD	Mingarry Hatchery
CAR/L/1040427	LOCH DUART LTD.	Sound of Harris, Isle of Harris
CAR/L/1000810	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	Port Na Cro MCFF, Shuna Sound
CAR/L/1001816	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	Creag an Sagairt MCFF, Loch Houran, Kyle
CAR/L/1095612	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	Hellisay, Sound of Hellisay, Isle of Barra
CAR/L/1105276	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	Creag an Sagairt (West). Arnisdale, Gleneig

CAR/L/1129789	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	North Shore East MCFF, Loch Erisort
CAR/L/1009162	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD	Invasion Bay MCFF, Loch Sunart
CAR/L/1009962	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD	Callert MCFF, Loch Leven
CAR/L/1010433	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD	Letterfearn MCFF, Loch Duich
CAR/L/1011922	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD	Groatay MCFF, Cheese Bay, Isle of North Uist
CAR/L/1002178	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LIMITED	Couldoran Hatchery
CAR/L/1003928	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LIMITED	Vidlin Ness North MCFF, Vidlin Voe
CAR/L/1003113	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Loura Voe MCFF, Dury Voe (Site 3)
CAR/L/1003493	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Fishnish West MCFF, Sound of Mull (Site A)
CAR/L/1003494	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Fishnish East MCFF, Sound of Mull (Site B)
CAR/L/1003931	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Veantraw Bay MCFF, Shapinsay
CAR/L/1003943	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	South Sound MCFF, Mangaster Voe
CAR/L/1003954	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Puldrite MCFF, Wide Firth
CAR/L/1004209	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Laxo MCFF, Dury Voe (Site 2)
CAR/L/1008860	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Balure MCFF, Loch Spelve (Site A)
CAR/L/1000809	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Inch Kenneth MCFF, Loch na Keal
CAR/L/1001791	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Kyles Vuia East MCFF, West Loch Roag
CAR/L/1002202	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Barvas Hatchery, Isle of Lewis
CAR/L/1002942	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Baigh Chlann Neill MCFF, North Uist
CAR/L/1015852	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Vuia Beag MCFF, West Loch Roag
CAR/L/1102386	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Gometra MCFF, Loch Tuath, Isle of Mull
CAR/L/1001809	WESTER ROSS FISHERIES LIMITED	Corry MCFF, Loch Broom
CAR/L/1003012	WESTER ROSS FISHERIES LIMITED	Ardessie MCFF, Little Loch Broom (Site A)

"Salmon farms across Scotland are riding roughshod over environmental regulations," said Don Staniford, [Director of Scottish Salmon Watch](#). "Even the best salmon farm Scotland has to offer - Marine Harvest's Loch Leven farm championed by Prince Charles and certified by the Aquaculture Stewardship Council - has been officially ranked by SEPA as 'Poor'. How embarrassing - shame on Scottish salmon!"

"Expanding salmon farming in Scotland yet further [with a doubling or even trebling by 2030](#) would be sheer lunacy," continued Staniford. "Hopefully the [forthcoming report into salmon farming by the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy & Connectivity Committee](#) - expected 'in the early autumn' - will clamp down on the poor practices endemic in Scottish salmon farming. SEPA should immediately close down all salmon farms guilty of systematic non-compliance and perennial poor performance."



Contact:

Don Staniford (Director of Scottish Salmon Watch): 07771 541826 (dstaniford@gaaia.org)

Download in full with Background and Notes to Editors via:

From: callandermcdowell@mailmanlists.uk
Date: 15 December 2018 at 09:59:50 GMT
To: <callandermcdowell@mailmanlists.uk>
Subject: [CallanderMcdowell] reLAKSation no 895 - fish and seafood views

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reLAKSation no 895

15th December 2018

Breaking news: We were surprised to see a tweet this week promoting whole salmon at £3.99/kg, an offer of more than half price. The reason why we were surprised was that we spend a lot of time in stores and had not seen this offer anywhere. As we discussed last week, the best offer so far this Christmas is whole salmon prices at £4.97/kg. This new tweet put the price at a £1/kg lower.



The image was posted by one of the regular tweeting anti-salmon farm critics, which made us take a second look. It didn't take us long to work out that this was just another example of the misinformation circulated by those who oppose salmon farming. The picture was taken in December 2014 so represents a promotion that occurred four years ago.

It's a shame that those who are motivated to fight against salmon farming are selective in using images or facts that fit their claims. In this case, they maintain that farmed salmon is now so cheap that production methods must be compromised to maintain profitability. As we discussed last week, retail prices have nothing to do with producers and are set by the supermarkets.

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School dinners: A couple of months ago, the Daily Telegraph lifestyle section met chef Nicole Pisani, who grew up in Malta. She had just launched a new cookbook which is why she featured in the newspaper. However, buried deep in the article about her, was something of much more interest than her cookbook.

She had been working long hours at one of Yottam Ottolenghi's London restaurants, but she noticed a tweet from Henry Dimbleby, the school meals campaigner and co-founder of the Leon restaurant chain in which he mentioned that the school which his children attended was looking for a chef. She has spent the last three and a half years coaxing 500 children to eat whole fillets of hake. She said that when she started all the fish was covered in breadcrumbs and fried. However, she started to replace the ready bought coated fillets with fresh fillets that she coated herself with panko breadcrumbs. Then she says, she took off the breadcrumbs and called it naked fish, which amused the children and seemed to make it more approachable. Now she serves fresh hake in a tomato sauce.

We are prompted to write about Nicole as she appeared on BBC's Saturday Kitchen to talk about her experience but more importantly to mention the new charity Chefs in Schools which aims to appeal to those working in restaurants but who are looking for a career change.

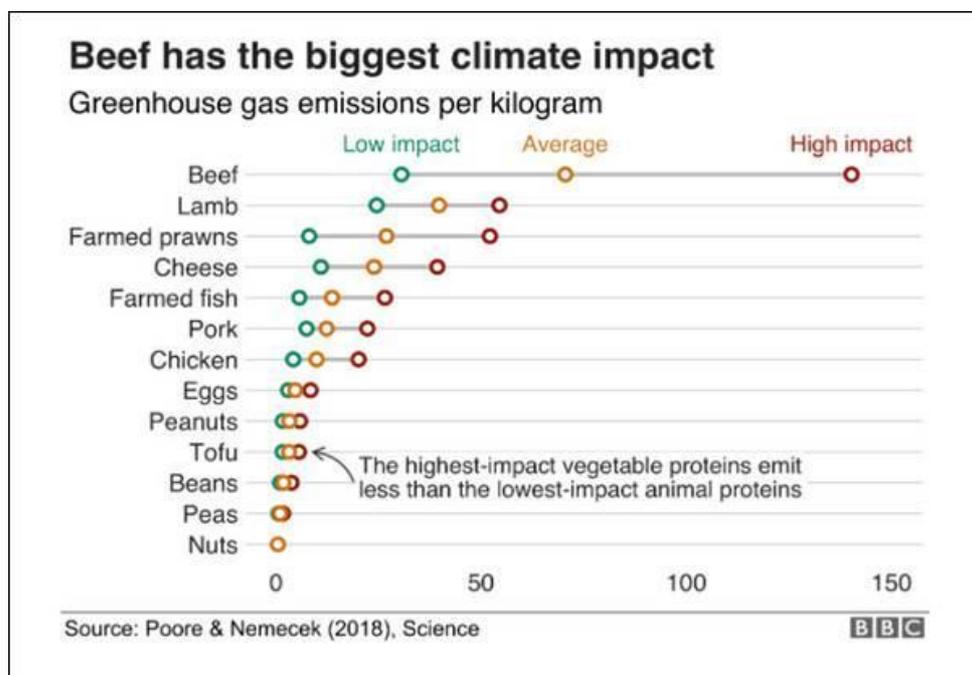
We don't think it is the only answer to reversing the declining consumption of fish and seafood but the more we encourage young people to eat and enjoy fish the more they will continue to eat fish outside school.

Chefs in schools have a website but on looking, we found that there is a similar initiative in Scotland – Chefs at School which is funded by the Scottish Government and administered by the Federation of Chefs Scotland.

We hope that both organisations can make an impact and where it really matters.

Increasing climate: BBC News published an article explaining climate change in seven charts. The last of these caught our attention because it focused on what the individual can do to help. The single change recommended to help reduce the impact on climate is to modify the food you eat, with a primary aim, according to recent studies, of reducing the amount of meat consumed. However, the chart used to illustrate this change is misleading, and for more than one reason.

Firstly, it is misleading to suggest that reducing meat consumption will help the planet when the graph clearly shows that beef is the main problem. By comparison, pork is relatively low impact with its highest production value still below that of the best beef production.



What is also surprising is that farmed fish comes above pork and chicken and that

...that is also surprising is that farmed non-coldwater species such as salmon and trout farmed prawns are even higher. We have looked at the original source material from Poore and Nemecek that was published in Science and we can only conclude that they have lumped all types of aquaculture except prawns in one. This means farmed fish includes both extensive pond production of warmwater omnivorous fish such as carp as well as net pen production of salmon. Clearly, they are not the same and could have very differing carbon footprints. It might be assumed that extensive pond production would have a lower carbon footprint than salmon farming but according to this study this is not the case. Warmwater pond culture usually involves the fertigation of ponds by animal manures and the breakdown of these is seen as a significant contribution to greenhouse gases.

By comparison, salmon farming has one of the smallest carbon footprints of any protein farming. Writing in the Vancouver Sun, John Paul Fraser of BC Salmon Farmers points out that salmon emit only 2.2 kilograms of carbon dioxide for every kilo of edible fish produced. Chicken produces 5.1kg, pork 6.4kg and beef 37.2kg. There is a massive difference between these proteins, which is not clear from the BBC chart.

Unfortunately, the number of people reading the Vancouver Sun will pale into insignificance compared to the international audience who read the BBC. It is easy to see how data is easily misinterpreted. Those reading the BBC will think that farmed salmon is not as good choice as it should be. This is the problem of applying global figures to local producers.

Anti-anti: The recurring message from wild fish and environmental interests is that there is only one solution to the issues about which they are concerned relating to salmon farming and that is that salmon farming must be moved from net pens in the sea to closed containment, especially on land. As far as they are concerned there is no other solution. They cite the planned new farm in Maine as an example of the future vision for the salmon farming industry.

But.

The Boston Globe reports that whilst the new farm would bring cash and jobs to the area, it is sparking local protest. An increasingly vocal group of local opponents say that city officials have been seduced by the project's potential economic benefits are at the risk of hard-fought environmental improvements that have helped make Penobscot Bay one of the richest fishing grounds in the world. Posters have started to appear saying 'Nordic go home' and 'No waste in our bay'.

Opponents are concerned that the plant will use massive amounts of water, which they worry will deplete local aquifers and they are concerned that digging trenches for the outfall pipe will disturb mercury deep in the sediment from previous pollution. They also believe that faecal matter and other effluent will carry substantial amounts of nitrogen and other chemicals into the bay and which could harm fish and cause toxic algal blooms.

Organiser for 'Local Citizens for Smart Growth', Ellie Daniels told the Boston Globe that when you start to look at the large-scale realities of the concentrated industrial activity there is just no avoiding serious environmental consequences. She added that 'our primary concern is that this a concentrated animal feeding operation that poses very real threats to our environment and to our natural resources.

Some local fishing groups also oppose the new farm claiming that bleach, methanol and other chemicals from the plant that are discharged into the bay that could harm local fish and seafood. They say any tainted seafood could put their entire industry at risk. A representative from the Maine Lobstering Union said that any contamination could damage the reputation of the Maine Lobster brand and that would be terrible.

We, at Callander McDowell find it strange that there is such opposition to this RAS closed containment farm, which after all is seen as the panacea to the problems of the net pen farming. After-all there is little proof that RAS closed containment farming will damage the environment. However, after forty years of net pen farming off the coast of Scotland, there is little proof of any environmental disaster yet, the antis continue to complain. We have always said that if a salmon farming company submitted plans for a land-based farm, say near Lamlasch Bay, there would be just as much protest. They just want the west coast to be a museum rather than home to a healthy vibrant community.

Counselling: Congratulations to Alex McInnes, new councillor for Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh. The First Minister tweeted that he will be a brilliant councillor and a great addition to the Highland Council.

Unfortunately, not everyone seems to share the First Minister's views. The anti-salmon farm lobby have been actively tweeting about the result saying that this is a very sad day for wild salmon, seals and the environment. This is because Alex is involved in the salmon farming industry. The implication is that Alex cares more about promoting salmon farming than the local community in which he lives.

How wrong they can be. Alex is a local person who cares passionately about his community and the environment and who cares enough to want to do something to help. By comparison the anti-tweeters see bad in anything and everything but do nothing other than sit behind their computer screens sniping and criticising. If they care enough about wild salmon, seals and the environment, they should get off their backsides and do something, like Alex has chosen to do.

Simply, they should put up or shut up.

An example of one of the tweets was: 'It's a free ticket to polluting the coastline with his very own salmon farm. Sad'. No not sad just pathetic.

Who is paying?: Anti-salmon farming critic, Don Staniford, has been posting videos about his travels through the Scottish salmon industry. His latest effort was filmed outside Billingsgate Market in London's docklands. As can be seen from the image taken from the video, the focus of Mr Staniford's attention is a rubbish bin and a fish box that looks as if it has been staged.



Mr Staniford appears to like looking through rubbish bins since most of his videos taken around farms also involve looking in the waste bins. We presume that Mr Staniford can video even a few dead fish, then he can argue his case.

These recent videos are part of Mr Staniford's latest attempt to undermine the salmon farming industry. He wanted to follow others in to videoing alleged contraventions of the code of good practice. To this end, Mr Staniford recently attempted to raise £5,000 through crowdfunding to pay for his travel around Scotland. After the thirty-day funding period Mr Staniford only managed to raise about £1,500 of the total so he relisted and after a second attempt, the sum increased to a final amount of £1,595 or a third of the amount requested.





Clearly, Mr Staniford does not have the support of the public that the noise he creates suggests. In fact, our interest in his crowdfunding activity relates more to the question of how Mr Staniford funds his wider anti-salmon farming activities and even his life in general.

We, at Callander McDowell, have asked many times previously how Mr Staniford is funded. We did once receive an answer – public subscription. However, the fact that Mr Staniford only managed to raise £1,595 from a supportive public suggests that this is not the case. We cannot see that enough people donate to Mr Staniford's cause to maintain his full-time activity.

Mr Staniford was living in the Wirral near his home town of Liverpool, but his crowdfunding page indicates he is now based in Garve near Inverness. He can't move about without significant funding. The question is who is paying the bills?

One of Mr Staniford's main ways of attacking the salmon farming industry is through Freedom of Information requests. These are a cheap way of finding things out since the Scottish taxpayer is left to foot the bill. Mr Staniford is a keen exponent of Freedom of Information, except when it comes to himself and then he becomes extremely secretive especially when it comes to funding.

Whilst, Mr Staniford is keen to promote himself as a local organisation – Scottish Salmon Watch rather than his usual Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture, the fact is that Mr Staniford does have links abroad.

Our concern is that Mr Staniford is secretly being funded by others with their own agenda. The big US charitable foundations have a history of funding campaigns against salmon farming. It is possible they are the people keeping Mr Staniford afloat? Mr Staniford should stop hanging around rubbish bins and come clean as to who is paying his bills.

Update: Mr Staniford has posted another video recorded during his London trip. This was taken outside Selfridges, the Oxford Street department store. He says on the video that the farmed salmon is not properly labelled in high end stores such as Selfridges and M&S (who have a store on the opposite side of the road). He therefore said he is going to do some hidden camera work to show the real story of Scottish salmon.

He headed to the smoked salmon display and tells his audience that they are all produced from farmed salmon. He said that they are being sold at an astronomic price of £47. However, close examination of the label on the video shows that the large pack weights 1000g making the smoked salmon £47/kg which is neither astronomic in price or even expensive. The salmon is smoked by a specialist London smoker, with whom Mr Staniford was clearly unfamiliar so he moved on quickly.

Mr Staniford also directed his camera at the fish counter and managed a quick glimpse of a whole Loch Duart salmon (clearly labelled as such), probably before being told to stop filming.

Having watched the video, we are not sure which salmon products he showed were incorrectly labelled, nor what was the real story he had to tell.

The most impressive aspect of Mr Staniford's video was how much of it featured Mr Staniford's shoes and Selfridge's Food Hall's tiled floor!





For further information visit www.callandermcdowell.co.uk

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Monday, October 1, 2018 9:29 AM

To: [Redacted]
[Redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [Redacted]@cookeaqua.com>

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: [Redacted]

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Good morning

AGENDA

1. Actions from last meeting (notes attached)

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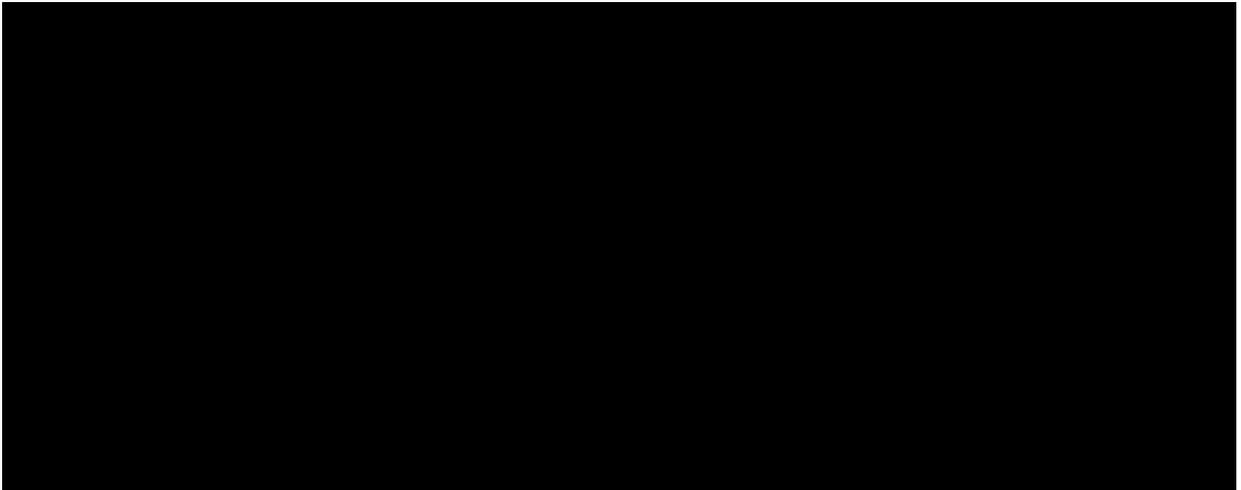
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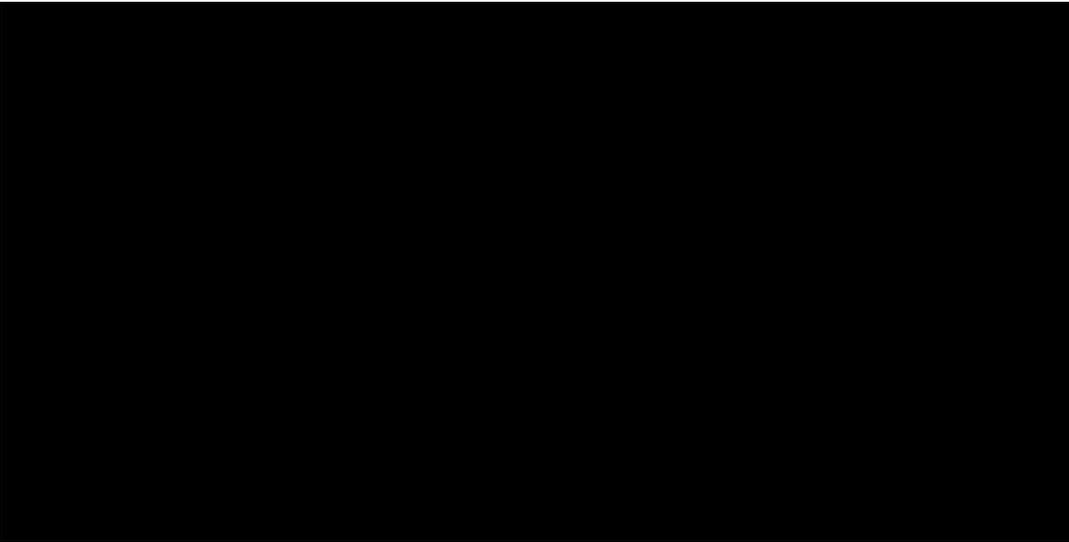


3. Update on current media issues –



Noted that **Don Staniford** and others now openly visiting sites by kayak and filming for posting online.

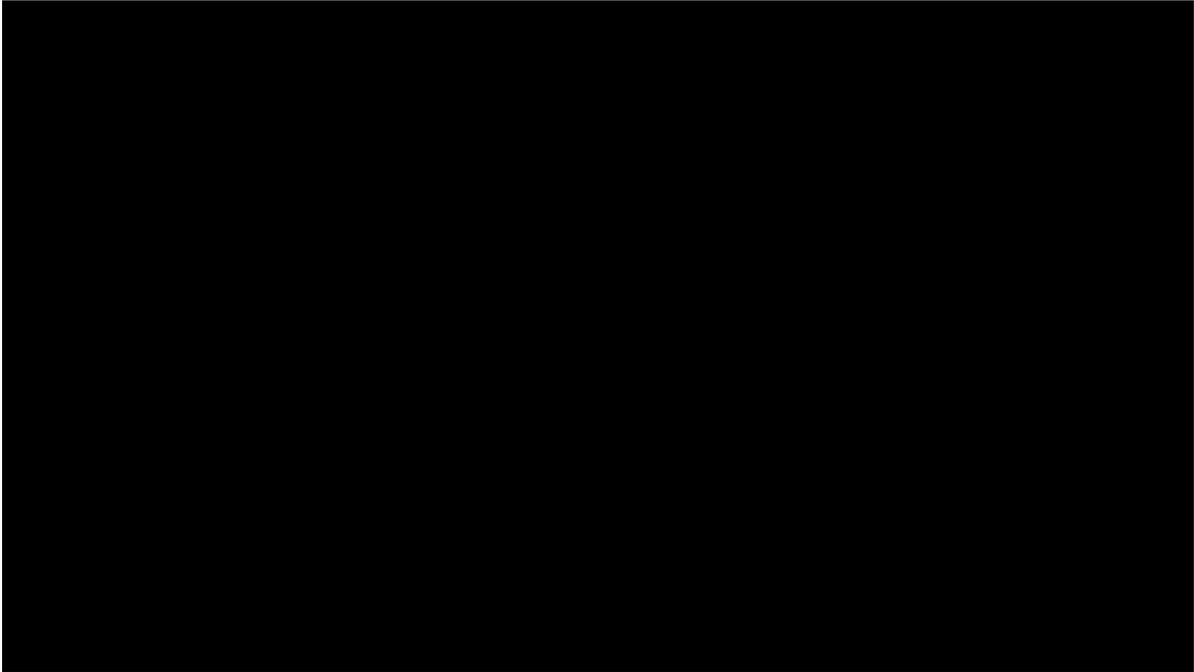




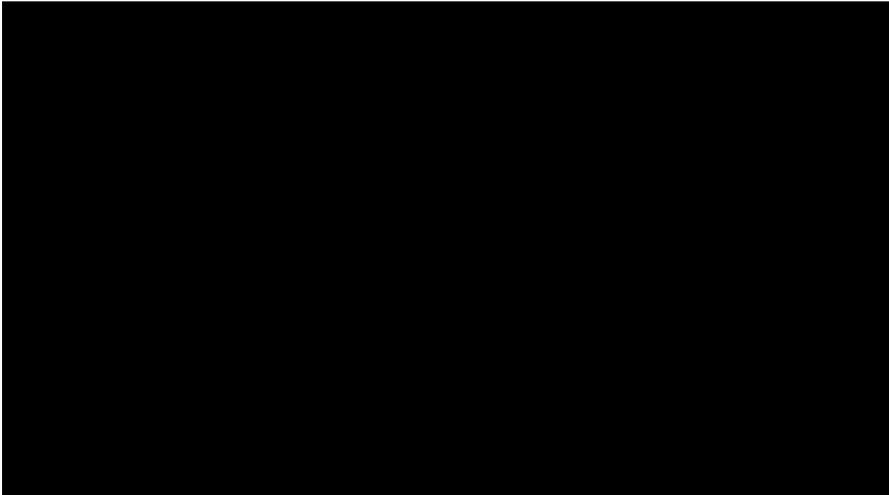
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Subject: [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

I went to discuss the second FOI [redacted] yesterday to ensure that I was aware that we had all the available information, prior to the release to the requestor. Who we now know is Don Staniford, the date of the request was the 24.01.18.



Cheers



----- Original message -----

From: Don Staniford <salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com>

Date: 25/01/2018 19:38 (GMT+00:00)

To: dslandsburgh@scottishsalmon.co.uk

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Subject: BBC Radio Shetland on Cooke's "untreated blood water"

Listen to BBC Radio Shetland on how Cooke Aquaculture discharged "untreated blood water", "raw effluent" and "gross" pollution in Scotland:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF2pb0-pTIY&feature=youtu.be>

Also on the BBC iPlayer via <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09p7c6k#play> (1 min 9 secs and then again from 10 mins 14 secs)

More details via:

[Press Release: "Cooke's Untreated Blood Water is "Gross" says SEPA - "Poor" processing plant pollutes Mid Yell Voe in Shetland"](#)

Best fishes,

Don

Don Staniford

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

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaquaculture.com>
Date: 25 Jan 2018 at 23:11 (UTC Z)
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]
See mail and links Don Staniford has been sending to anyone who might listen. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Breach of SSPO Code of Practice by Cooke Aquaculture - "gross" pollution and "untreated overflow from blood water tanks" in Mid Yell Voe

Scott,

Here's a letter from GAAIA calling on the SSPO to expel Cooke Aquaculture for breach of the industry's Code of Practice:

[Letter to SSPO re violation of Code of Practice by Cooke Aquaculture in Mid Yell Voe 25 Jan 2018](#)

Read more via:

[Press Release: "Cooke's Untreated Blood Water is "Gross" says SEPA - "Poor" processing plant pollutes Mid Yell Voe in Shetland"](#)

From: "Don Staniford" <salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com>
Subject: Press Release: "Cooke's Untreated Blood Water is "Gross" says SEPA - "Poor" processing plant pollutes Mid Yell Voe in Shetland"
Date: 25 January 2018 at 17:07:30 GMT
To: <neil@shetnews.co.uk>, <hans@shetnews.co.uk>

Here's a [Press Release: "Cooke's Untreated Blood Water is "Gross" says SEPA - "Poor" processing plant pollutes Mid Yell Voe in Shetland"](#)

Tune into "[Good Evening Shetland](#)" tonight from 5.30pm on BBC Radio for more details - and read tomorrow's Shetland Times.

See below for a letter to the SSPO calling for Cooke Aquaculture to be expelled from the SSPO.....

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

Date: 19 July 2018 at 09:09:20 BST

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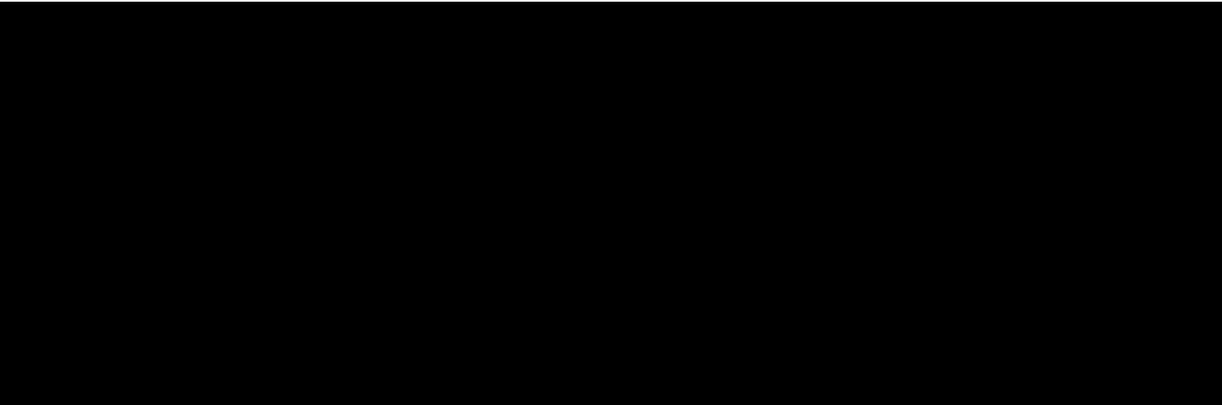
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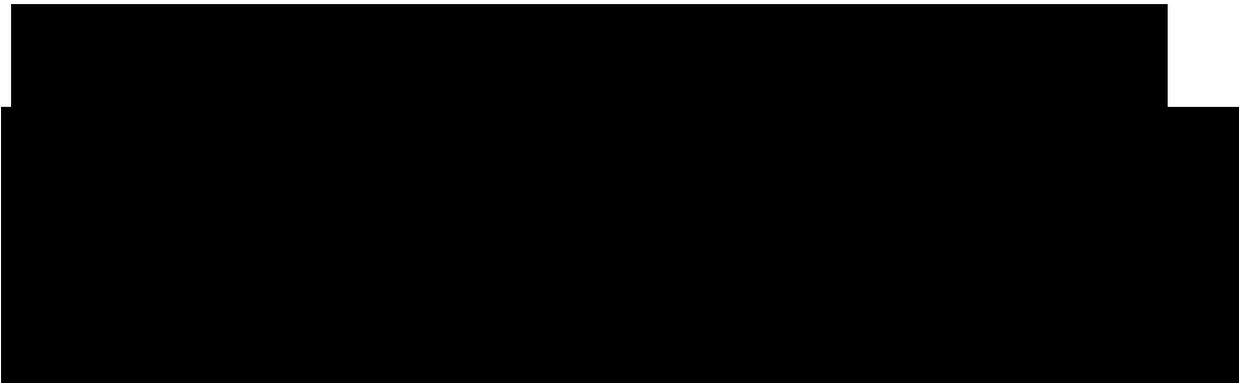
Dear All

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Don Staniford/Scottish Salmon Watch

As hinted at in recent press releases, Don Staniford has issued this “legal challenge”.
<http://donstaniford.typepad.com/my-blog/2018/07/legal-complaint-vs-breaches-of-animal-health-welfare-scotland-act-.html>



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 26 Jul 2018 at 16:26 (UTC Z)
Subject: RE: Don Stanford release about companies- slight change

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This man never gives up!
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 26 July 2018 at 15:15
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Don Stanford release about companies

Press release embargoed until tomorrow:

[Scottish Salmon Watch](#), 27 July 2018

Failing Fish Farms: Scotland's Worst Salmon Farms Named & Shamed

- 51 sites including Marine Harvest's Loch Leven salmon farm promoted by Prince Charles & Scotland's first salmon farm to be certified by the ASC (now expired)

Documents disclosed by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) via Freedom of Information (FOI) expose the poor practices of Scotland's worst salmon farms. In February, [BBC News revealed](#) that 51 fish farms in Scotland were failing to comply with environmental protection measures yet SEPA failed to name the companies responsible. In July, SEPA finally disclosed documents naming and shaming the salmon farming companies [guilty of non-compliance during 2016](#) [1].

Scottish Salmon Watch can now reveal that Scottish salmon's worst operator is [Norwegian-owned](#) Scottish Sea Farms with 10 fish farms failing SEPA's compliance assessment in 2016 (with 9 farms assessed as "Poor" and one as "Very Poor"). [Norwegian-owned Marine Harvest](#) and [Canadian-owned Cooke Aquaculture](#) closely follow both with 9 failing fish farms and [Jersey-registered](#) and [Swiss-owned](#) the Scottish Salmon Company with 6 failing fish farms (all are [members of the Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation](#)).

One of Marine Harvest's 9 salmon farms rated as "Poor" was [Loch Leven](#) - the [first salmon farm in Scotland to be certified by the Aquaculture Stewardship Council](#) and one of only two [ASC-certified](#) farms in Scotland before its certification expired in February 2018. Marine Harvest's other ASC-certified site in [Loch Linnhe](#) has had its [certification "cancelled" according to the ASC](#) and expires in November - with another three salmon farms operated by Marine Harvest (Duich, Loch Aish & Ardintoul) also having their ASC-certification "cancelled" [2]. Marine Harvest's farm in Loch Leven was [visited by Prince Charles in 2016](#) who said it ["has set the benchmark"](#) and [described the operations as "sustainable"](#).



The Prince of Wales during his visit to a Loch Leven fish farm facility in October CREDIT: PA WIRE



Marine Harvest's salmon farm in Loch Duich - [a Special Area of Conservation supposedly protected under EU Law](#) - was ranked "Poor" by SEPA due to a significant failure for contamination of sediments with residues of the [toxic chemical Emamectin benzoate](#).

Two of Scottish Sea Farms' 10 salmon farms rated as "Very Poor" or "Poor" were located at Fishnish in the Sound of Mull - the site of the [killing a humpback whale in 2014](#) and [exceedance of lice limits in January 2018](#). Fishnish A salmon farm "failed repeatedly" according to SEPA with "6 consecutive unsatisfactory surveys since 2006" and Fishnish B had "3 consecutive unsatisfactory surveys since 2010" leading to SEPA imposing a conditional reduction in biomass on both sites.

Another Scottish Sea Farm site in Loch Spelve at Balure on the Isle of Mull was rated "Very Poor" due to exceedance of the Environmental Quality Standard for residues of Emamectin benzoate ([a toxic chemical known to kill lobsters](#)) and evidence of drug over-dosing.

One of the Scottish Salmon Company's 6 salmon farms rated as "Poor" was [Gometra salmon farm](#) off the Isle of Mull - a site controversially approved back in 2012 [despite a campaign calling it "dangerous" and a "blight on the horizon"](#). Another "Poor" salmon farm operated by the Scottish Salmon Company is located at Inch Kenneth in Loch na Keal on the Isle of Mull - described by SEPA as failing all benthic surveys since 2002.

Cooke Aquaculture's [hatchery in Furnace](#) was rated "Poor" for effluent discharge failures into Loch Fyne whilst Wester Ross Fisheries - [a company with a long history of pollution breaches](#) - had two salmon farms assessed by SEPA as "Poor" due to 'unsatisfactory' benthic pollution in Little Loch Broom and Loch Broom.

Here's the list of salmon farms - download Excel spreadsheet obtained from SEPA via [Operators List](#)

AUTHORISATION #	Operator	LOCATION DESCRIPTION
CAR/L/1000329	COOKE AQUACULTURE FRESHWATER LIMITED	Furnace Hatchery Main Discharge
CAR/L/1002997	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Ouse Ness MCFE, Papa Sound
CAR/L/1003062	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Chalmers Hope MCFE, Bring Deepes
CAR/L/1003873	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Djuba Wick MCFE, Hascosay Sound
CAR/L/1004208	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Kilbahaig MCFE, Papa Ness

CAR/L/1004200	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Kirkcubister MCFF, Bosta Voe
CAR/L/1004225	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Kirk Noust MCFF, Rousay Sound
CAR/L/1005091	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Vee Taing MCFF, Uyea Sound
CAR/L/1102608	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Fossoway Fish Farm, Yetts O Muckhart, Kinross
CAR/L/1111048	COOKE AQUACULTURE SCOTLAND LIMITED	Bastaness MCFF, Mid Yell, Shetland
CAR/L/1003929	GRIEG SEAFOOD SHETLAND LIMITED	Collafirth Ness MCFF, Swining Voe (Site 3)
CAR/L/1004031	GRIEG SEAFOOD SHETLAND LIMITED	Bight Of Foraness MCFF, Yell Sound
CAR/L/1015763	GRIEG SEAFOOD SHETLAND LIMITED	South Linga MCFF, Yell Sound
CAR/L/1002193	HEBRIDEAN SMOLTS LTD	Clachan Hatchery, South Uist
CAR/L/1002214	HEBRIDEAN SMOLTS LTD	Mingarry Hatchery
CAR/L/1040427	LOCH DUART LTD.	Sound of Harris, Isle of Harris
CAR/L/1000810	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	Port Na Cro MCFF, Shuna Sound
CAR/L/1001816	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	Creag an Sagairt MCFF, Loch Hourn, Kyle
CAR/L/1095612	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	Hellisay, Sound of Hellisay, Isle of Barra
CAR/L/1105276	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	Creag an Sagairt (West), Arnisdale, Gleneig
CAR/L/1129789	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LIMITED	North Shore East MCFF, Loch Erisort
CAR/L/1009162	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD	Invasion Bay MCFF, Loch Sunart
CAR/L/1009962	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD	Callert MCFF, Loch Leven
CAR/L/1010433	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD	Letterfearn MCFF, Loch Duich
CAR/L/1011922	MARINE HARVEST (SCOTLAND) LTD	Groatay MCFF, Cheese Bay, Isle of North Uist
CAR/L/1002178	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LIMITED	Couldoran Hatchery
CAR/L/1003928	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LIMITED	Vidlin Ness North MCFF, Vidlin Voe
CAR/L/1003113	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Loura Voe MCFF, Dury Voe (Site 3)
CAR/L/1003493	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Fishnish West MCFF, Sound of Mull (Site A)
CAR/L/1003494	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Fishnish East MCFF, Sound of Mull (Site B)
CAR/L/1003931	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Veantraw Bay MCFF, Shapinsay
CAR/L/1003943	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	South Sound MCFF, Mangaster Voe
CAR/L/1003954	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Puldrite MCFF, Wide Firth
CAR/L/1004209	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Laxo MCFF, Dury Voe (Site 2)
CAR/L/1008860	SCOTTISH SEA FARMS LTD	Balure MCFF, Loch Spelve (Site A)
CAR/L/1000809	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Inch Kenneth MCFF, Loch na Keal
CAR/L/1001791	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Kyles Vuia East MCFF, West Loch Roag
CAR/L/1002202	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Barvas Hatchery, Isle of Lewis
CAR/L/1002942	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Baigh Chlann Neill MCFF, North Uist
CAR/L/1015852	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Vuia Beag MCFF, West Loch Roag
CAR/L/1102386	THE SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY LTD	Gometra MCFF, Loch Tuath, Isle of Mull
CAR/L/1001809	WESTER ROSS FISHERIES LIMITED	Corry MCFF, Loch Broom
CAR/L/1003012	WESTER ROSS FISHERIES LIMITED	Ardessie MCFF, Little Loch Broom (Site A)

"Salmon farms across Scotland are riding roughshod over environmental regulations," said Don Staniford, [Director of Scottish Salmon Watch](#). "Even the best salmon farm Scotland has to offer - Marine Harvest's Loch Leven farm championed by Prince Charles and certified by the Aquaculture Stewardship Council - has been officially ranked by SEPA as 'Poor'. How embarrassing - shame on Scottish salmon!"

"Expanding salmon farming in Scotland yet further [with a doubling or even trebling by 2030](#) would be sheer lunacy," continued Staniford. "Hopefully the [forthcoming report into salmon farming by the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy & Connectivity Committee](#) - expected 'in the early autumn' - will clamp down on the poor practices endemic in Scottish salmon farming. SEPA should immediately close down all salmon farms guilty of systematic non-compliance and perennial poor performance."



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 November 2018 16:00
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Quote in reaction to the RECC's salmon farming report published tomorrow:
<https://scottishparliament-newsroom.prgloo.com/news/under-embargo-until-tuesday-27-november-0001-holyrood-committee-releases-their-findings-on-the-impact-of-salmon-farming>

"Whilst this [scathing report](#) is a shot across the bows of the industry, it is disappointing that the RECC stopped short of recommending a moratorium [although two MSPs - John Finnie and Colin Smyth -backed calls for a moratorium]," said Don Staniford, Director of Scottish Salmon Watch. "The [damning video evidence of lice infestation](#) and [welfare problems inside salmon farms](#) and [footage of mass mortalities](#) reveal Scottish salmon farming to be dead in the water. The closing down of Scotland's [worst salmon farms](#) must happen as a matter of urgency. Bigger farms further offshore will exacerbate welfare problems with [more farmed salmon skinned alive in storms](#). Scottish salmon farming is an environmental and [welfare nightmare](#)."

Key recommendations in the report: <https://scottishparliament-newsroom.prgloo.com/resources/embargoed-00-01-27-11-18-salmon-farming-in-scotland-report>

61. **RECOMMENDATION 2**
- The Committee strongly agrees with the view of the ECCLR Committee that if the industry is to grow, the "status quo" in terms of regulation and enforcement is not acceptable. It is of the view that urgent and meaningful action needs to be taken to address regulatory deficiencies as well as fish health and environmental issues before the industry can expand. The Committee discusses these issues in more detail later in the report.
62. **RECOMMENDATION 3**
- The Committee notes calls for a moratorium on new salmon farm development and expansion of existing sites, it considers that there is insufficient evidence to support this.¹¹
63. **RECOMMENDATION 4**

The impact of expansion plans on other sectors which share the marine environment needs to be recognised and the impact reduced. The Scottish Government, SEPA and all other responsible authorities should therefore ensure that the needs of other industries are fully considered in setting the strategic context for the sector.

¶ John Finnie and Colin Smyth dissented.

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RECOMMENDATION 9

However, the Committee considers the current level of mortalities to be too high in general across the sector and it is very concerned to note the extremely high mortality rates at particular sites. It is of the view that no expansion should be permitted at sites which report high or significantly increased levels of mortalities, until these are addressed to the satisfaction of the appropriate regulatory bodies. (see paragraph 145)

RECOMMENDATION 10

The Committee welcomes the statement in the Scottish Government's Fish Health Framework that ambitious targets should be agreed "to achieve a significant and evidenced reduction in mortality for salmon and trout" and that these should be world-leading. However, it is strongly of the view that practical action is also

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required and that there should be a process in place which allows robust intervention by regulators when serious fish mortality events occur. It considers that this should include appropriate mechanisms to allow for the limiting or closing down of production until causes are addressed. (see paragraph 146)

RECOMMENDATION 11

The Committee considers it to be essential that this work delivers high levels of transparency that will provide confidence to all stakeholders. It therefore recommends that the information provided in future should provide an accurate, detailed and timely reflection of mortality levels including their underlying causes across the whole sector. It should also incorporate a mechanism for reporting where early harvesting has been carried out because of a disease outbreak. (see paragraph 149)

RECOMMENDATION 12

The Committee calls on the FHF working group to seek the views of all industry, scientific, environmental and other stakeholders to ensure that the methodology that it is tasked with developing for reporting mortalities is sufficiently robust. It is strongly of the view that it should be a mandatory requirement for all farmed salmon producers to provide this data. (see paragraph 150)

RECOMMENDATION 13

The Committee further recommends that there should be coordination with the data that is to be provided on sea lice infestation levels to ensure that a package of data is available which provides an up-to-date and comprehensive overview of all fish health, welfare and treatment issues across the sector. (see paragraph 151)

RECOMMENDATION 14

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The Committee therefore recommends that a review should be conducted by the Animal and Plant Health Agency of the relevant regulatory and enforcement regime which applies to the transportation and disposal of dead fish to ensure that it remains fit for purpose. This recommendation is consistent with the Committee's general view that there should be a strengthening of regulation which applies to the farmed salmon sector. (see paragraph 153)

RECOMMENDATION 15

The Committee notes the various views expressed in evidence relation to the different sea lice trigger levels and thresholds that are applied by the industry itself and by Marine Scotland for reporting and intervention purposes. It considers that the work of the FHF provides an opportunity to remove confusion around this issue and develop proposals that are appropriate both to the fish

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health management needs of the Scottish industry and to the regulatory regime. It considers, however, that these should be challenging and set a threshold that is comparable with the highest international industry standards. (see paragraph 194)

RECOMMENDATION 16

Whilst the Committee recognises that it will take time for the outcomes of the FHF sea lice workstream to emerge, it is strongly of the view that there should in general terms be a move away from a voluntary approach to compliance and reporting with regard to sea lice infestation. The working group should therefore seek to bring forward proposals which make compliance and reporting a mandatory requirement. (see paragraph 195)

RECOMMENDATION 17

The Committee notes the concerns expressed in evidence that enforcement action in relation to breaches of sea lice levels has not been sufficiently robust to date. It is therefore of the view that if the revised compliance policy is to be effective it must be robust, enforceable and include appropriate penalties. (see paragraph 196)

RECOMMENDATION 18

The Committee also considers it to be essential that appropriate staff and financial resources are provided by Marine Scotland to ensure that compliance is effectively monitored and enforcement action taken where required. (see paragraph 197)

Sea lice data

RECOMMENDATION 19

The Committee welcomes the recent voluntary commencement of sea lice data provision by the SSPO on an individual farm basis. However, it agrees with the ECCLR Committee's position that the provision of sea lice data should in future be mandatory for all salmon farms in Scotland. (see paragraph 212)

RECOMMENDATION 20

The Committee notes that the SSPO produces sea lice data 3 months in arrears, whereas such data in Norway is produced weekly in arrears. It considers that sea lice data in Scotland should be published in a similarly timely fashion, as close as possible to the collection date. (see paragraph 213)

RECOMMENDATION 21

The Committee also considers that it is essential that the data provided should be that which is required to inform the regulatory and enforcement regimes, as opposed to that which the industry itself takes it upon itself to produce. (see paragraph 214)

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RECOMMENDATION 22

The Committee is strongly of the view that, in order to increase transparency, there needs to be a significant enhancement in the way sea lice data and other key information related to the regulation of salmon farming is presented. It considers that a comprehensive, accessible reporting system of a similar standard to that which is already in operation in Norway should be introduced in Scotland. (see paragraph 215)

RECOMMENDATION 23

If the industry has aspirations to develop and grow, having a comprehensive reporting system which is transparent, reliable and, above all, trusted can only serve it well. The Committee is therefore of the view that there should be a suite of data available covering mortality, sea lice infestation, medicine application and treatment information. (see paragraph 216)

RECOMMENDATION 24

The Committee recognises that there would be a cost element in developing and operating such a system but is of the view that this should not preclude this work being taken forward. It considers that the associated costs should be borne by the industry, and calls on the Scottish Government to discuss with industry representatives how this might be achieved. (see paragraph 217)

RECOMMENDATION 26

It endorses the ECCLR recommendations on cleaner fish and agrees that there is an urgent need for an assessment of future demand as well as all associated environmental implications of the farming, fishing and use of cleaner fish. (see paragraph 246)

RECOMMENDATION 27

The Committee welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to "assess whether management measures are appropriate and proportionate to the current

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and anticipated future levels of sustainable wild wrasse fishing in Scotland" as part of its Fish Health Framework. It would urge the Scottish Government to complete this assessment as a matter of urgency. (see paragraph 247)

RECOMMENDATION 28

The Committee strongly recommends that the Scottish Government consider the need for regulation of cleaner fish fishing to preserve wild stocks and avoid negative knock on impact in local ecosystems. (see paragraph 248)

RECOMMENDATION 29

The Committee believes that it is essential that the issue of waste collection and removal is given a high priority by the industry, the Scottish Government and relevant agencies. It is clearly one of the main impacts on the environment and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. (see paragraph 274)

RECOMMENDATION 30

The Committee is concerned that the announcement of SEPA's proposals for a new regulatory framework for managing the waste input to the marine environment from fish farm cages, as part of the outcomes of its wider sectoral review, was delayed until November 2018, shortly before this report was finalised. This meant that the Committee was unable to consider the proposals in detail. However, the Committee notes that the proposed new regulations are intended to more effectively manage the waste from salmon farms and avoid adverse impact on the seabed and the biodiversity of sea. The Committee calls on SEPA to keep it updated on the output from its consultation on the proposed framework and ultimately on the detail of how this will be implemented. (see paragraph 275)

Medicine use

RECOMMENDATION 31

The Committee strongly believes in the benefits of transparency for the industry and those interacting with it. It endorses the ECCLR Committee's recommendation that any data and analysis gaps related to the discharge of medicines and chemicals into the environment should be addressed by both the industry and regulators. (see paragraph 289)

RECOMMENDATION 34

The Committee shares the view of the ECCLR Committee that such physical barriers should be used ahead of deterrents such as Acoustic Deterrent Devices which potentially have a harmful impact on cetacean species such as whales and dolphins. The Committee considers it important that the use of such devices is fully assessed and it welcomes the fact that Marine Scotland has been asked to review the science to inform future policy in this area. It looks forward to an update on this from the Scottish Government in due course. (see paragraph 310)

RECOMMENDATION 35

The Committee considers it to be important that this work results in the production of appropriate guidelines and best practice advice for use by the industry in responding to various scenarios, such as when seals are trapped in salmon farm cages or in nets. (see paragraph 311)

RECOMMENDATION 37

The Committee notes that strict penalties are in place in Norway to deal with escapes and recommends that appropriate sanctions should be developed and introduced in Scotland. (see paragraph 345)

RECOMMENDATION 45

The Committee shares the view of the ECCLR Committee that the siting of farms in the vicinity of known migratory routes for wild salmon must be avoided. (see paragraph 383)

RECOMMENDATION 46

The Committee is of the view that a similar precautionary approach must be taken in Scotland to assist in mitigating any potential impact of sea lice infestation on wild salmon. It therefore recommends that there should be an immediate and proactive shift towards siting new farms in more suitable areas away from migratory routes and that this should be highlighted in the strategic guidance on the siting of salmon farms. (see paragraph 385)

RECOMMENDATION 47

The Committee recognises that it will take time for the range of current activity by the Scottish Government (e.g. Fish Health Framework initiatives, consenting review) and regulatory bodies (e.g. SEPA finfish sector review) and action on the Committee's recommendations to be completed, with outcomes known, agreed and implemented. (see paragraph 386)

Best fishes,

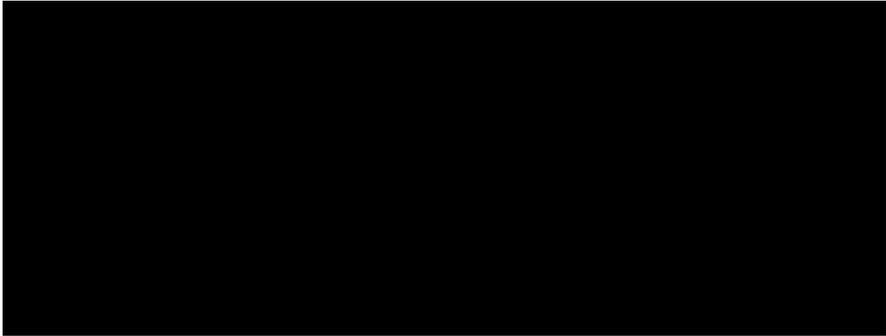
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Don Staniford

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2018 14:47
To: [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>
Cc: [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>
Subject: RE: dealing with Don Staniford



Don Staniford @TheGAAIA
"International Business Times: "Scottish waters flooded with salmon blood after food plant leaks" <http://bit.ly/2Ecil6O>
@PaulNicklen @Sea_Legacy @alex4salmon @JoelHRichardson #CookeAquaculture #BloodWater"

From: [redacted]
Sent: January 26, 2018 7:26 AM
To: [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>
Cc: [redacted]@cookeaqu.com>
Subject: dealing with Don Staniford



[redacted] used to have a strict policy of not replying to any of Don Staniford allegations as he is a convicted liar.
Don was taken to court by a BC Company a few years ago and has been convicted. He has also insulted dignitaries at AquaNor, including the King of Norway and Canadian Minister Gail Shea a few years ago.



From: CallanderMcDowell <callandermcdowell-bounces@mailmanlists.uk> on behalf of callandermcdowell@mailmanlists.uk <callandermcdowell@mailmanlists.uk>
Sent: 09 February 2018 22:21
To: callandermcdowell@mailmanlists.uk
Subject: [CallanderMcDowell] reLAKSation no 851 - fish and seafood views

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reLAKSation no 851

10th February 2018

A thoroughly good read: For many year, the wild fish sector has blamed the salmon farming industry for the decline in wild salmon and sea trout numbers caught from west coast rivers. This new narrative, Loch Maree's Missing Sea Trout by Dr Martin Jaffa, explores the relationship between salmon farming and wild fish numbers and asks whether salmon farming is being unfairly blamed.

This new book takes a completely different look at this contentious issue but in an easy to read form. This is essential reading for anyone with an interest in the alleged impacts of salmon farming. The book is now available from either Amazon.com or Amazon.co.uk. This book comes highly recommended.

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Enquiry: Since the Scottish Parliament's Environment, Climate Change and Land

Enquiry. Since the Scottish Parliament's Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee published the SAMS review on the Environmental Impacts of Salmon Farming in Scotland, the Committee have held two sessions taking evidence. In all, the committee members took evidence from 12 different witnesses, of which only one spoke for the salmon farming industry. Given that the investigation concerned the impacts of salmon farming, there is a clear disparity between the eleven highlighting the negatives of salmon farming and the one speaking in its defence. We, at Callander McDowell, had written previously that we hoped that the investigation would be conducted in a fair and even-handed manner. We were wrong. This was more a witch hunt than an enquiry.

Having listened carefully to the questioning, we wonder how many of the committee members have actually visited a salmon farm, or whether instead they have relied on the press for their information. For example, one MSP described the fish as being packed into cages. With fish accounting for about 2% of the volume of the cage, this hardly reflects a description of being 'packed in'. Maybe we're wrong and the committee members know something about salmon farming that we don't. We only hope that they have seen salmon farming first hand because it would be extremely questionable if they drew their conclusions based on the views of others and not their own.

However, regardless of whatever feelings each of the committee members have about salmon farming, the reality is that the salmon industry employs a large number of people in an area where job opportunities are extremely limited. Salmon farming has brought extensive investment into economically fragile areas of Scotland over a period of many years. Out of respect to these communities, the committee should have been willing to allow the salmon industry a fair hearing. Five different scientists from SAMS were given a full session to themselves in which to comment on the impacts of salmon farming. In return, the one representative invited to attend the committee was not even given the same length of time as SAMS and then had to share the session with two representatives from groups which are effectively against salmon farming.

We thought that given the extremely difficult circumstances and the none too friendly atmosphere. David Sandison from the SSPO spoke well. However, unlike the scientists from SAMS, he had no-one else to turn to. At the very least, the salmon industry should have been afforded a session to itself with its own panel of specialists and experts.

Trial by the One Show: The ECCLR inquiry spent a lot of time focussing on issues raised in the One Show TV programme. The programme was part of an onslaught of negative media coverage about salmon farming that began in 2017. The main source of this material was the full-time industry activist, Don Staniford. Most of his revelations originated from blanket Freedom of Information requests covering several years. This random trawl through the correspondence of government departments, paid for by Scottish tax-payers, produced a few stories that once he had twisted to suit his purpose of undermining the salmon industry, were readily snapped up by journalists ready to feed at his trough of free goodies.

Now it seems that the information has dried up as he has exhausted all possibilities of uncovering anything new. He is now advertising on his website for ideas for future FOI's. We certainly have an idea. Perhaps, Mr Staniford could be free with information about who is paying for his activities and why?

It has now been well established that since 2000, the US Charitable Foundations have poured \$126 million into campaigns aimed at persuading US consumers to avoid buying imported farmed salmon and select wild caught salmon from Alaskan fisheries. The intention was to help protect the US way of life from imported seafood. The campaign, including messages such as 'Farmed & Dangerous' ultimately failed because consumers actually liked eating farmed Atlantic salmon and because independent Canadian researcher Vivian Krause uncovered the secret funding to over thirty environmental groups tasked with helping spread the message.

Although the money mostly dried up, funds still flow to the persistent activists such as Mr Staniford. He's not bothered as to whether west coast communities are destroyed as a result of his activities. He is simply out to ruin the salmon farming industry in Scotland.

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First Evidence: The ECCLR Committee have posted some of the public submissions on their website but at the time of writing, these are few in number. The transcript of the second evidence session is also not due to be posted until the end of the week. We would like to discuss some of these submissions because they are factually incorrect. However, we would like to revert to the evidence submitted by the SAMS scientists during the first inquiry session.

On page 15 of the transcript, in a discussion about the number of lice that lead to the mortality of a fish, Professor Verspoor told the Committee that there is a location that he is familiar with but whose identity is not in the public domain has had historically high numbers of salmon even though those salmon have to go past a very large salmon farming operation. He continued that it would be difficult to say that the sea lice are having a negative impact given that the salmon in that location are at historical highs. He says that the river is stocked and therefore this could be the reason why there are so many salmon.

We find Professor Verspoor's comments to be rather strange given that information about every river or fishery district is in the public domain. The river could be the River Lochy as this is stocked and the fish must pass salmon farms to migrate to sea. Equally, the River could be the Carron as we know that the University of the Highlands and Islands to which Professor Verspoor is associated has become involved with the long-term project there run by Dr Bob Kindness.

We have discussed the Carron over the years, but it is relevant now because the day after the recent session of the ECCLR Committee, BBC Alba broadcast the latest episode of their salmon angling programme – Turas a Bhradain. Over four series, the various episodes have not been favourable to the influence of salmon farming reflecting the views of many anglers. This latest episode looks at the relationship between the local farm and the River Carron fishery and we would hope that the Committee members might take seven minutes out of their schedule to watch the relevant section of the programme. This starts at about 15 minutes - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09r2gbh/turas-a-bhradain-series-4-episode-5> (only in the UK). This will make a refreshing change from the continuing negative claims made by most of the evidence. For those, who are unable to watch the programme, amongst other things mentioned is that they have seen few lice despite the presence of a major aquaculture hub downstream. Dr Kindness said he personally caught 200 young sea trout whilst fishing of which only 10 carried any sea lice. If everything that the industry critics say was believed, then the west coast is a major environmental disaster and it's not.

This is why organisations like Salmon & Trout Conservation focus on what is happening on farm rather than highlight the problems affecting the fish they claim to conserve. This is because the evidence they have of wild fish declines being linked to salmon farming is only circumstantial and therefore they deflect attention away from that onto the industry itself.

Interestingly, we note that the written evidence submitted to the Committee by Salmon & Trout Conservation - http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Environment/Inquiries/008_Salmon_and_Trout_Conservation_Scotland.pdf – runs to five pages and is not the four pages demanded by the committee. S&TC are not the only ones to ignore the Committee's request to restrict evidence to four pages and we hope the Committee take note. We found it extremely difficult to limit our comments to just four pages, especially, using the large font and the justification found in the template. We took solace in fact that everyone was limited in the same way, but apparently some contributors believe that they are exempt. Perhaps, like submissions that arrive late, evidence that does not meet the Committee's criteria should be rejected.

Second evidence: One of the frustrations of such inquiries is having to either listen to or read evidence that is known to be factually incorrect. As more submissions are published, it will no doubt become even more frustrating but to highlight our concern, we would like to take a look at the submission made by Doonfoot Fishing, which has been allocated the number 16.

The thrust of this submission is that twenty years ago the five-year average catch on this specific fishing beat reached 469 fish but in 2015, the catch was just 27 fish. The blame for this collapse is laid at salmon farming's door since smolts migrating north from the River Doon must travel along the west coast aquaculture zone where it is claimed they pick up sea lice and consequently die. The fact that salmon farming has been around for forty years seems to have passed this contributor by. Why did the fishery not collapse twenty years ago? There were plenty of farms operating along the

fishery not collapse twenty years ago. There were plenty of farms operating along the west coast then too.

The catch data for the whole river tells a very different story to that from this one beat.

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It can be clearly seen that catches on the Doon have improved significantly during the years after salmon farming arrived on the west coast. Yes, catches have declined in the last couple of years, but so have catches from the east coast rivers. There is a much wider problem affecting wild fisheries than salmon farming.

In this submission, Doonfoot Fishing also refer to closed containment. Specifically, comments made by Dr Hughes from SAMS. The submission states that 'Dr Hughes stated that consumers were not in favour of buying salmon raised in closed containment, but the author of the submission is not aware of such evidence. Instead, reference is made to a major supermarket chain in Norway is selling salmon produced in closed containment and is selling it at a premium price. Such is demand, the supermarket is unable to source enough.

Given that this submission only ran to two pages, there was still plenty of space to expand on this statement. For example, which supermarket, where is the salmon produced and what sort of premium are they getting. The reason we mention this is that we are unaware of any supermarket selling such salmon in Norway at all. However, to be sure, we have been in contact with the seafood industry in Norway and no-one there is aware of any of this either. The Committee needs to request further details before accepting the validity of such information.

Closed containment is a contentious issue not least because whilst it is easy for critics to advocate a move to closed systems, the reality is that closed containment is still a long way off. Yes, there are examples of massive investment in large plants in the US, but they are still unproven.

Whilst giving evidence to the Committee, John Aitchison of the Friends of the Sound of Jura refers to a trial at Machrihanish run by a Norwegian company which he says has been concluded successfully. The success of any venture depends on the measure by which it is gauged. In the case of this trial, we wouldn't describe it as a success since all the fish died. We are surprised given his proximity of the Friends of the Sound of Jura to Machrihanish, that Mr Aitchison wasn't aware of this total fish kill. However, in our experience, most critics are very selective of the information they hear.

We are reminded of the campaign run by the Friends of the Sound of Jura against a new trout farm, in which one of the objections was the nearness of the proposed site to the River Add, one of the last good rivers for salmon in mid Argyll.

This claim about the River Add has always been of surprise to us at Callander McDowell. When we asked the late Bruce Sandison to provide the name of west coast rivers that had been destroyed by the presence of salmon farming as he claimed, the top of his list was the River Add.

When we plotted the historic catch data for catches of salmon from the River Add the graph shows that the fishery collapsed long before salmon farming arrived on the west coast.

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Does the river now offer good fishing as the Friends of the Sound of Jura Sound claim? The answer is no, which is why it is classified as a Grade 3 river. Perhaps, Mr Aitchison and his colleagues have a different perception of what is a good river to that of Marine Scotland?

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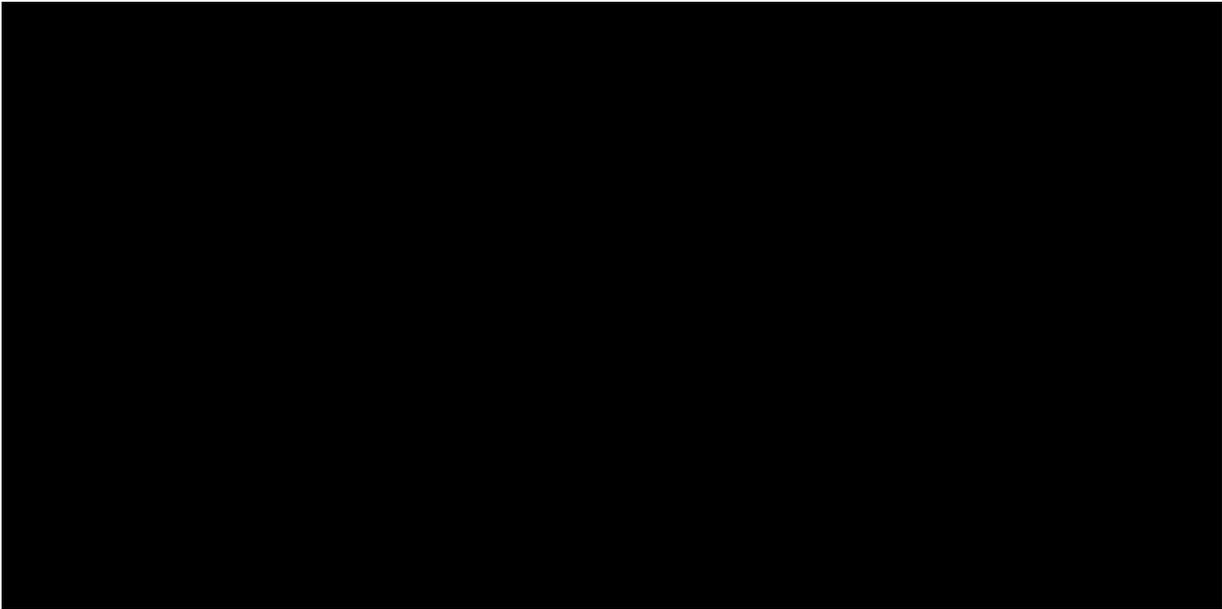
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Using the powerful tool of Freedom of Information (FOI), GAAIA has accessed rafts of data on diseases, toxic chemicals, seals killed by salmon farms, lice infestation and other damning evidence against salmon farms.

If you have an idea of a FOI to file please email dstaniford@gaaia.org

Read more via:



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Just a quick email to provide some observations on the Sunday Herald article on seal killing under license and the US MMPA.

Attached is a pdf. for your review.



http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16114556.Revealed_Scottish_Government_bid_to_exempt_salmon_farming_from_US_seal_killing_ban/

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Revealed: Scottish Government bid to exempt salmon farming from US seal-killing ban

www.heraldscotland.com

THE Scottish Government has been secretly trying to wriggle out of a proposed US ban on imports of salmon from fish farms that shoot seals,...



Scotland and the US Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

The following article recently appeared this week in the Sunday Herald.

The Herald
sundayherald

25th March

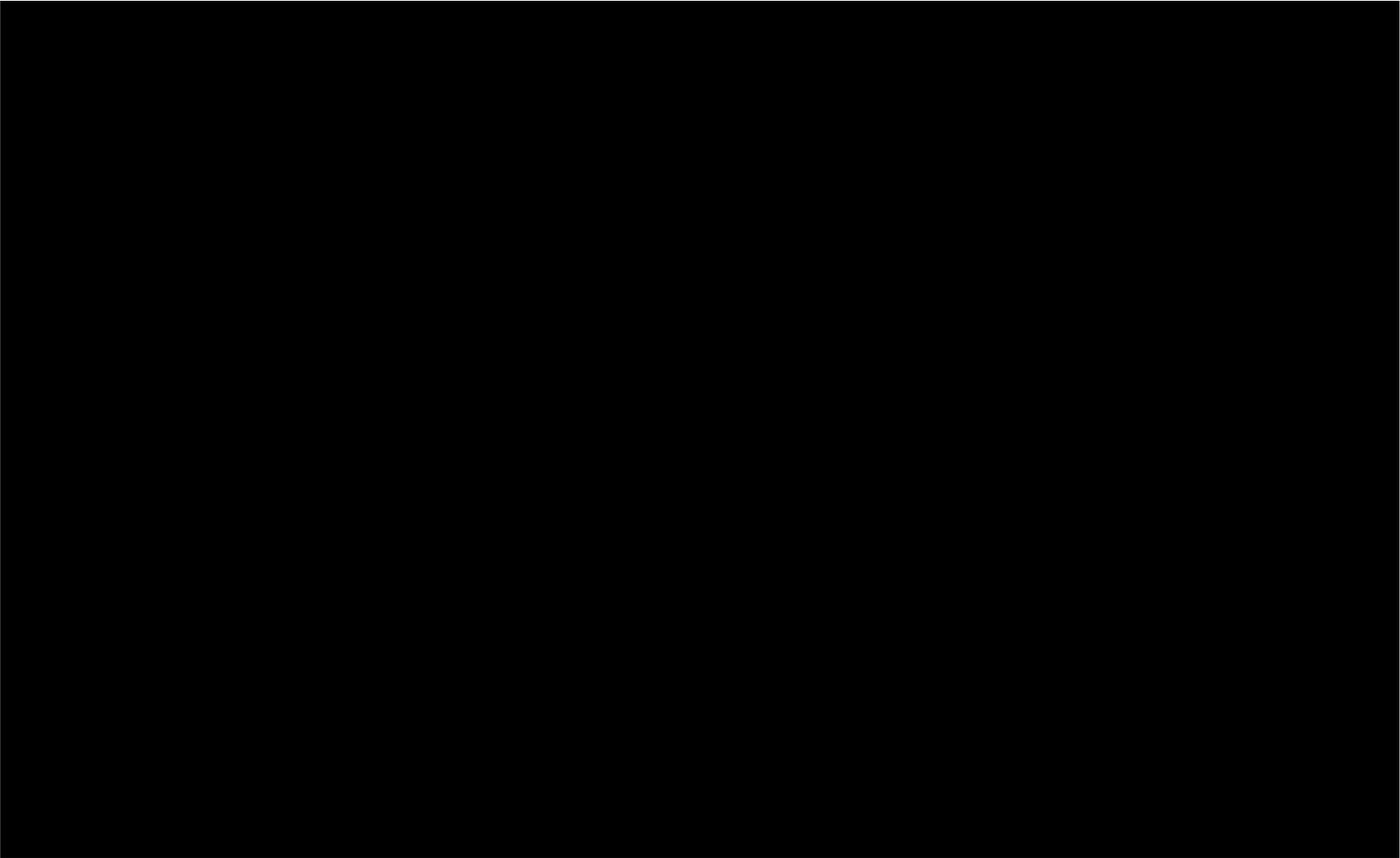
Revealed: Scottish Government bid to exempt salmon farming from US seal-killing ban



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While comments in the article from activist Don Staniford were predictable, [REDACTED]

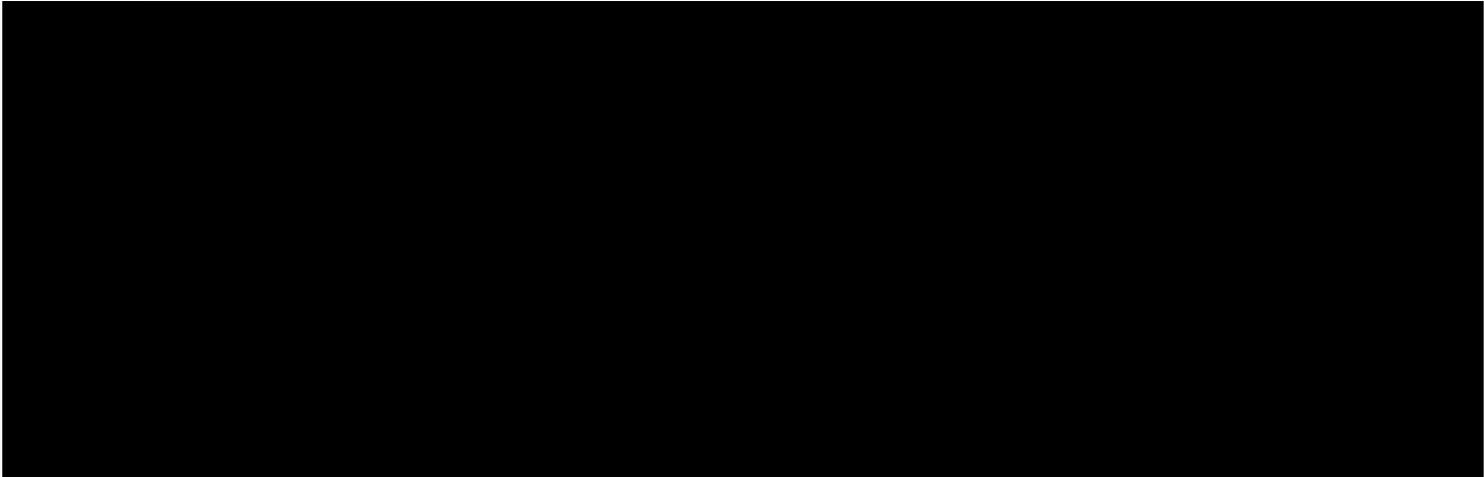
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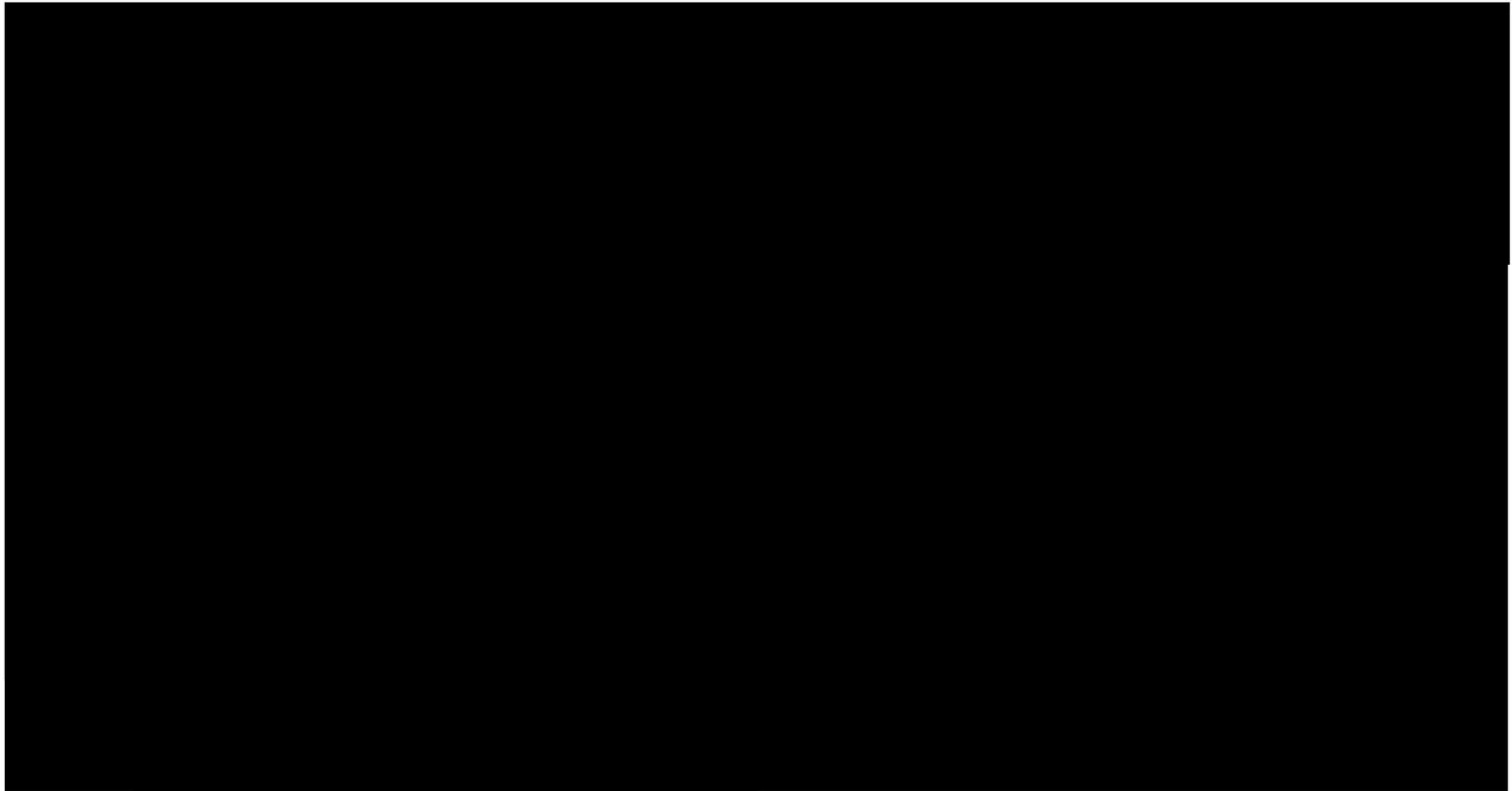
On 16 Feb 2018, at 16:08, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear All

It is expected that The Scottish Sun will run a political feature on salmon farming on Sunday. It will be entitled "Is salmon farming more harm than good for Scotland?" Don Staniford will contribute 400 words which we expect will be in his usual style



Public Affairs Planning Session



– “Scottish salmon is farmed and dangerous”, *Don Staniford*

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]
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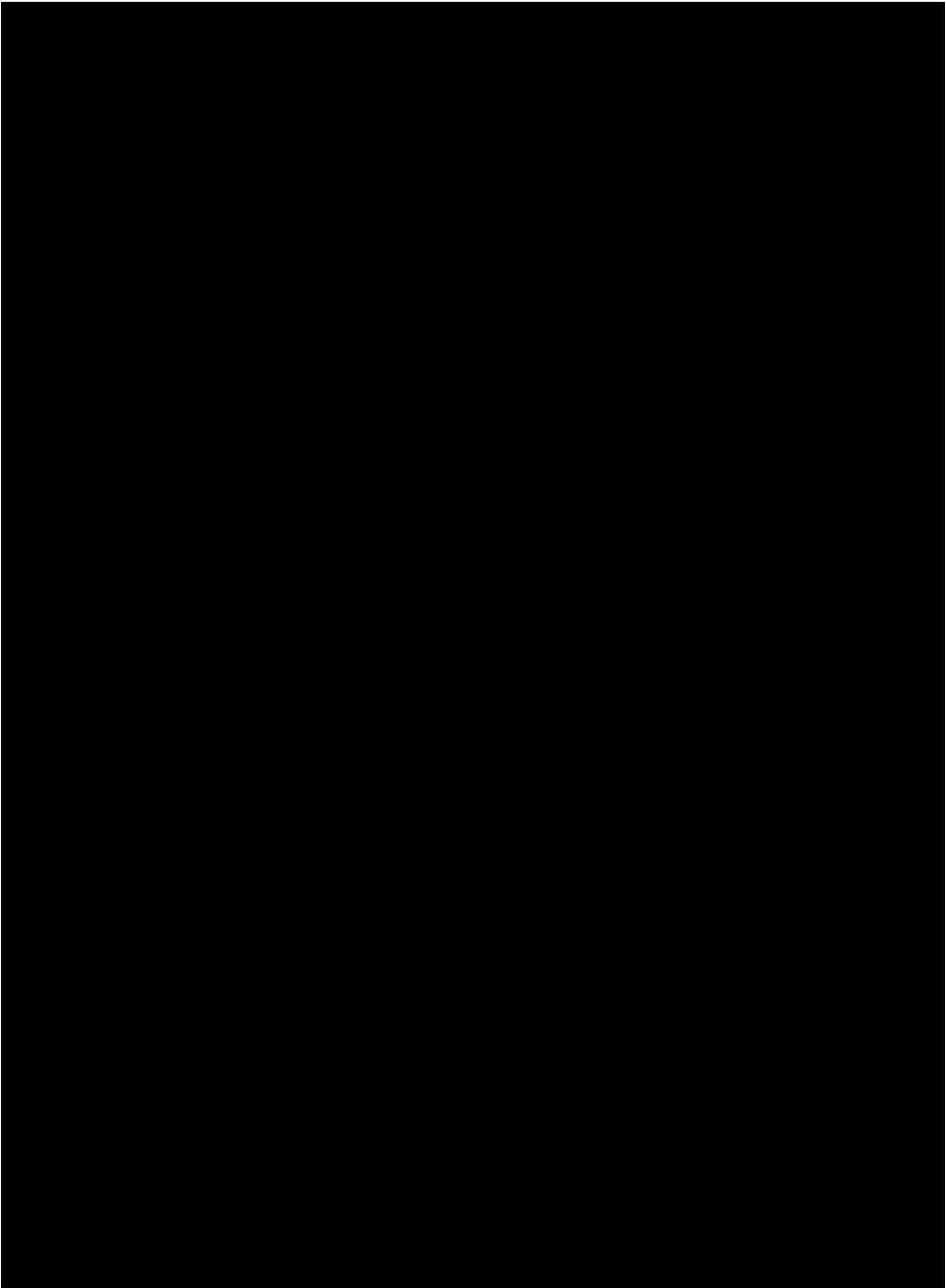
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Dear All,

Further to my previous email, I thought that the following might be of interest. [REDACTED]
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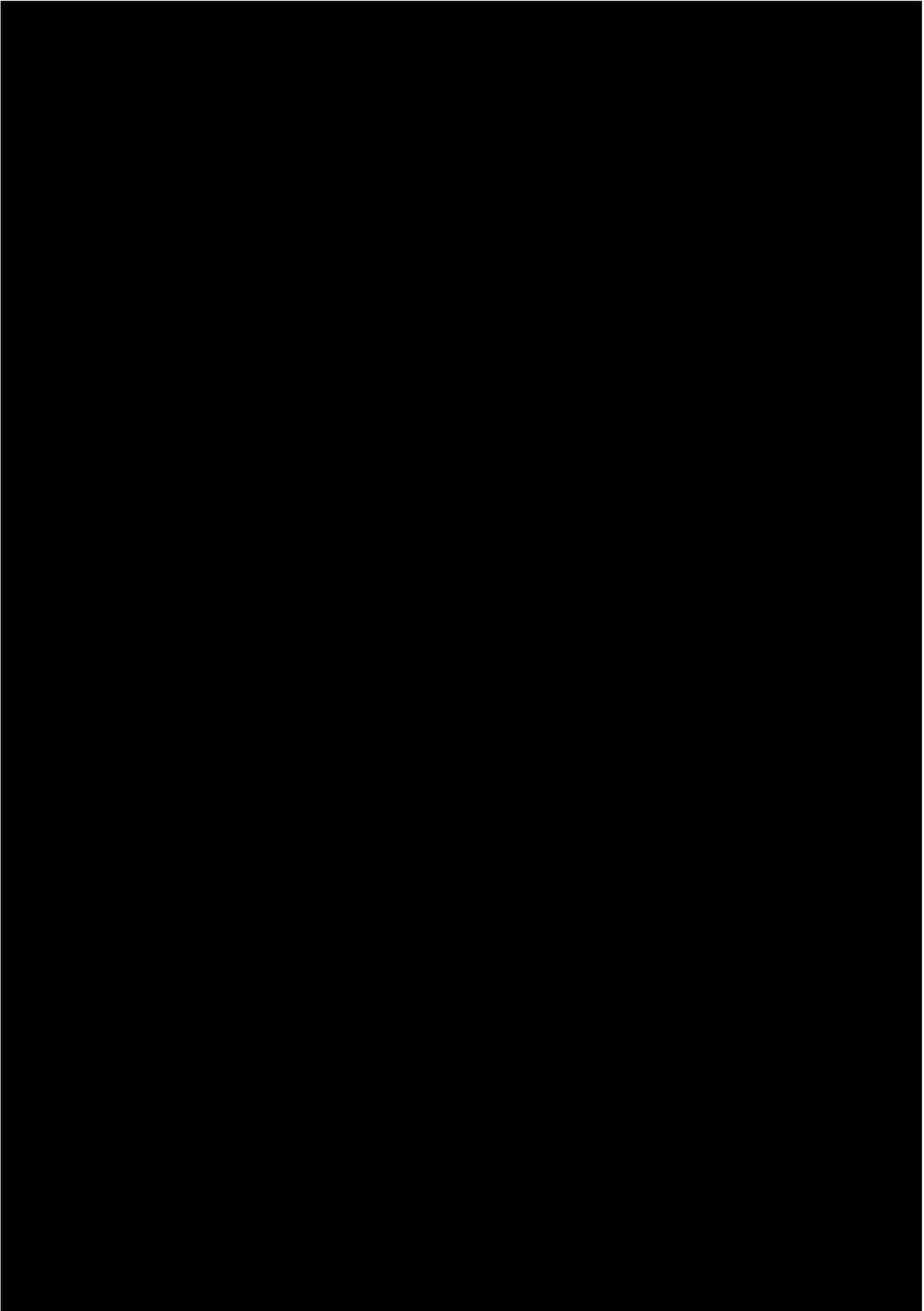
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publication of a picture of Ms Morton with a Norwegian flag covered with images of sea lice. Of interest to many in Scotland is that Don Staniford is also in the photo.





From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]

Date: 15 Sep 2018 at 10:05 (UTC Z)

Subject: Staniford

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Dear All

Saw this short video from Don Staniford last night <https://vimeo.com/289932244> He seems to be suggesting that he is going to be following the example of [REDACTED] in Canada and start sampling from and around farms by kayaking to the cages.

Whilst [REDACTED] he [REDACTED] deserve to be prosecuted for trespass, the negative publicity generated would be welcome. I don't really have any legal knowledge but I would have thought an injunction against [REDACTED] him [REDACTED] to stop future incursions into the vicinity of farms might be worth considering.

[REDACTED] Staniford is clearly receiving significant funding from other sources. He is keen on Freedom of Information but is reluctant to share details of his funding and how he is individually benefiting from it. This also may be worth considering.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

To:

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Cc:

[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>;

[REDACTED]

Date:

03 Sep 2018 at 19:28 (UTC Z)

Subject:

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All, anticipating tonight's show, The Ferret (Facebook) has now published their expose that includes Don Staniford, [REDACTED]

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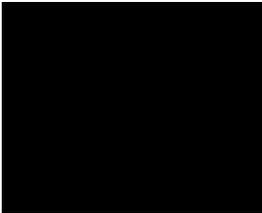
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Subject: [REDACTED]

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Dear All

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A number of FOIs from Don Staniford have coincidentally been submitted on the same issue so they are working together.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
Date: 04 Oct 2018 at 07:37 (UTC Z)
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Dear all,

I learned yesterday that Don Staniford has put an FOI into the Scottish Government to ask that every piece of correspondence between officials and the salmon farming industry from 1 Jan 2018 be released.

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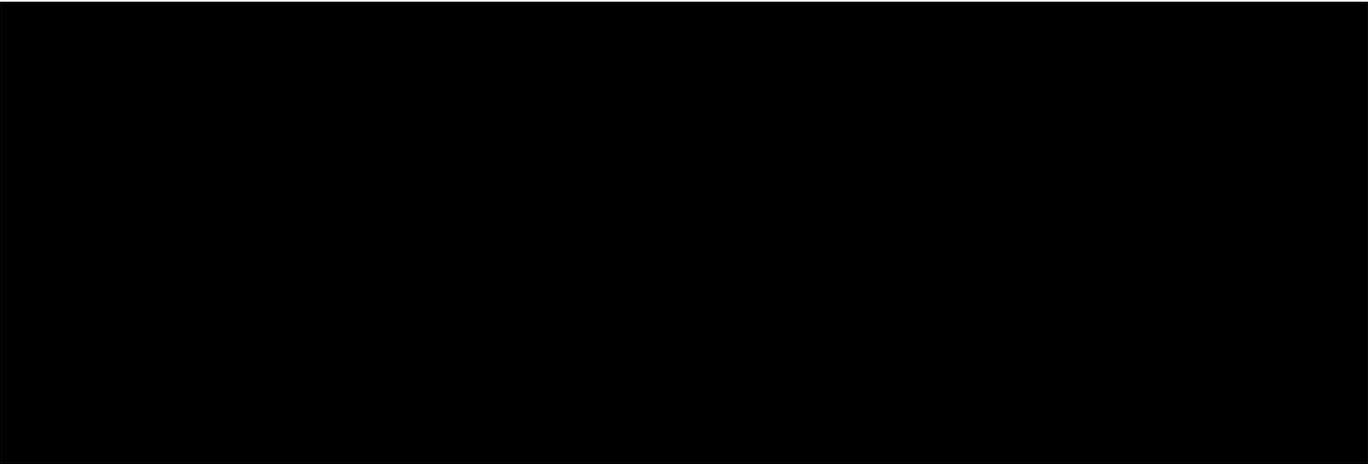
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'In an extract of a BBC News article shared between Cooke employees, the following line appears:...'

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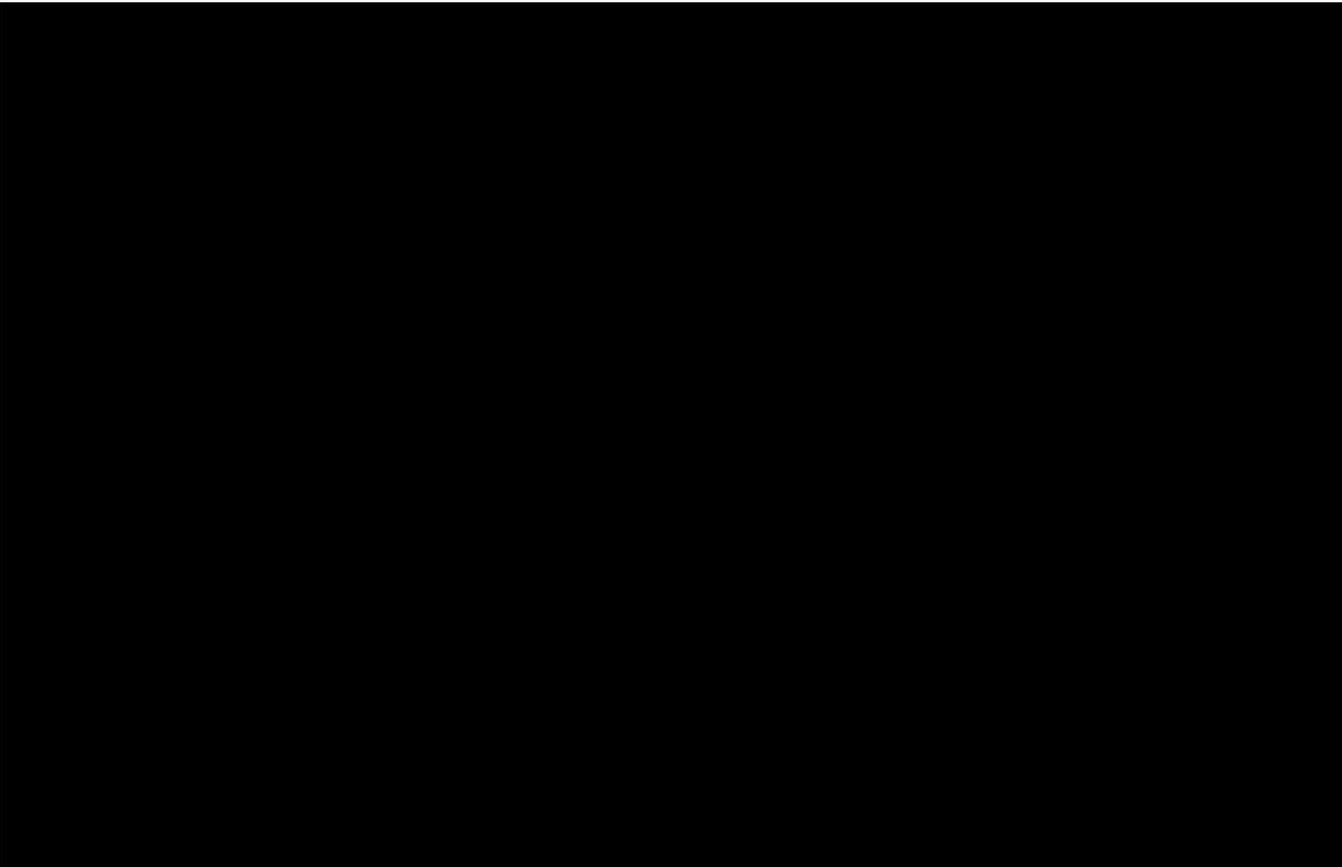
Don Staniford, of Scottish Salmon Watch, said that the drop was to be applauded but more had to be done. He said: "It's a step in the right direction, but there needs to be zero tolerance for the killing of seals. "Even killing one seal is too much. This happens because bullets are a lot cheaper than installing anti-predator nets. "The deaths of hundreds of seals is the price that is being paid for cheap Scottish salmon." Unquote.



From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 March 2019 15:13
To: [redacted]
[redacted] <[redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Don Staniford

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I have been approached by Don Staniford. He would like to visit a salmon farm.



From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 18 Dec 2018 at 14:13 (UTC Z)
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Find the rough translation of the France 2 piece from yesterday. Unsure if your French is up to much but here's the link too!

Cheers,

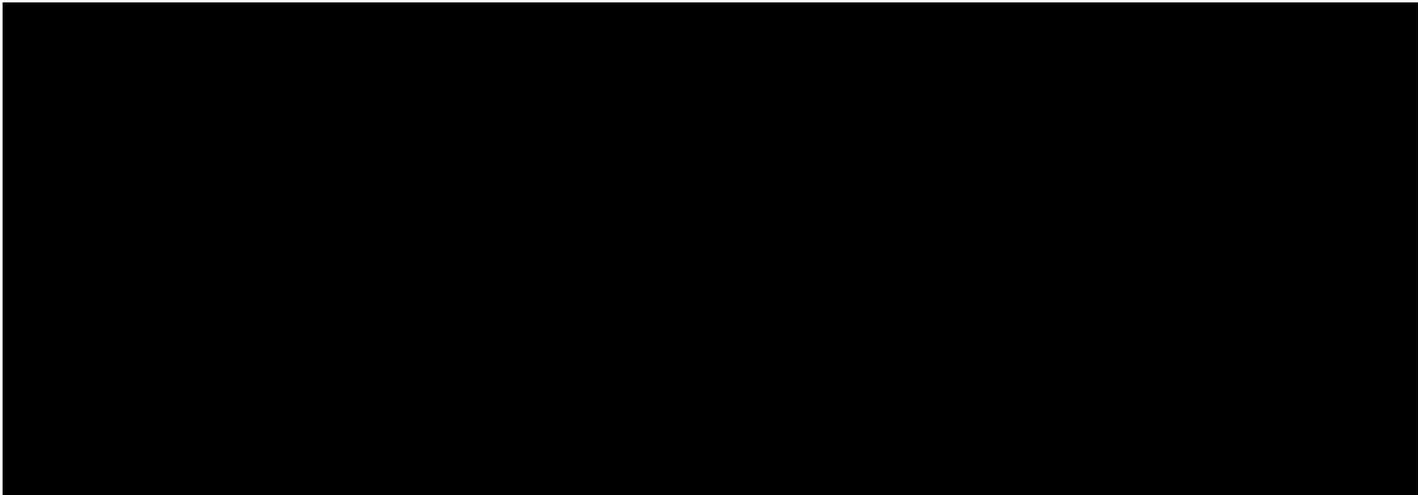
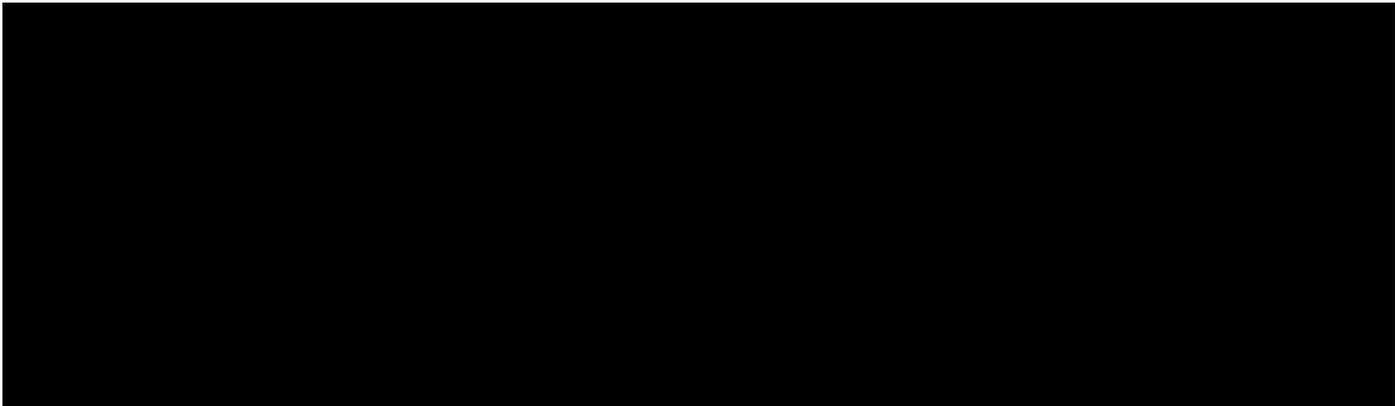
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https://www.francetvinfo.fr/economie/emploi/metiers/agriculture/menace-sur-les-elevages-ecossais-de-saumon_3102463.html

Translation:

- [REDACTED]
- Don Staniford is featured saying that Scottish salmon contains more than 20% fat, so it is not good for your health. It contains carcinogen substances and artificial colourants, says Staniford.

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2019 14:54
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: anti-salmon farming activist Don Staniford is planning anti-salmon farming protests around salmon farms on the West coast of Scotland on 31st August and 1st September

Please note that anti-salmon farming activist Don Staniford is planning anti-salmon farming protests around salmon farms on the West coast of Scotland on 31st August and 1st September



Details as follows:

- <https://donstaniford.typepad.com/my-blog/2019/08/letter-to-police-scotland-re-protocol-for-filming-salmon-farms-.html>



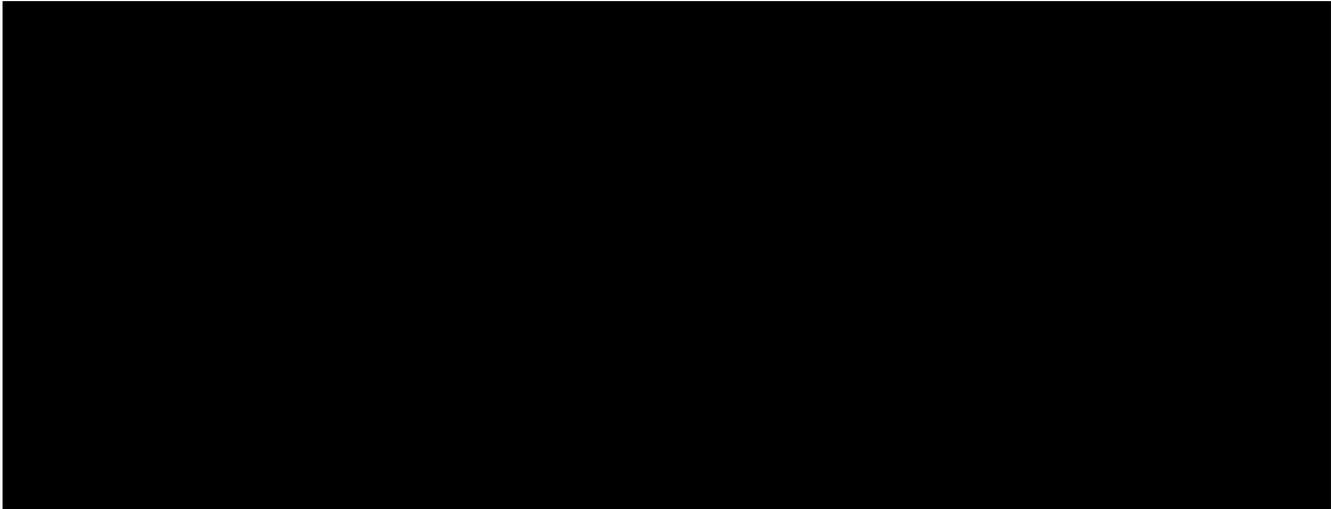
Please note that further details on our protests on 31 August and 1 September around salmon farms on the West coast of Scotland are detailed via:

[Make a Splash for Salmon, Cetaceans, Lobsters & Seals!](#)
[Swimming \(& Paddling\) Against the Rising Tide of Salmon Farming](#)

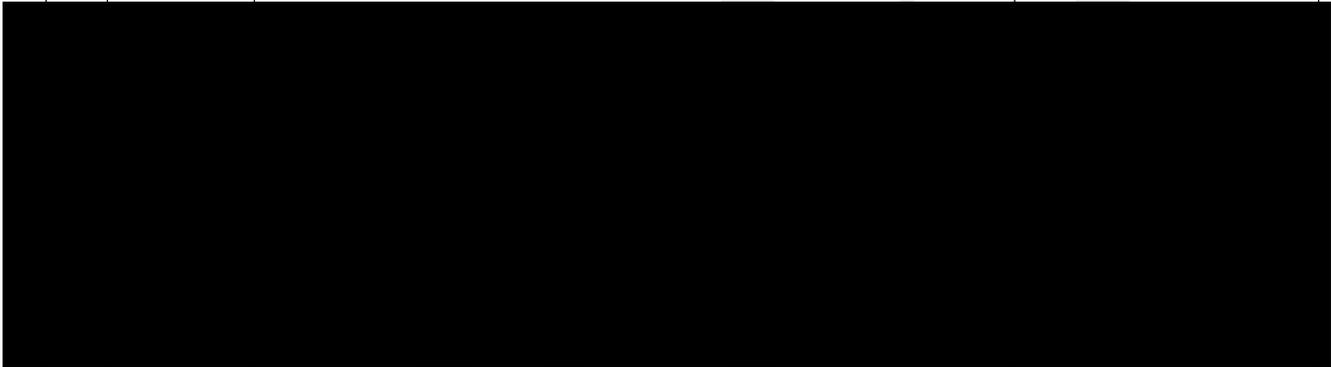
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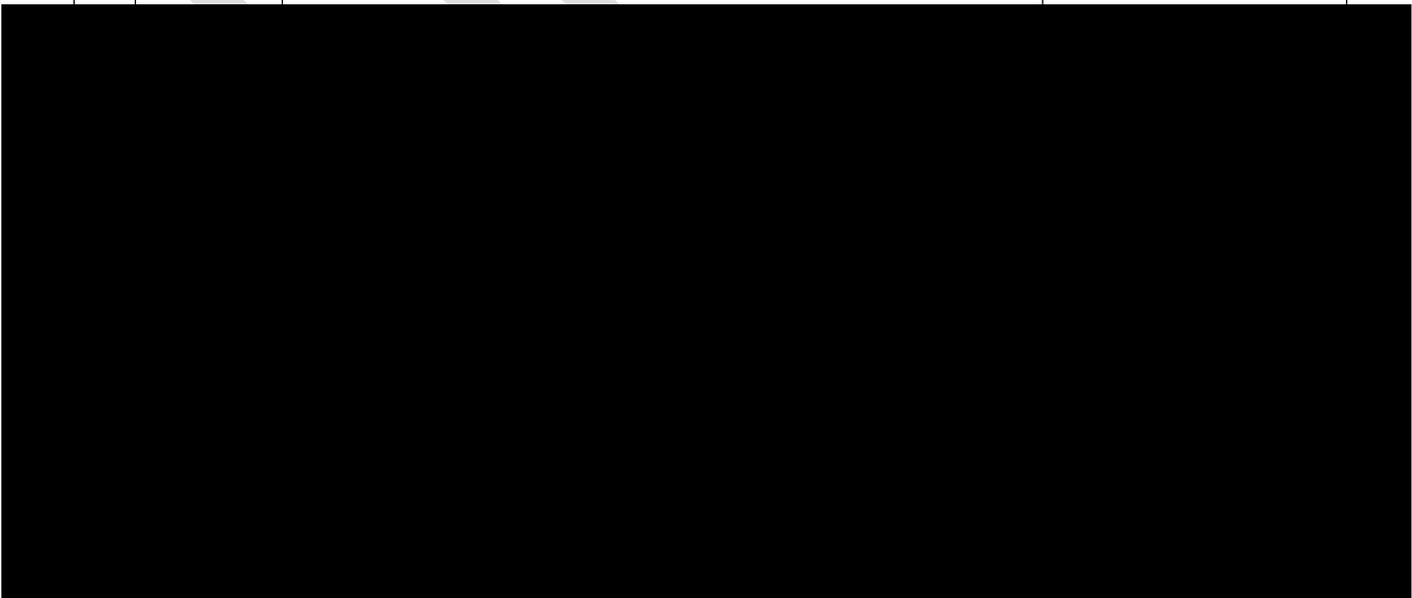
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Items for decision/discussion:



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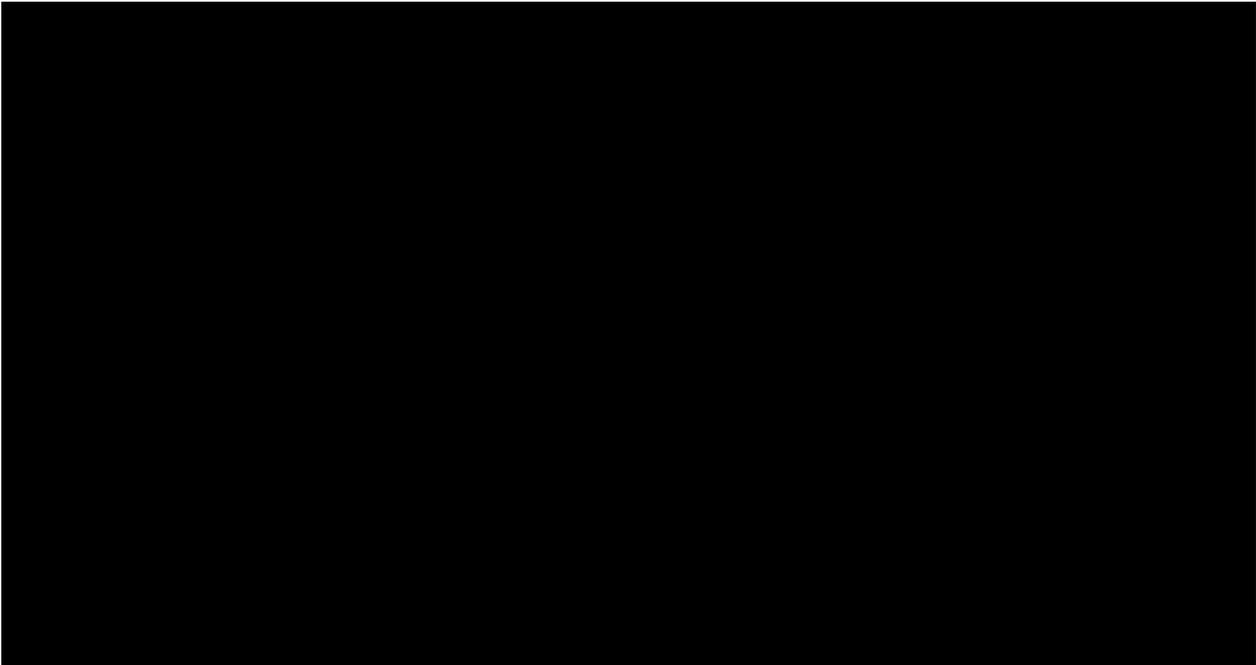
The reality is that Don Staniford got a lot of coverage in the press for what turned out to be a protest by about five people. The 43,000- figure mentioned in his release not unexpectedly failed to materialise. [REDACTED]

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Best regards

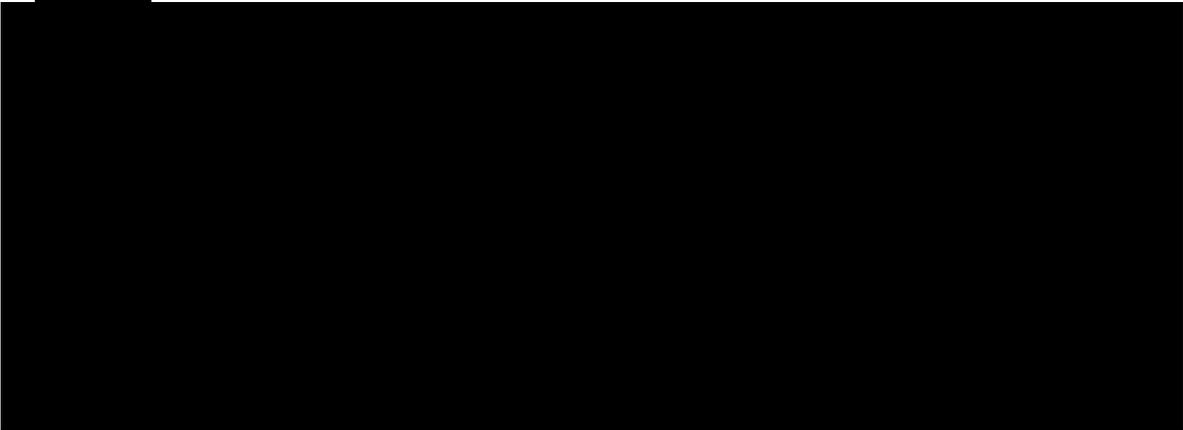
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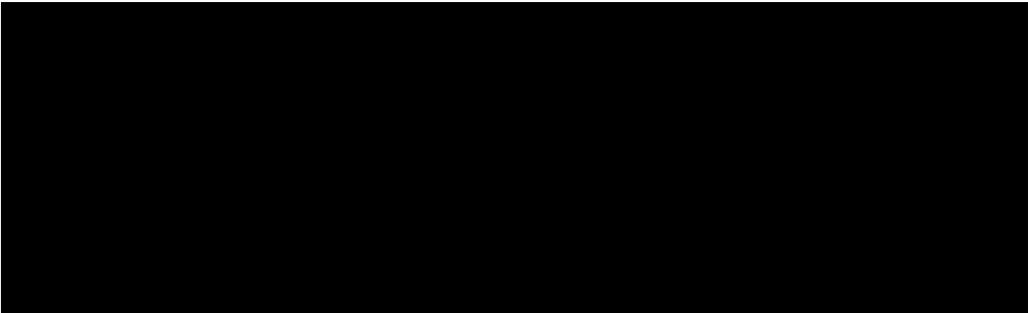
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Email from [REDACTED]

Don Staniford got in touch with me last night to say that EFTA had told him the export ban on Norwegian ova had been lifted.

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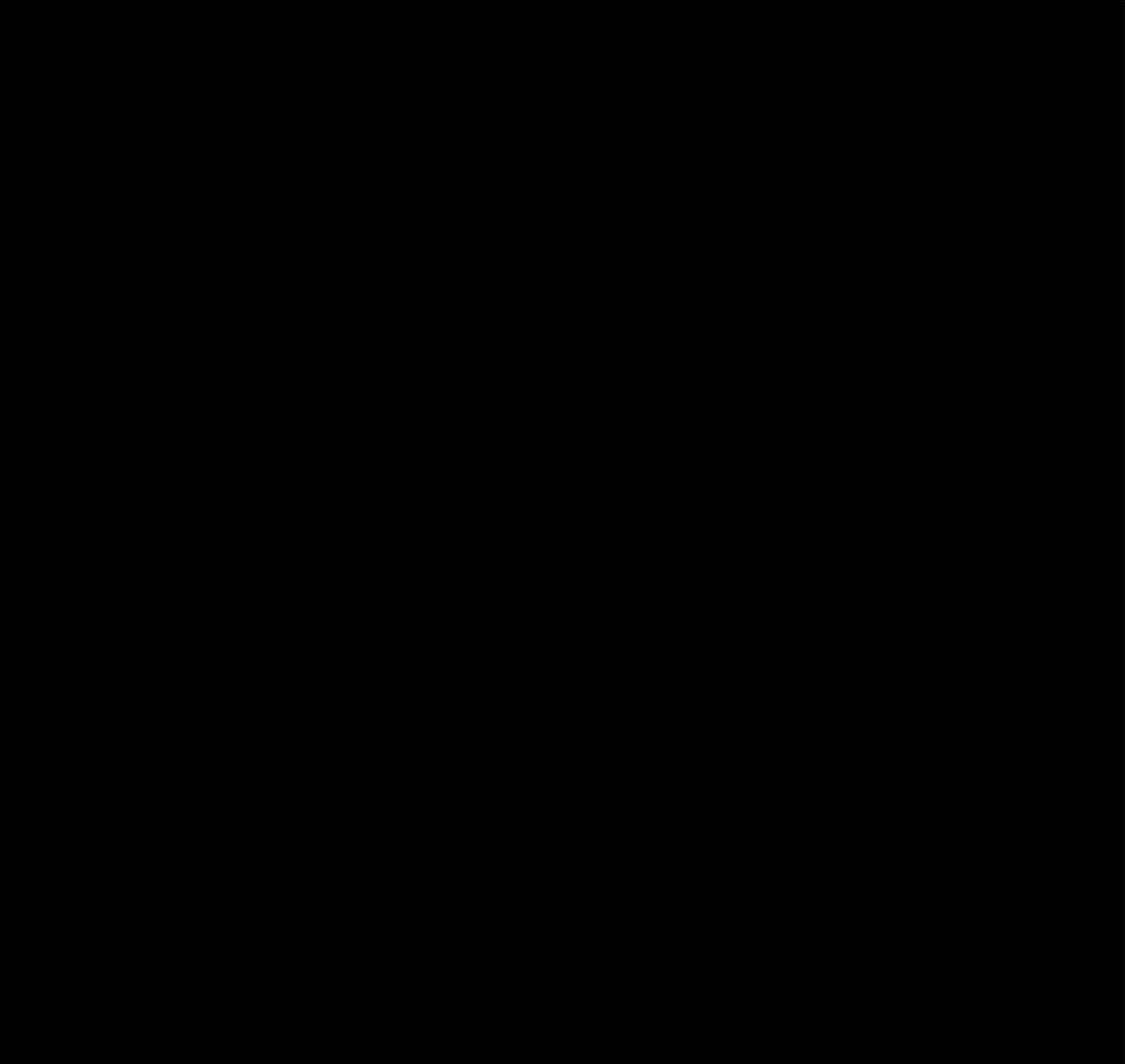
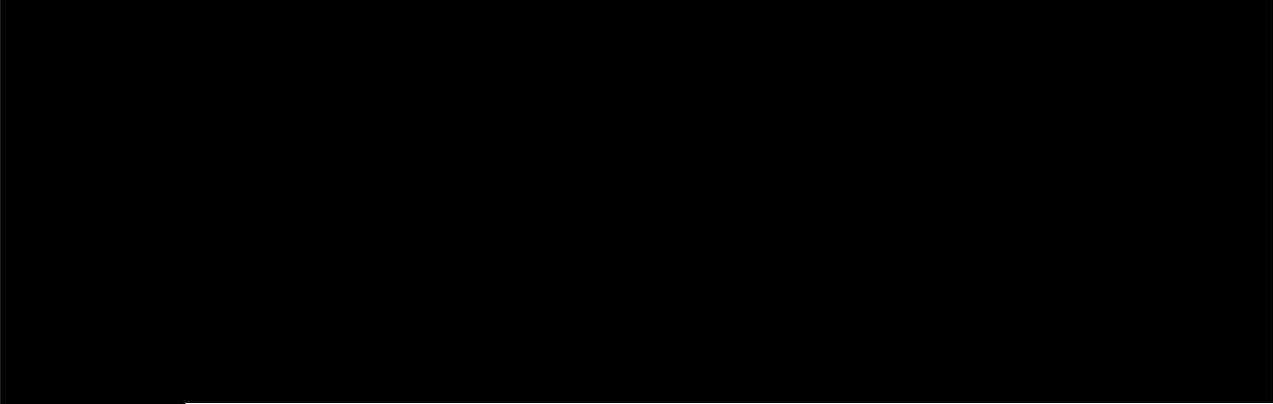
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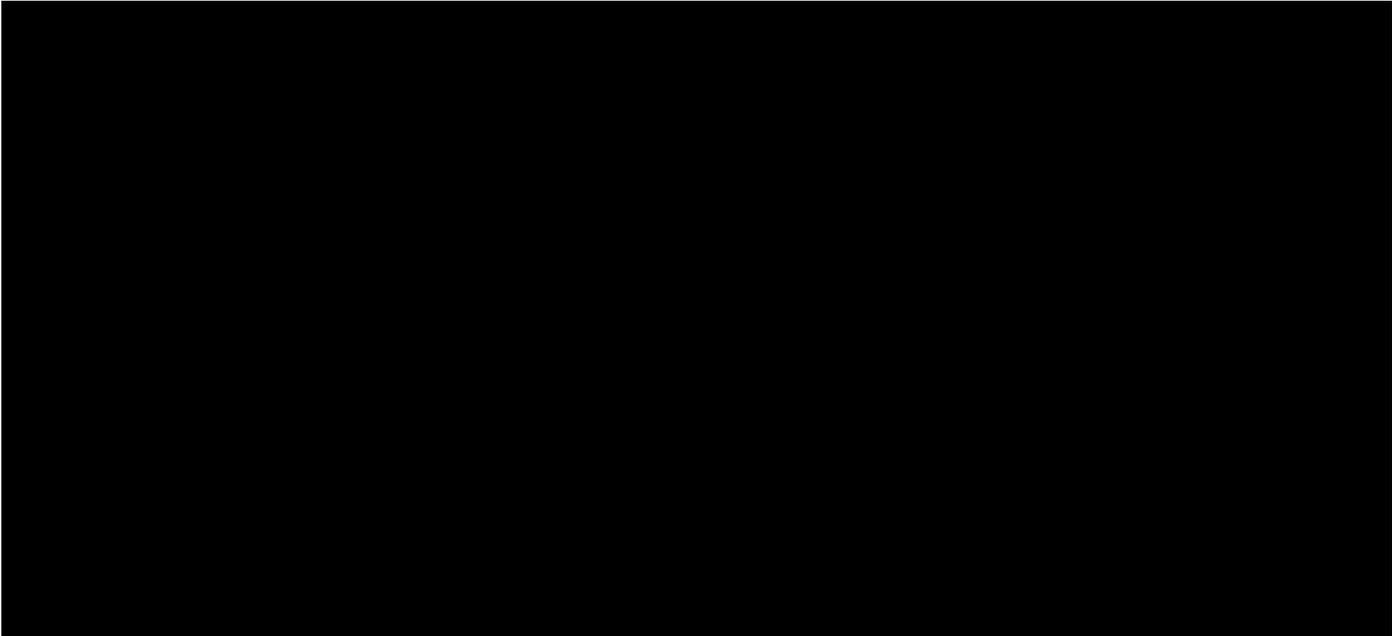
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We do not engage with Don Staniford [REDACTED] for reasons I have gone into many times and for reasons that are endorsed by every PR and comms agency in the country. Rather we put our own messages on social media, reinforcing them time and again.





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Dear All

[redacted] and [redacted] have outlined a need and a proposal to raise interdict/cease and desist orders against Don Staniford [redacted]



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Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached a short briefing note [REDACTED] relating to the *Eating Our Way To Extinction* documentary, which sounds like it is winging its way to release, possibly on Netflix. [REDACTED]

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We understand [REDACTED] that Don Staniford and a former fish farm diver will give their "expert" views on Scottish salmon farming.

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A summary of happenings. [REDACTED]
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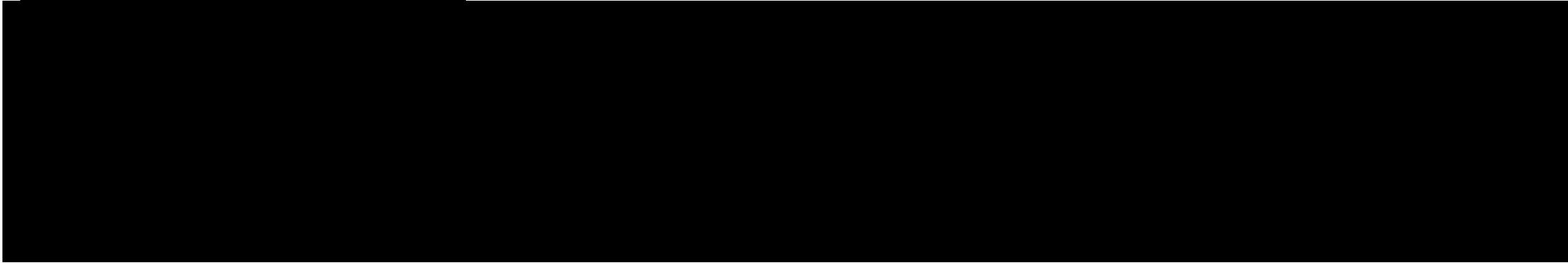
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by Dr Martin Jaffa

No 1097

29th October 2022

Lice, lice and more lice: It has been a few months since Marine Scotland Science (MSS) published the sea lice sampling data collected by the west coast fisheries trusts from 1997 to 2019. The original spreadsheet had to be subsequently revised because the way the data was laid out gave the impression that three times as many fish had been analysed as actually had.

My analysis of these 21,000 plus sampled fish has taken a great deal of my time, not just because of other commitments, but also because the data is confusing. In total, there are 100 different sampling sites listed but further analysis has shown that many of the sites are the same, just that they have been spelled differently in different years. MSS don't seem to have made any attempt to rationalise the data. One site is not attributed to any fishery trust whilst another has been attributed to the wrong one. It has taken a great deal of effort to sort out. To give an example, 17 sites have been whittled down to just four. A further site seems to have been sampled by a different fisheries' trust at a different time. In this commentary, I'm not even addressing the issue of sample sizes. I'll save that for another time.

What has caught my attention now is one sampling site that was netted in 2007 and caught 13 fish and again in 2009 but this time just two fish were caught. The lice count for these 15 fish are shown in the following table:



The two lowest counts were from the fish caught in 2009, the others were caught in 2007. What is clear that there are some really high lice counts at this

sampling site. Why the site was never revisited after 2009 should become clear as I explain the location. First, I would like to refer to an article in Trout & Salmon magazine written by Andrew Graham Stewart of STA/STC/WFC in an article entitled 'Why Dr Jaffa is so wrong'.

In the article, he relates how catches of sea trout in Loch Hope remain healthy despite the presence of two salmon farms in adjacent Loch Eriboll. He says that the fish from the Hope System do not come into contact with the farms and swim straight out of the river into the open Atlantic where they survive and mature without encountering damaging sea lice. This is because the River Hope emerges into Loch Hope near its mouth and thus close to the sea. The Hope fishery district, which Mr Graham Stewart describes, is on Scotland's north coast which other than the two farms in Loch Eriboll is devoid of salmon farming.

Heading eastward away from Loch Hope, the next fishery district is Kinloch which includes the Grade 1 river Borgie. Continuing eastward, the next fishery district is the Naver fishery district including the Grade 1 river Naver. Next to the Naver is the Strathy with the Strathy river which is Grade 3, probably because of its small size and limited ability to produce juveniles. The next fishery district is the Halladale including the Grade 1 river Halladale.

The river Halladale had a catch last year of 451 salmon and 26 sea trout. Other catches from these rivers included 911 salmon and 129 sea trout from the Naver and 67 salmon and 744 sea trout from the Hope. The other significant fishery district on the north coast is the Grudie which is to the west of the salmon farms of Loch Eriboll. The river Dionard in the Grudie fishery district produced 152 salmon and 244 sea trout. Finally, to complete the picture of the north coast, the Thurso, a Grade 1 river located near the town of the same name, in the east produced 633 salmon. In 2021, these fishery districts saw 131 salmon and grilse and 32 sea trout retained by anglers. The north coast is considered to offer some of the best salmon fishing there is.

An estimate of the distance between Loch Eriboll and its salmon farms and for example, the Halladale River is about 45 km as the crow flies. The reason for mentioning the Halladale is that this is the location of the sampling site I referred to above. I have tried to check that the Halladale site is the river Halladale but am still waiting for a reply, However, there is no other location with this name so I believe that I can assume that this is the correct location.

The big question is why are there such high lice counts on fish caught from the mouth of this Grade 1 river that is located many miles from a salmon farm? The answer is probably that it is simply due to natural infestation. The likelihood is that these fish are not representative of the actual fish population, which is why so few were caught, especially the one that are free of lice.

The sea lice sampling programme focusses on the areas around salmon farms and of course, fish with lice are found. However, the programme is not

extended to areas without salmon farms for comparison and so it is unclear whether the lice infestations listed in the spreadsheet are natural or due to the presence of farming. There is at least one scientific paper that has compared lice counts from Scotland's east and west coasts. This is from 1997 and needless to say the researchers found high lice counts in the east. The researchers were from SOAEFD, a previous incarnation of Marine Scotland Science.

It is unclear why the Halladale data was included in the Marine Scotland Science dataset, but the few fish sampled there show that the narrative against salmon farming is clearly being somewhat selective.

Note: In the graph of sea lice counts from sites increasingly distant from a salmon farm which appears later in this commentary, the site of furthest distance is the Dionard, which also is shown to have high lice counts.

Where's the catch: STV News have reported that the salmon season has been celebrated as anglers catch plenty of whoppers. Salmon weighing up to 28lb have been landed from the Cargill beat on the river Tay. It has been estimated that more than 5,500 salmon were caught from the river this year. This compares with 4,505 landed last year.

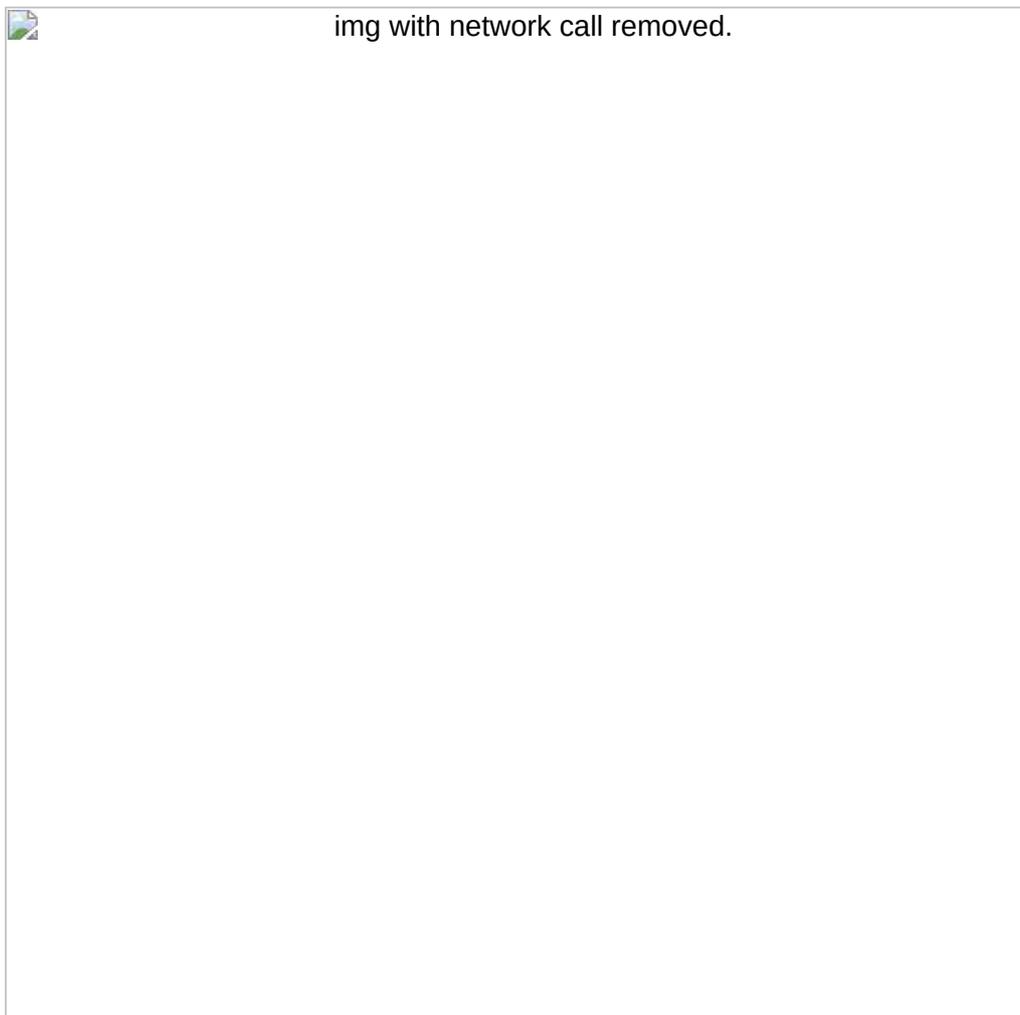
This year has been the first year without restrictions on travel and hospitality since the Covid pandemic and according to STV, anglers and guests have returned in high numbers. It could therefore be that the improvement in catches is due to increased fishing effort rather than any resurgence in salmon numbers.

Whilst STV News have been advised on catch numbers well before the end of October, we must wait until around April 2023 before the official catch statistics are published. In these times of immediate news, why the reporting of angling catches remains firmly rooted in the Dark Ages continues to be a mystery? Surely, river proprietors must be capable of reporting catches once a week, if not daily. After all, for most proprietors this is a business, and it is now time that they treat it as such. How can catches be assessed if we could be waiting over eighteen months before the official data is made available?

Regular readers may remember that I have already fought one long battle with Marine Scotland Science over the reporting of catch data. They wanted to reduce the number of reporting areas by approximately half, in order to protect the privacy of river proprietors. They argued that it is possible to calculate the proprietors' earnings from the number of salmon caught and thus data needed to be consolidated into fewer reporting areas. I argued in response, that if fishery districts were being merged into fewer reporting areas, how could the status of salmon be assessed. Fortunately, the Information Commissioner agreed with me so Marine Scotland Science were forced to revert to reporting catches from all 109 fishery districts.

Whilst catches from 109 fishery districts is preferred to fifty or so larger reporting areas, it would be much more useful to obtain catches from individual rivers rather than the wider fishery districts. It has always been made clear to me that such information is not available due to the protection of the private interests of the river proprietors, so I have never sought to obtain such detailed catch data.

Since 2016, the Scottish Government has been assessing the conservation status of initially just the fishery districts but now of another seventy river systems. Some fishery districts have been broken down into separate areas of assessment, which generally means separate rivers. As part of the conservation assessment, it is first important to know how many fish have been caught as this provides an estimate of the total stocks. As part of this process, MSS publish details of how the final grade has been calculated. This includes publication of the catch data for the most recent five years. One example of this is the River Ba from the Baa fishery district on the Isle of Mull.



The river Ba is a grade one river, whilst the three other rivers in the Baa fishery district, are all Grade 3. Even though the river is in the heart of the salmon farming area, the black bars clearly show that salmon are being caught and killed for sport. More importantly they are being caught and killed relatively near one of the highest risk protection areas established by SEPA for the risk-assessed framework. How can such fish be considered at risk yet killed for sport?

However, the relevant aspect of these graphs is that Marine Scotland Science has published the catch data from specific rivers. In doing so they have established a precedent because they clearly have not considered the private interests of river proprietors. If they can publish catch data for the river Ba (and many other rivers too) for the last five years, then surely, older data should be published too, especially as it has less relevance to current proprietor incomes.

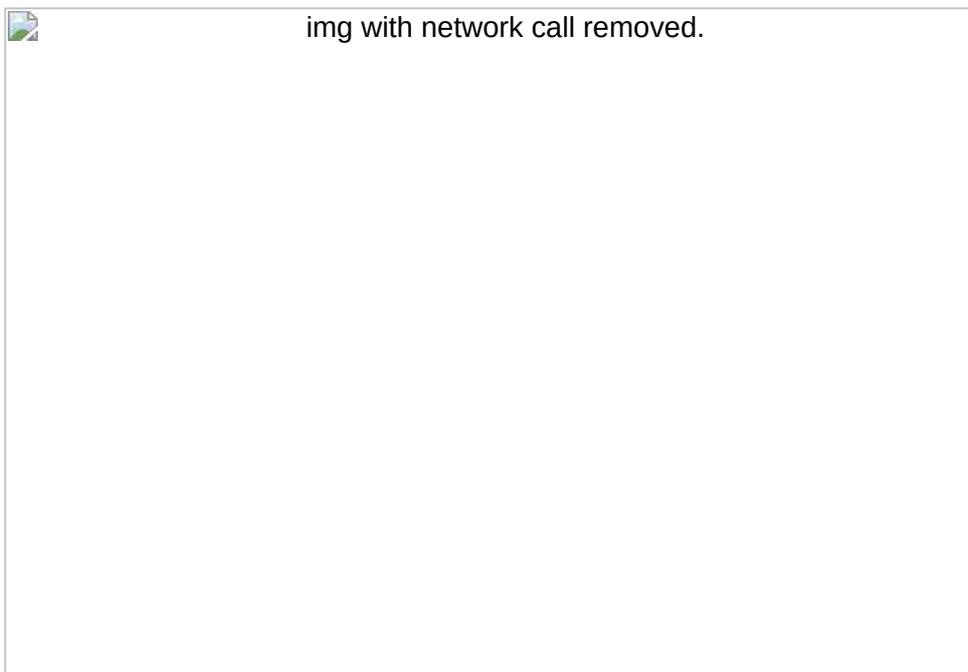
In my opinion, the time has come to publish catch data for every river in Scotland. If wild salmon are in so much trouble, we need to see this reflected in catches. In the large rivers, I would like to see beat data published, but I recognise that this is a hope too far.

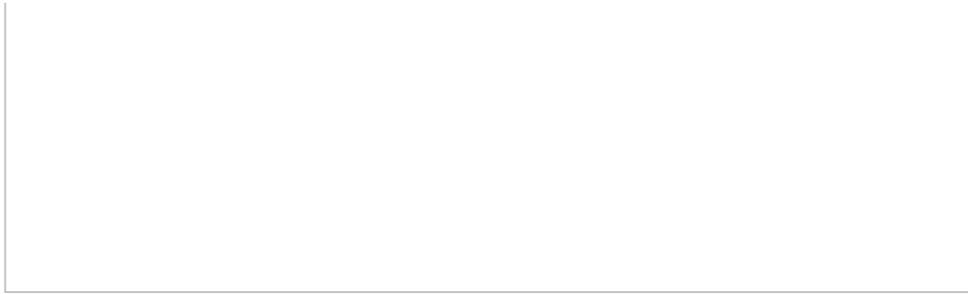
I have initiated a discussion about river catch data with Marine Scotland Science and should there be no accommodation of my request, I will revert the matter back to the Information Commissioner. After all, data cannot be published on the Scottish Government website for them to then claim it is private.

If the wild fish sector is so passionate about saving wild salmon, they will readily endorse this request for more detailed data to be published so we can really see what is happening to salmon in Scotland's rivers.

Risk framework: The debate over the Risk Assessment Framework continues, especially in relation to the use of sentinel cages. The level of risk has been assessed from Norwegian sentinel cage data but in ensuing discussions, I was sent a MSS paper which measured sea lice levels in sentinel cages placed in Loch Torridon.

The paper includes the following visual:





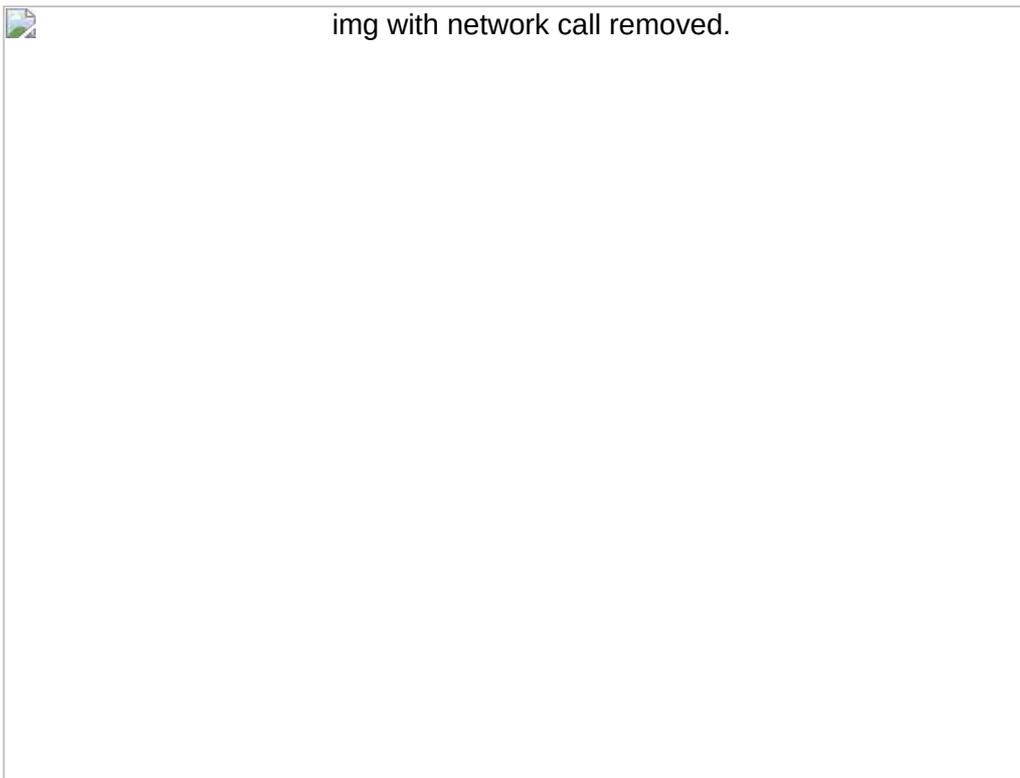
The first aspect of this illustration that caught my attention was that the main current flow is in the direction of the head of Loch Shieldaig and the River Shieldaig. I cannot see where the flow then goes. It might head up the other side of the loch but then will hit the flow across the loch and effectively be directed in never ending circles. It appears that there is a paper about the flows in this loch system which suggest that the above view of current flow is extremely simplistic.

The second point relates to the location to the farms and the three sentinel cages. A paper by Middlemas and others from MSS, although clouded by the language used, suggests that wild fish sampled near to salmon farms will have a higher lice burden and this tails away with increasing distance from the farm. The fish in cage 1 would therefore be expected to have higher lice levels, followed by cage 2 and then cage 3. In fact, this work shows the opposite to be true with cage 3 showing the highest (two) lice levels. This does not make sense. These two papers, from MSS, appear to contradict each other.

I would mention that whilst I didn't have access to the data used by Middlemas, I did have data for the years 2011 to 2015 from the same source. I placed the lice levels recorded in order of distance from the farm ranging from 2 km to over 50km. I have had great difficulty in seeing any pattern in the results as illustrated:



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Mortality: Salmon Farm industry critics have always stated that if the mortality rates of salmon (coldblooded animals) were repeated in traditional agriculture such as with pigs and chickens, then there would be a massive public outcry.

This month, several articles have appeared concerning animal mortality within traditional agriculture. The Guardian reported that scientists are rushing to create a vaccine to hit the world's biggest disease outbreak. Since 2018, over 100 million pigs have succumbed to African Swine Fever, including in parts of Europe. Yet this is a disease that has failed to arouse the public's awareness.

This week, the Times headlined the devastating pandemic that's flown under the radar. This is bird flu. Already some 3.5 million chickens, ducks and turkeys have been destroyed in the UK with 48 million across Europe. This is not forgetting the millions of wild birds that have succumbed and hardly a murmur from the public.

Also in the Times, columnist and TV personality Jeremy Clarkson has written that our beautiful birds are falling from the skies and 'nobody seems to care'. He points out that the problem is most acute in Scotland where thousands upon thousands of terns, gannets and guillemots have died. And yet, there is no public outcry that the salmon farm critics suggest there would be.

These ill-informed individuals appear to suggest that salmon farmers don't care and just accept the mortality as long as they are making money. Nothing could be further from the truth. Sadly, as I have pointed out many times, these so-called social media experts try to find anyway to criticise salmon farming, but when offered the opportunity to talk face to face and substantiate their claims, they run a mile.

It is only in recent years that mortality has become an issue, this is because the angling fraternity, having failed to persuade consumers to stop eating farmed salmon, opted to highlight mortality in the hope of raising concerns from the public that way. It is interesting that Wild Fish Conservation have resorted to trying to deter consumers from eating farmed salmon again, because their campaign to highlight mortalities has failed too.

This week, critic Donald Staniford continued to highlight mortality by pointing out that SEPA have failed to update the Scotland Aquaculture website since December 2021. The salmon farm industry also publishes mortalities, so he is not without a source of data. What interests me more is that SEPA have been appointed to administer the risk assessment framework. How is this going to work out for the industry if they can't even publish mortality data on a monthly

basis?

Beyond disgust: It must be extremely difficult living in Alexandra Morton's world where everything seems to be black or white. She has equated the decline of wild salmon numbers with the presence of salmon farms. No matter that salmon stocks in areas where there are no salmon farms are also in decline. No matter that other factors can be correlated with the declines. It is salmon farms that are responsible, even though data about sea lice collected by her own research station tells a very different story. In her world, there is no point discussing the issues with anyone else because it is clear salmon farms are to blame. A former Fisheries Minister appears to have bought into Alexandra Morton's world, which made her extremely happy.

Now the current fisheries minister has been out to see for herself what is going on and taken the opportunity to talk to industry people especially those from the first Nations. She has decided that the Government need to work with the industry to explore the transition that Alexandra Morton demands.

In response, Alexandra Morton has written that she is beyond disgusted. She says that the Federal Liberals have decided to betray the BC Coast and have bowed to the wishes of Norwegian based salmon farm companies. She adds that the Minister has now turned and is going to work with the industry to make sure that salmon farms remain on the coast. Ms Morton claims that this will ensure that pathogens will continue to be poured over precious wild salmon.

In the real world, it makes sense that everyone starts talking and working out the best way to safeguard wild fish, not to follow the advice of someone who refuses to talk to anyone except those who she believes are less knowledgeable than her.

Sadly, Ms Morton's approach is repeated across all the areas that salmon farming operates. In the UK, the wild fish interests remain firmly out of sight, refusing to talk to anyone who has a different view to theirs. Perhaps the time has come to learn something from the latest developments in Canada. Hopefully, if the Canadian Fisheries Minister is willing to have open and frank discussions, she will begin to realise that salmon farming is just a convenient scapegoat, and that the removal of salmon farms is not the solution to saving wild salmon.

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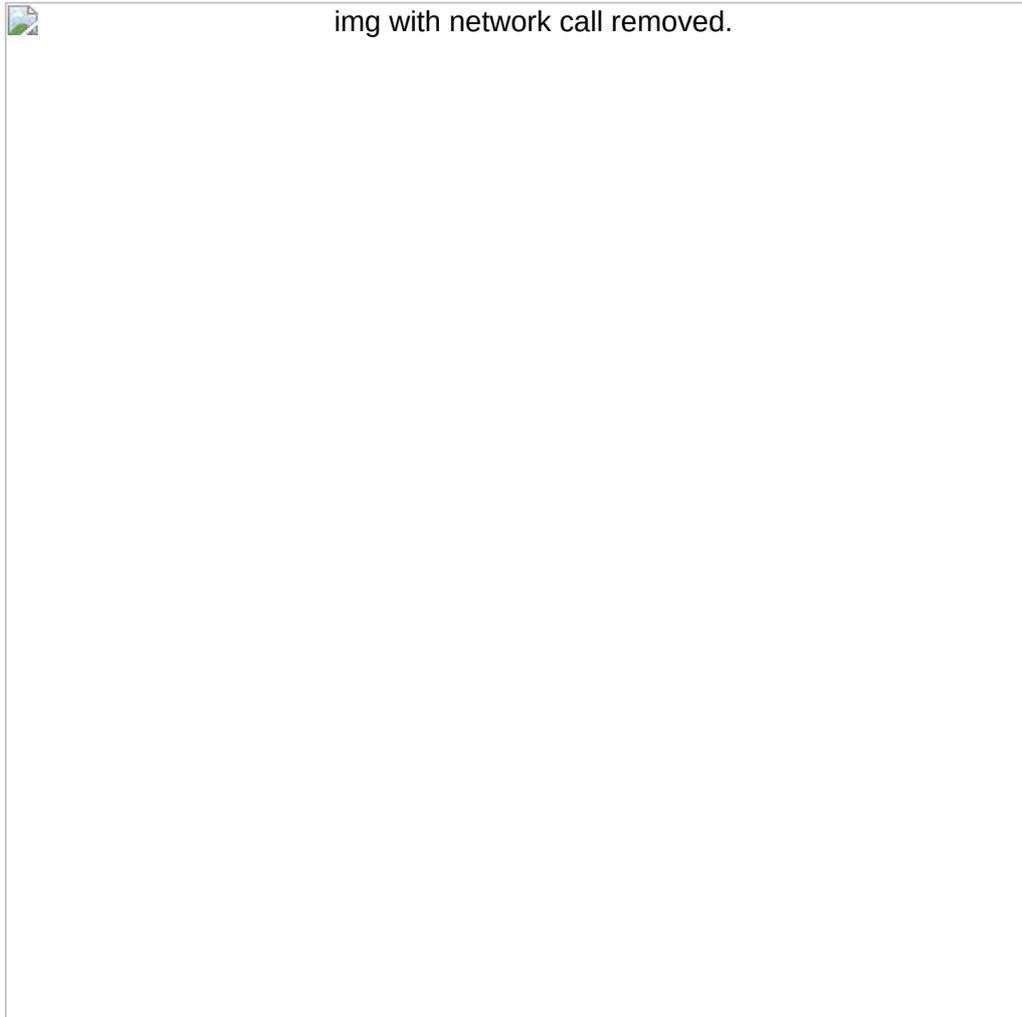
One-man protest: I was in Glasgow during the first week of COP 26 and encountered several demonstrations including two road blockages instigated by Extinction Rebellion. The police were out in force.



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By comparison, the police appear to have been absent from the protest about

the impacts of salmon farming. Not only were the police absent, but also any protestors were absent too. In fact, this was a one-man protest by long-time campaigner Don Staniford. I can assume that he was on his own as he had to resort to posting selfies of the occasion on Twitter.



Interestingly, Mr Staniford made a presentation at the Alchemy Experiment in Glasgow on Monday 8th. He has subsequently made no mention about it. Maybe no-one turned up to listen!

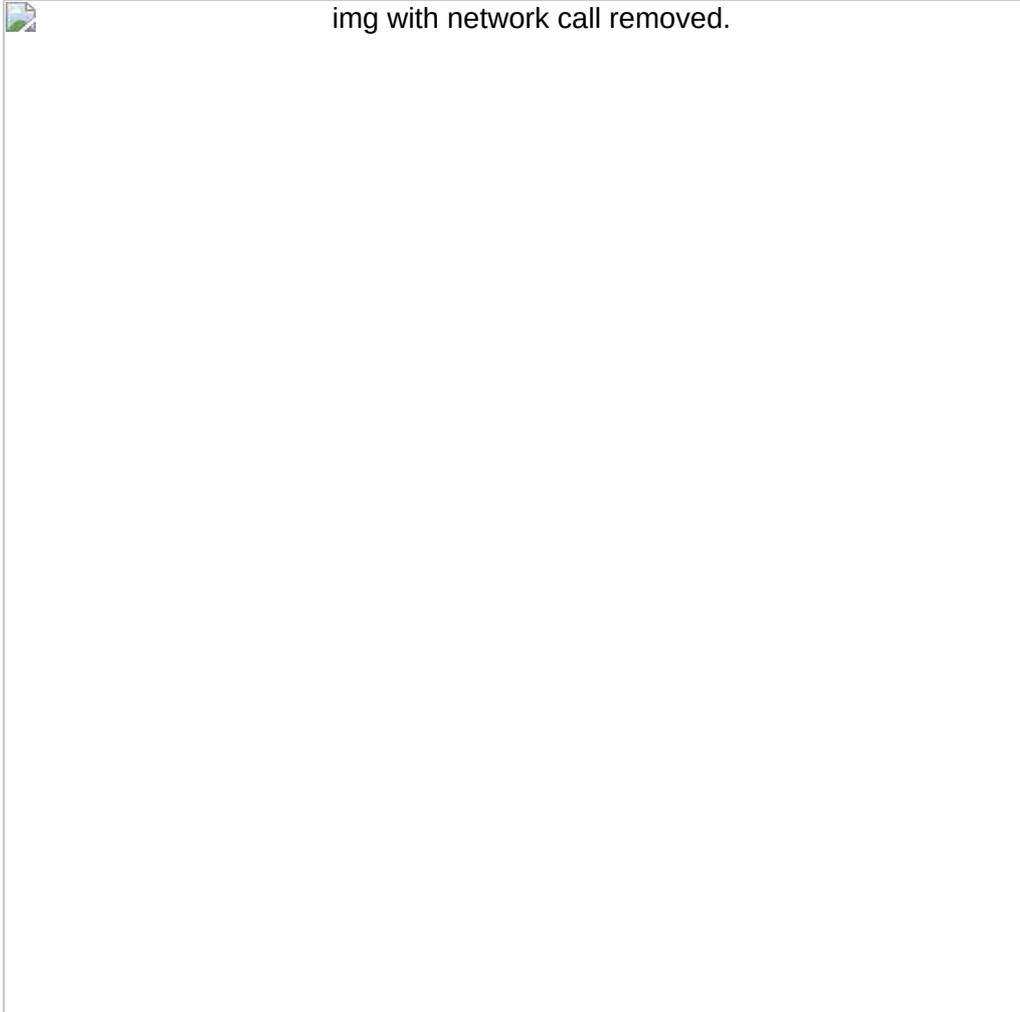
Glasgow was full of protestors, protesting over a range of issues. However, even though campaigners make out that salmon farming is one of the greatest environmental problems affecting our planet today, none seemed to think the issue of sufficient importance to travel to Glasgow to make their point known.

I have said this previously, that the vocal minority of anglers, NIMBY's and the very few environmentalists are just keyboard critics, whinging and moaning from behind the safety of their keyboard, lacking any ideas of their own and just retweeting or repeating someone else's views or if they have nothing else to say, attacking those who are prepared to stand up to their nonsense.

COP 26 was an ideal opportunity to have their views known. Instead, they relied on the extremely misinformed TV celebrity Chis Packham to make a point on BBC Radio Scotland. He said it was time for the industry to restructure and for employees to retrain to other roles. No doubt, they could retrain as a natural

history TV presenter like Mr Packham!

Missing Salmon: It's not just salmon that go missing, so it seems do tweets. On November 5th at approx. 4.45 pm the Missing Salmon Alliance tweeted the following:



A day or so later, the tweet was removed. I cannot think why?

I am repeatedly told that whilst Salmon & Trout Conservation are perceived to represent the extreme views on salmon farming, I am regularly informed that the rest of the wild fish sector are moderates recognising that salmon farming is just one of a range of pressures impacting wild fish. I have never been convinced. My opinion is that the majority of the wild fish sector are equally critical of the salmon farming but are just happy to let S&TC make the noise and take the flak. Now the Missing Salmon Alliance have come out openly stating that aquaculture development should be stopped, which seems to confirm my view. However, having posted their tweet, they clearly had a rethink and had it removed.

My opinion on the wild sector will only change when they are prepared to have an open debate rather than speaking only to those who are willing to agree with them or don't know enough about the issues to disagree.

When are the wild fish lobby going to accept that salmon farming is not the problem and focusing all effort towards addressing their concerns will only deflect attention away from the real reasons why salmon and sea trout are in such trouble?

Missing salmon 2: Fisheries Management Scotland are typically portrayed as one of the moderates of the wild fish sector. They certainly appear to be present at most discussions on the future of wild salmon including SIWG. Prior to COP 26, a news item on their website reported about children from a local school visiting the Clyde with the Minister and the sculptor Joseph Rosanno, who oversaw the salmon school installation. The news item included comments from participants including Dr Alan Wells, Chief Executive of Fisheries Management Scotland.

He said, "It was wonderful to welcome the Minister to this inspiring event. We need to redouble efforts to protect freshwater habitats, through addressing barriers to migration and providing shade from native trees. We need to improve water quantity and quality by tackling over-abstraction in our rivers, preventing pollution from sewage and agricultural run-off, and we need to reduce losses of salmon in our rivers, coastal waters, and the open ocean, through addressing the impacts of fish farming, predation, and by-catch in commercial fisheries. We look forward to working with the Scottish Government, through the wild salmon strategy to make this happen."

Yet again, salmon farming receives top billing as one of the pressures affecting wild fish in addition to predation and by-catch. However, whilst Dr Wells says that there is a need to reduce losses of salmon in our rivers and oceans, he fails to mention the one obvious reason why fish are lost is through exploitation. In 2020, (I won't know the data for 2021 until at least April 2022 because river proprietors seem unable to adopt a more up to date reporting system, although they expect salmon farmers to report their data at least weekly) the wild sector oversaw the deaths of 3018 wild salmon and a further 1565 wild sea trout, all of which were returning to rivers to breed. Perhaps, if Dr Wells wants to ensure the future of wild salmon and sea trout, he should first stop this unnecessary killing of fish for sport rather than pointing the finger at others.

Salmon School: The Missing Salmon Alliance and their associates have been tweeting photos of the Salmon School installation hanging above the dining/relaxation room at COP 26. The photos all seem to have one thing in common. No-one pictured is looking up at the installation. Equally, I have not seen any mention of it from anyone outside the wild fish sector.



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No doubt, the wild fish sector will claim the installation to be a great success, but I am not so sure. Firstly, it was supposed to hang above the area where interview took place, but it seems it was moved to a less impressive venue where it certainly was not seen by any of the world leaders or their retinues. Secondly, in the wider scheme of things, most of those attending COP 26 probably couldn't care less whether salmon anglers have fish to catch or not. There were many more issues of greater importance to address than the concerns of sports fisher people.

The installation did get coverage on BBC Radio Scotland but focussed more on how it was made rather than the issues they hope it would raise.

It will be interesting to hear the assessment of whether the installation was considered value for money in the fight to safeguard the future of wild salmon. Of course, the MSA have so far avoided mentioning how much they have spent on this venture. I suspect it is a lot more than anyone might guess. The question is whether the money could have been better spent on more research to find out what is happening to wild fish because I am not sure anyone really knows other than point the finger at other such as the salmon farming industry and predators.

Daily Record: The Daily Record asked 81-year-old retiring ghillie, George McInnes, what is causing the decline of wild salmon. He replied that on the

McInnes, what is causing the decline of wild salmon. He replied that on the west coast, it is undoubtedly salmon farms which produce huge numbers of sea lice which attach to juvenile salmon and literally eat them to death. Rivers in the east coast however are different because there are no salmon farms there. Instead, there are huge numbers of predators such as seals, cormorants, goosanders, and dolphins all of which eat large numbers of juvenile and adult salmon. Mr McInnes added that there used to be such a thing as restoring the balance of nature with culls, not total obliteration of some species when their numbers grew out of control. Something is also happening to salmon out at sea. The fish could be taken illegally or are suffering the effects of global warming, but the answer needs to be found soon before Atlantic salmon stocks become more endangered. The economy of the countryside depends on sports like angling and if there aren't enough salmon, then ghillies will lose their jobs as well as other jobs in hotels and local businesses that depend on stocks of salmon being restored to Scottish rivers.

For the last twenty-nine years, Mr McInnes has been head-ghillie on the River Tay's Ballathie beat. His retirement is not the newsworthy aspect of this story. What makes it newsworthy is that Mr McInnes reckons he has caught a staggering 20,000 salmon throughout his life. This huge number far exceeds that of Robert Pashey, known as the 'Wizard of the Wye' who was credited with catching 10,000 salmon between 1906 and 1951.

Mr McInnes best catch of the day was 31 fish although it wasn't from a whole day's fishing as he had to pack up to go to work. His best weekly catch was 113. Mr McInnes reputation as an efficient angler meant that visiting anglers regularly invited him to fish with them. He was famous for hooking, playing and dispatching fish in the middle of the river stringing them on a rope tied around him so he didn't waste fishing time going to the bank to land them.

The Daily Record wrote that George McInnes is retiring as salmon catches on the Tay have fallen off a cliff.

Doesn't it seem odd that there is no mention that this excessive slaughter of fish might have something to do with the fact that salmon numbers have 'fallen off a cliff'. It is not just Mr McInnes, but all anglers who have contributed to removal of around 5.9 million wild fish from the rivers around Scotland. Its not surprising that they now wonder why there are no fish left. Its so much easier to blame the salmon farms, the seals, and the goosanders.

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Such a loss. Huge love to all his family x

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Joe Crowley @joe_crowley · May 21, 2019

Filming last night so still haven't seen the #GoT finale OR the @BBCPanorama on Scottish salmon farming. No spoilers please... although I think I've guessed the ending... farmed salmon isn't as sustainable as the industry says?!

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Joe Crowley @joe_crowley · May 21, 2019

Imagine saving someone's life in their hour of need. @AnthonyNolan matches stem cell donors with those who have blood cancer and YOU could



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And still they keep dying. Vast numbers of mortalities on Scottish salmon farms this year. More in the 9months to September than in all of last year. Like two years ago, this is a bumper crop of death & disease. 2019 on course to be the worst on record... Christmas salmon anyone?



Don Staniford @TheGAAIA · Dec 12, 2019

Mowi head list of mortalities according to new data @marinescotland In Scotland, over 1.2 million morts in Oct (up from 449,000 in Sept; 236,000 in Aug & 120,000 in July) with 5 million + in 2019 tinyurl.com/wxd7ymb @MowiScotlandLtd @scotseafarms @salmon_scottish @APHAgovuk

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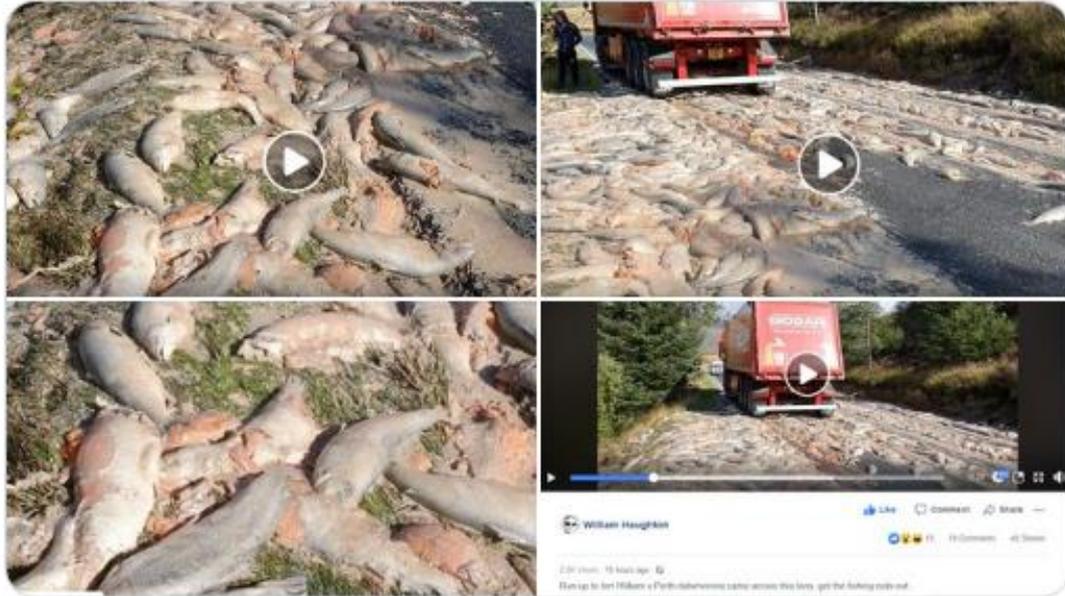


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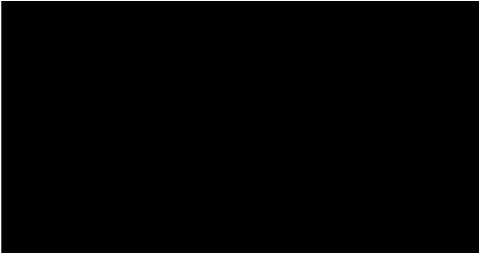
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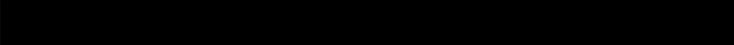
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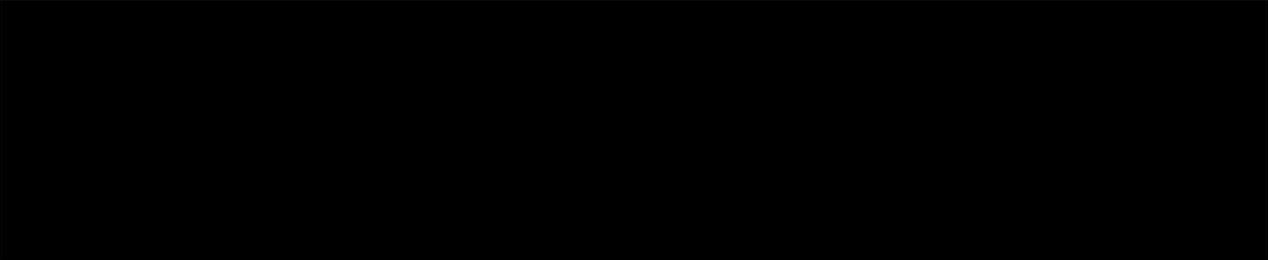


Sunday 6 December 2020 : BBC *Countryfile* programme

Annex 1



The One Show 11/12/2017 – “The Dead Salmon Run” – Part 1: Segment on sector mortalities and the disposal of those fish



Salmon-farming critic Don Staniford was interviewed. He said “there’d be a public outcry if a quarter of chickens, cows or sheep were dying every year .. the scale of mortalities in Scottish salmon farming is huge.”



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by Dr Martin Jaffa

No 1058

29th January 2022

Not what you think!: National Geographic magazine has continued its crusade against salmon farming with another article titled – ‘When you might not be getting the fish you thought you’d paid for’. The premise of the article is that US consumers are being defrauded by being served cheaper inferior farmed salmon when they expected to receive superior wild Pacific salmon. However, the fraud doesn’t stop at restaurants as such deception occurs at the fish counter too.

The article refers to an investigation conducted by Oceana back in 2015 in which they supposedly found 70% of 82 samples were actually farmed raised salmon rather than the advertised wild caught Pacific salmon. I say supposedly because as I wrote at the time, Oceana did not provide any examples of such deception. As I argued at the time, if they found examples of fraud, why not highlight the perpetrators as nothing would change if those engaged in any deception simply got away with it. Of course, Oceana never provided even one example of their alleged fraud.

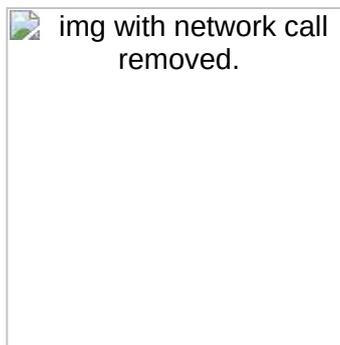
Despite any examples, National Geographic state that many environmentally conscious seafood lovers avoid the pitfalls of farmed salmon (kindly supplied by UK campaigner Don Staniford) by buying wild caught species such as sockeye. However, these fish are significantly more expensive – often twice the cost – tempting unscrupulous seafood sellers to substitute cheaper farmed fillets for a bigger pay day. They say that a 2018 investigation in New York found 30% of sockeye samples were farmed raised Atlantic salmon.

The article says that consumers are not the only losers as seafood fraud expert Robert Hanner from the university of Guelph who said that one of the things

that p**ses me off about fraud is sellers are stealing the market share from legit producers.

Hanner is now testing a new technique using stable isotope analysis that can trace the fish to the body of water from which it was caught. Hanner and his team invited National Geographic to carry out a first test of this new technique using random samples of sockeye bought from the marketplace. They bought 21 samples of mostly sockeye salmon from more than a dozen grocery stores including some that were found in 2018 to have allegedly mislabelled their fish. Other samples were supplied by a sustainable seafood supplier from BC, confusingly named Organic Ocean Seafood Inc.

Not surprisingly, all the samples supplied by OOS were found to be what they were supposed to be. Of the 21 samples supplied by National Geographic, 12 were inconclusive which was blamed on spoilage during hold ups at Canadian customs. The other nine, five labelled as sockeye were sockeye. Two labelled as Chinook salmon were chinook. One sample, labelled generically as 'salmon', were cheap chum salmon, whilst a box of salmon burgers advertised as Alaskan wild caught were made from pink salmon. Perhaps in the case of the burgers, National Geographic should have looked at the further information provided on the back of the pack. 'Trident' salmon burgers (which are available in the UK) clearly state that they are made from pink and/or Keta (chum) salmon.



So, this analysis has shown that all the samples were identified as labelled with not one example of deception.

In my experience, what some might describe as fraud is simply the result of poor knowledge rather than specific attempts to mislead. Equally, I suspect that people who are willing to pay more for wild caught salmon are aware of the huge difference in taste and texture of Pacific species compared to Atlantic salmon. These are not some bland white fish which might be difficult to differentiate. These are very different fish altogether and even visually easy to tell apart.

I would suggest that these tales of fraud are just another way of attacking the salmon farming industry for producing a value for money, tasty fish offering that is an ideal everyday meal choice, by those who see their market threatened.

Wild fish 2: The last issue of reLAKSation included the first part of my thoughts on Scotland's new wild salmon strategy. The strategy certainly merits further consideration, which I will tackle here:

The wild fish sector has always argued that the most urgent action should be taken against those pressures on wild salmon that can be most easily addressed. Their primary target has always been the salmon farming industry despite its limited geographic influence and the small size of the local wild salmon stock. Pressures such as dams and predators are considered too difficult to resolve by the sector however the one main pressure that can be immediately reduced is exploitation and this hardly merits much consideration by the strategy. This is not surprising since continued exploitation is at the heart of the wild sector's interests.

The relevant section in the strategy is headed 'Managing exploitation through effective regulation, deterrents and enforcement'. However, the emphasis is on illegal activity rather than more stringent control of legal exploitation. This 'fisheries' strategy justifies the continuation of angling by suggesting that anglers are the eyes and ears reporting illegal activity and pollution incidents. This ignores the fact that most illegal activity occurs at night long after the anglers have departed. In addition, the strategy says that anglers actively work with other to improve habitats and protect the aquatic environment. Yet this strategy clearly highlights that salmon stocks are in crisis, and this crisis has occurred under the angler's watch.

The strategy states that actions already taken relevant to exploitation includes the of sale of rod caught salmon, which was more about message than any actual protection; a ban on coastal netting, which ignored the same heritable fishing rights that have been highlighted as an essential part of rural economy in relation to rod fishing; and changes to close times to protect spring fish through mandatory catch and release, as well as the introduction of conservation limits as already discussed. Finally, the strategy refers to a high level of catch and release.

Yet, the reality is that none of these measures has halted the decline in returning salmon numbers. They are simply a matter of tinkering around the subject rather than addressing the fundamental issue of falling numbers of returning salmon and the inevitable collapse of the spawning stock.

The ideal scenario, following the example established with net fisheries, would be a total ban on rod fishing, but this would likely be considered politically unpopular. One option would be to standardise the fishing season, as currently, every river has a different opening and closing time some of which run from January to October. The differences in each river season are apparent from recent news stories concerning the opening of rivers such as the Helmsdale and the Tay to fishing on Jan 11th and Jan 15th respectively. The river Stinchar doesn't open until February 25th whilst the Cree only opens on the

March 1st.

Given the precarious position of spring salmon, it would make sense to start the fishing season towards the end of April through until the end of September. This would effectively reduce the exploitation of threatened salmon by limiting the time that fishing pressure is exerted. Currently, the River Tay season runs from 15th January to 15th October, leaving little time for uninterrupted breeding and recovery.

Given that a strategy is now required to protect salmon following demands from the wild fish lobby for salmon to be made a national priority, more stringent measures may be needed. Norway and Ireland have adopted measures to close rivers to fishing completely. The Irish Government recently announced that 66 rivers in Ireland will be closed to fishing during 2022. In addition, 36 will be catch and release only whilst 45 will be fully open. These three categories would equate to the three river gradings in Scotland meaning that Grade 3 rivers should be completely closed to fishing, following the Irish example.

The strategy document highlights that salmon mortality can occur thorough catch and release fishing and this is exacerbated by high temperatures. Whilst MSS is promoting tree planting to avoid some of the excessive water temperatures now experienced in Scotland, there appears to be no consideration of river closures during periods of high temperature.

MSS had commissioned a study of catch and release related mortality by a PhD student. The three-year study finished some time ago, yet no results have been published and no mention of the study is made in this strategy. Estimates elsewhere suggest mortality of around 14% in other countries but the range can be large. Mortality can be further exacerbated by the handling of the fish after catching. Despite published recommendations on fish handling, many anglers appear to ignore the advice as illustrated by the many pictures posted on social media, often repeated by the Salmon Fishery Boards, who should know better. However, whilst pictures of captured fish may appear to be a record of the celebration of an angler's catch, they also represent a sales pitch by the proprietors that says: 'see the fish caught from our fishery'.

As there is a clear risk of mortality with catch and release, it should be mandatory that all anglers fishing for salmon should attend a fish handling course. This could be integrated into a salmon fishing licence, which would also help pay towards conservation efforts. Anglers have resisted a licence for years, but licences help police the fisheries stocks that still exist in Scottish rivers.

The strategy trumpets the move towards voluntary catch and release as a conservation measure, but the reality is that the evidence does not support that catch and release is a successful conservation measure. The River Dee has been only catch and release for twenty years and has not shown any signs of recovery during this time

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The strategy also discusses international cooperation including with the North Atlantic Conservation Organisation (NASCO) who devise regulatory measures in distant water fisheries such as at West Greenland and Faroe Islands. However, both the strategy and NASCO appear to ignore widespread exploitation closer to home.

The European Commission's agency EUFOMA (European Market Observatory for Fisheries & Aquaculture) monitors volumes, values and prices of the fisheries catch including wild Atlantic salmon. In common with data from most large agencies, there is a time lag, so their latest dataset only goes up to 2018 but it makes surprising reading. For the ten years up to 2018, an average 24,000 tonnes of Atlantic salmon have been caught and killed. If the average weight of the fish was 4.5kg, then over these ten years, nearly 5.5 million wild salmon have been exploited. Yet, whilst, the current exploitation is the lowest seen, neither NASCO nor ICES appear to suggest that this exploitation be curtailed in order to protect the species.



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The most glaring omission from the strategy is consideration of stocking. This has already been dismissed by MSS as ineffective, but this might reflect the actual methods adopted. The River Carron Conservation Project has been an overwhelming success but is ignored by MSS because they claim that the river would have recovered naturally after a major spate event. The fact, that wild stocks are in significant decline across Scotland seems to have escaped their consideration. Equally, MSS claim that salmon farming has an impact on wild salmon and the River Carron is next to a major aquaculture hub, their claim that the river will recover naturally seems rather hollow. The fact that the river has recovered despite the presence of local salmon farms, would rather undermine such claims. In addition, the wild fish sector argues against stocking because of claims that the fish have been domesticated even though there is no evidence to support their view. The concept of stocking is also associated with farming and thus considered undesirable because fish raised in hatcheries are considered weak and inferior as they are not truly wild. Clearly, if stocks are low and the existing breeding stock is not providing sufficient fish to maintain a population, then the stock should be boosted by stocking. If more fish can migrate away from rivers, then the greater chance that more will return.

Interestingly, at the beginning of the month Fisheries Management Scotland posted a link to a review of stocking written by Kyle A Young, who seems to be the main driver of the argument against stocking. He sums up his view. The scientific evidence is clear: stocking is punitive not mitigative. However, it's quite likely that Kyle Young hasn't seen the River Carron catch returns.

The strategy highlights the value of salmon fishing to Scotland but if the number of returning fish continues to decline, then there will be no fisheries left. The strategy appears to have no real solutions as to how to improve the situation except to allow the status quo to continue as far as rod catch exploitation is

except to allow the status quo to continue as far as your current exploration is concerned. I certainly didn't expect any different.

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Date: 25 January 2018 at 17:07:30 GMT
To: <neil@shetnews.co.uk>, <hans@shetnews.co.uk>

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Tune into "[Good Evening Shetland](#)" tonight from 5.30pm on BBC Radio for more details - and read tomorrow's Shetland Times.

See below for a letter to the SSPO calling for Cooke Aquaculture to be expelled from the SSPO.....

From: Don Staniford [<mailto:salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com>]
Sent: 25 January 2018 17:05
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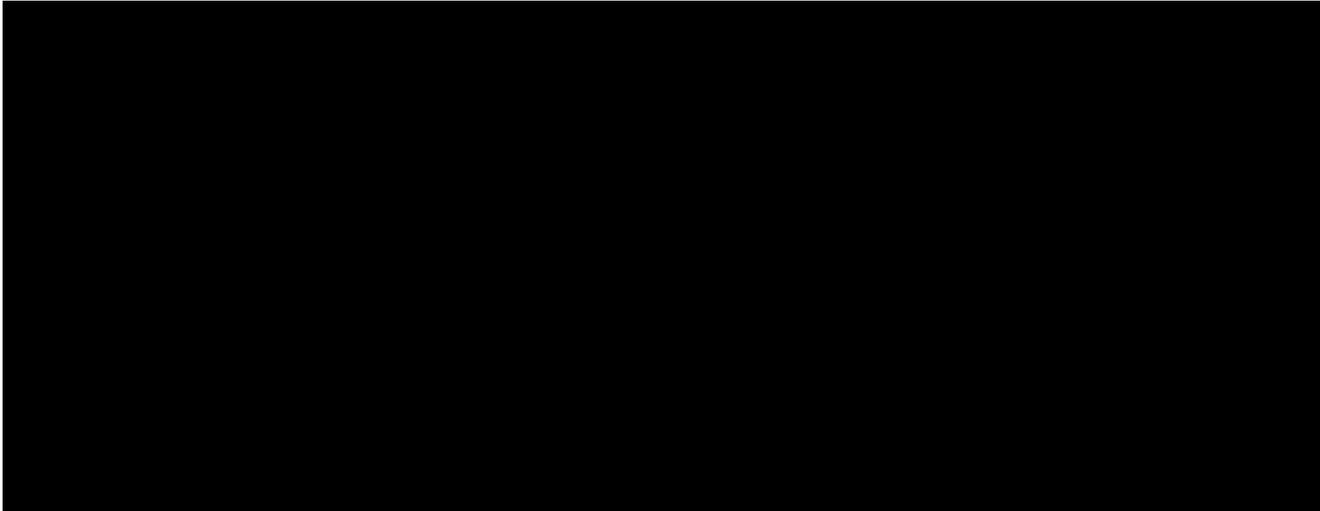
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On 25 Jan 2018, at 22:10, [redacted]@cookeaqu.com> wrote:

Hello [redacted]

Yes, he's certainly upping the ante. Unfortunately, It sounds like he has access to a disgruntled employee or, more likely, an ex employee!



On 25 Jan 2018, at 19:59, [redacted] wrote:



I see Don has been ramping it up on Radio Shetland tonight.



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Enviado el: jueves, 7 de mayo de 2020 14:55

Para: [REDACTED]@cookeaqu.com>

CC: [REDACTED]@cookeaqu.com>

Asunto: [REDACTED]

As you say [REDACTED] it is an authorised site but Staniford will look for a negative headline ! Arse !

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Hi [REDACTED]



Email from [REDACTED]

Don Staniford got in touch with me last night to say that EFTA had told him the export ban on Norwegian ova had been lifted.

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[Photo: Overflowing blood water and "raw effluent" from Cooke's processing plant into Mid Yell Voe](#)

["Poor" SEPA Assessment for "gross" breach at Cooke's Mid Yell processing plant - August 2017](#)

[SEPA action points to Cooke "to prevent the overflow discharging untreated effluent directly to Mid Yell Voe" - August 2017](#)

Best fishes,

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To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 28 Apr 2022 at 06:00 (UTC Z)
Subject: Re: Don Staniford

Nope, neither us or [REDACTED] have seen him yet anyhow. [REDACTED] were expecting him up in Shetland for some reason but don't know why.

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Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Subject: Re: Don Staniford

Morning Guys,
Any further news/information re Staniford?

[REDACTED]

On 27 Apr 2022, at 12:21, [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com> wrote:

Hello everyone,

Just a heads up that Don Staniford who is a huge activist against fish farming has arrived in Orkney this morning on the plane.

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he might well be here to try and catch us out.

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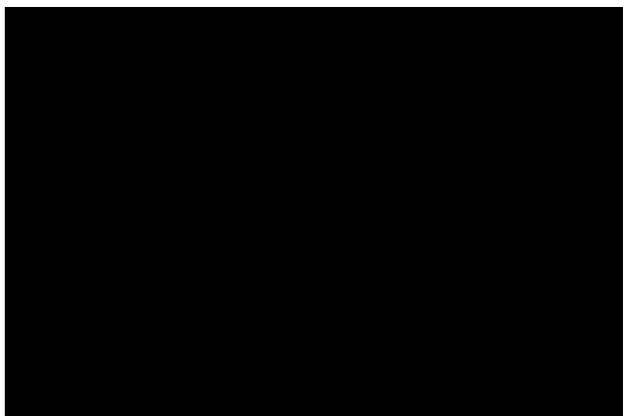
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Hi guys,

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He's seen Mr Staniford has been tweeting with Ms. Chattington (see attached).

Just a heads up we might be seeing him heading north at some point soon [REDACTED]

Thanks,





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The truth - "Organic" Scottish Farmed Salmon!

Why are Cooke Aquaculture Scot. surprised we don't want a 7th site on the shores of Papa Westray?

Potentially increasing the cumulative fish faeces and effluent in the local marine environment, equivalent to 116,952 people every day!



Don Staniford @TheGAAIA · 3h

Organic Scamon: here's what Cooke Aquaculture's salmon from Westray on Orkney look like (as inspected by @marinescotland in May)

@The_Orcadian @bbcorkney @OrkneyCouncil

Why does the @SoilAssociation certify salmon farms as 'organic'?

@SoilAssocScot @CookeScotland @cookeseafood



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Is there a map of Cooke's salmon farms on Orkney showing which ones are certified as 'organic' by the [@SoilAssociation](#) [@SoilAssocScot](#) ?


Don Staniford @TheGAAIA · 2h


"I think the reason a company like [@cookeseafood](#) with a chequered and dodgy environmental record comes here is because Tassal & [@huonaquaculture](#) have opened the doors," said [@Alitarctica](#) [@BobBrownFndn](#) [@7hofmhobart](#) "They've trashed the environment already"



Seal death outrage

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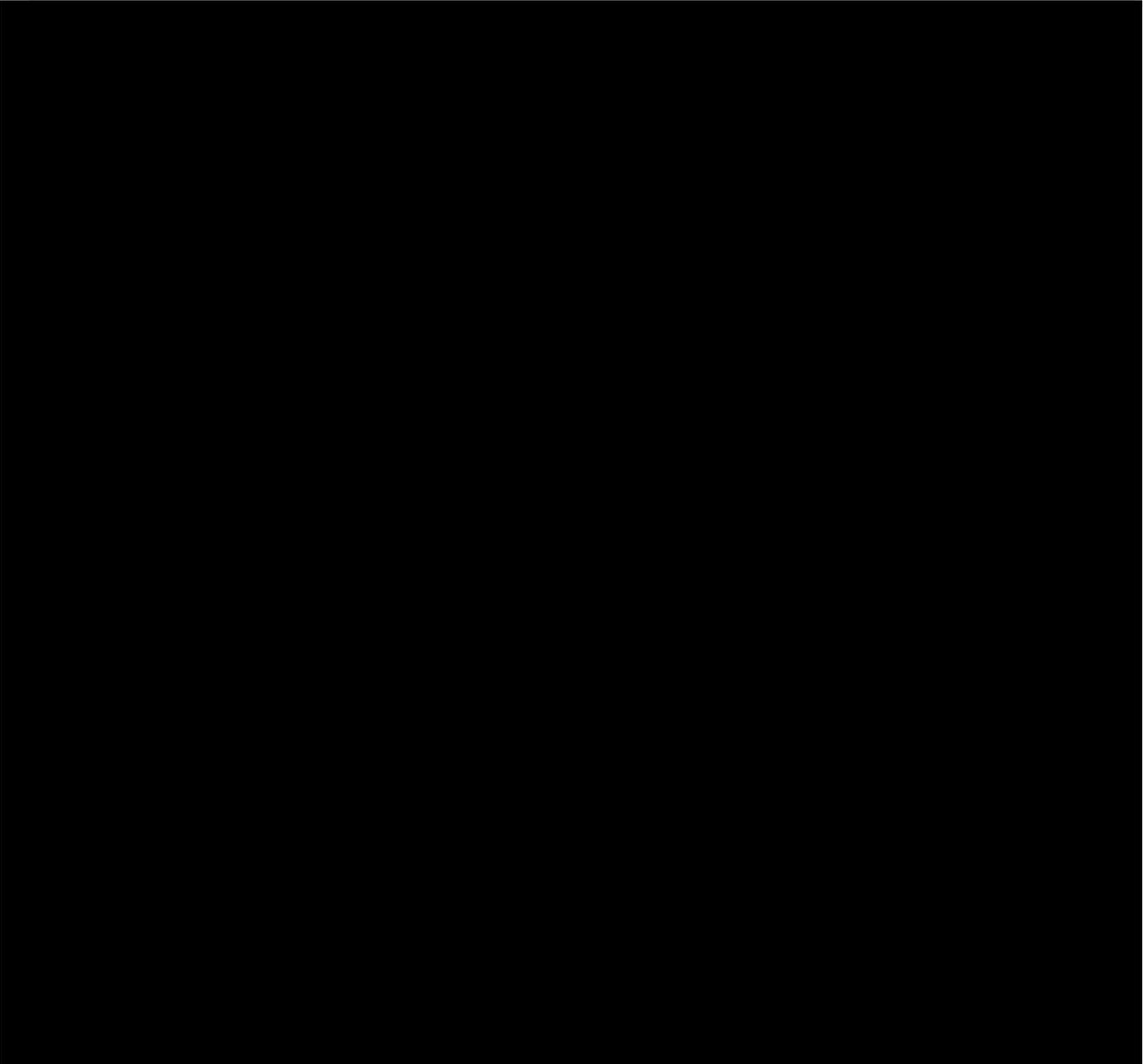
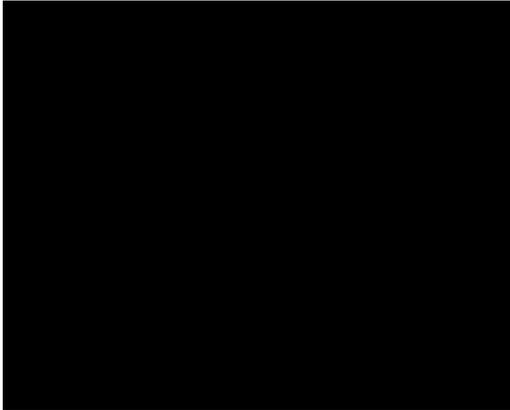
Don Staniford @TheGAAIA · 2h


"Today we have returned to Long Bay to stop more salmon from being pumped into Long Bay. We are here because the toxic salmon industry refuses to listen"

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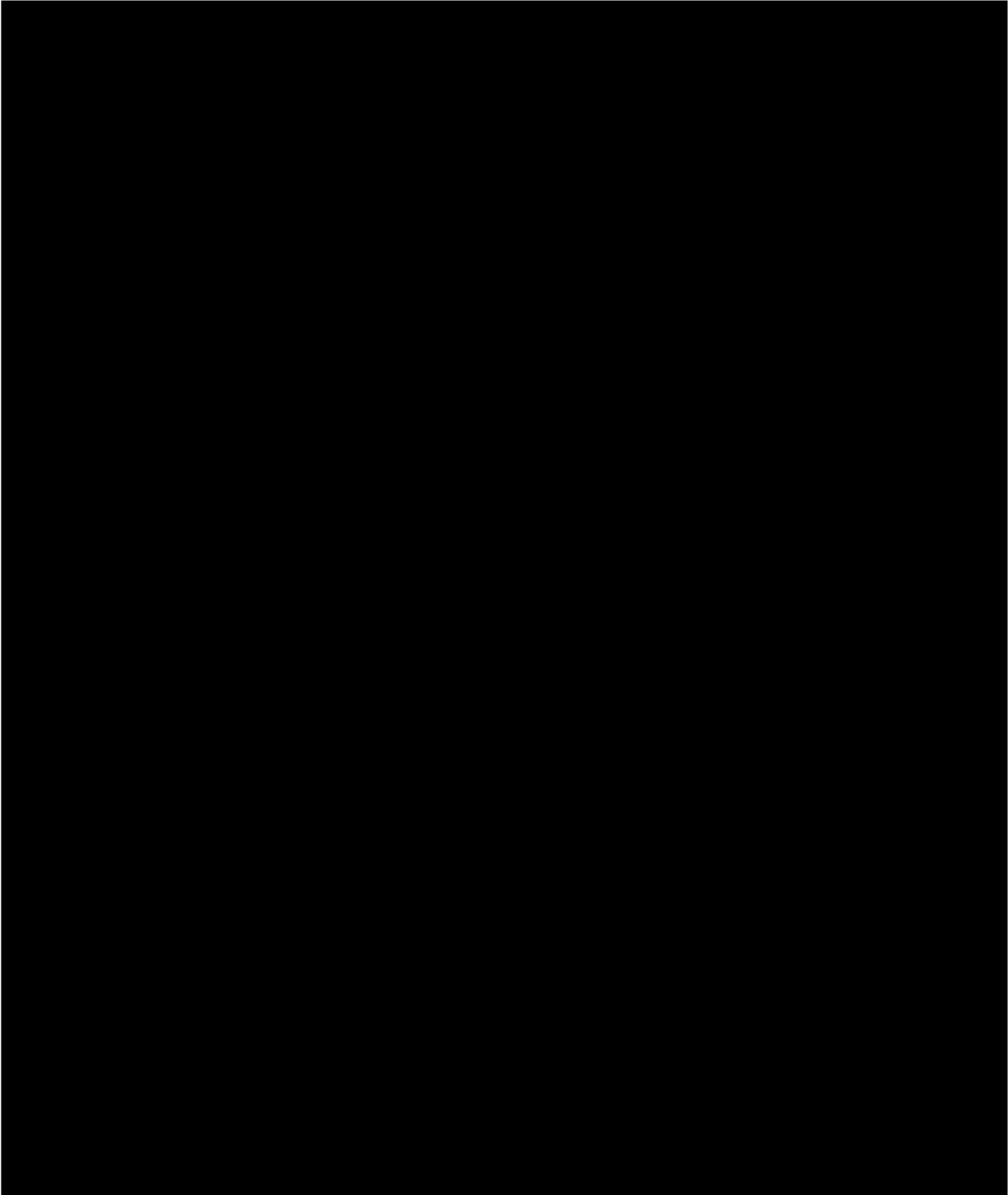
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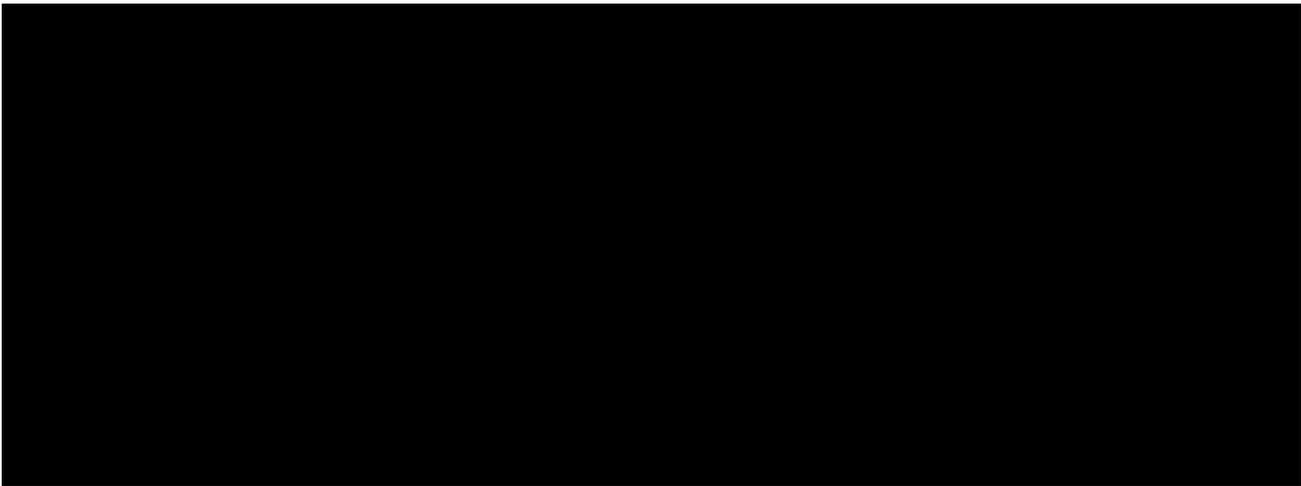




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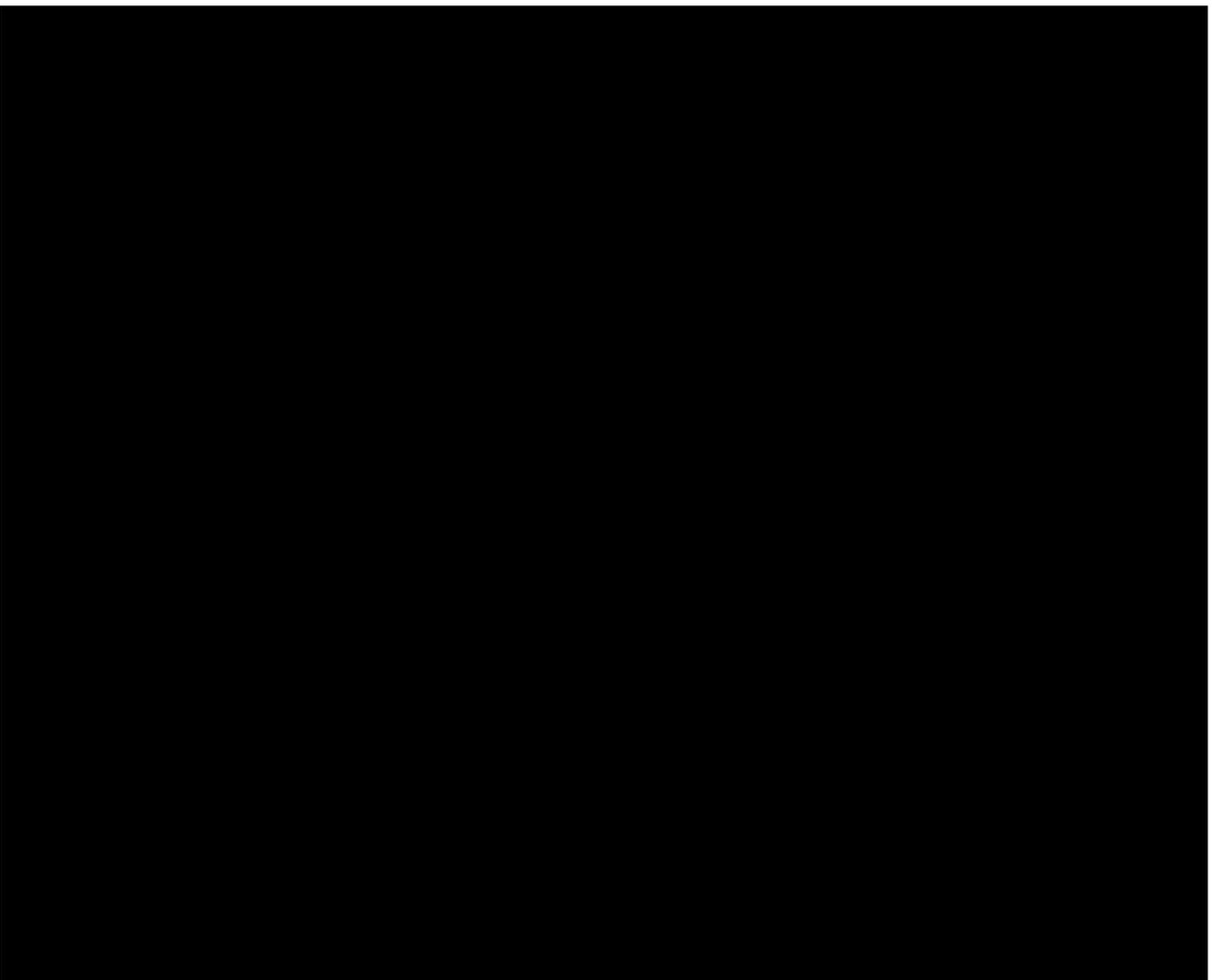
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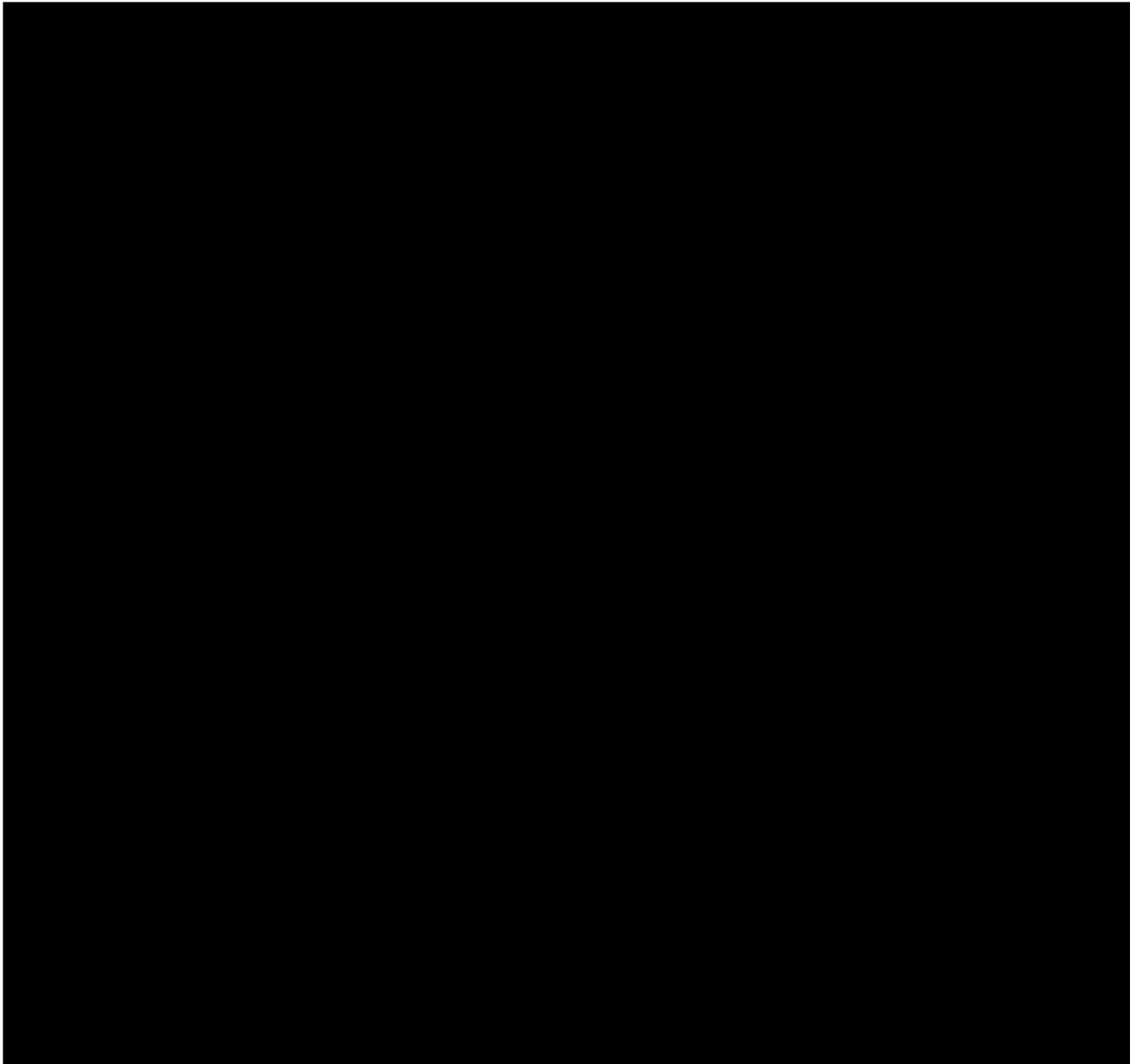




Marie

OK perfect. I have also got a question regarding the chemicals projects used by the Salmon industry in Scotland. We have received several videos from Don Stanford. Maybe you know him as in Scotland he is quite known, and he went to film at several salmon farms in Scotland and in this images we see that the parallels are putting products in the salmon basin's. What kind of products are these products farmers are putting into the basin?





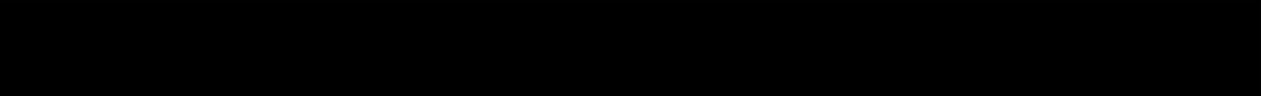
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Ok perfect also regarding the sea lice infestation Don went to the Loch (G?!) in September. By a farm owned by Scottish Salmon Company and took some images.





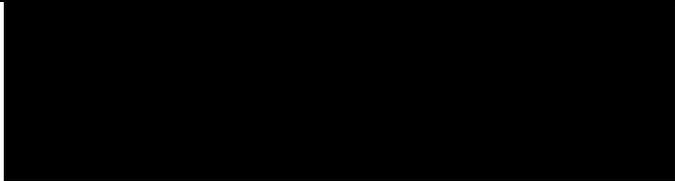
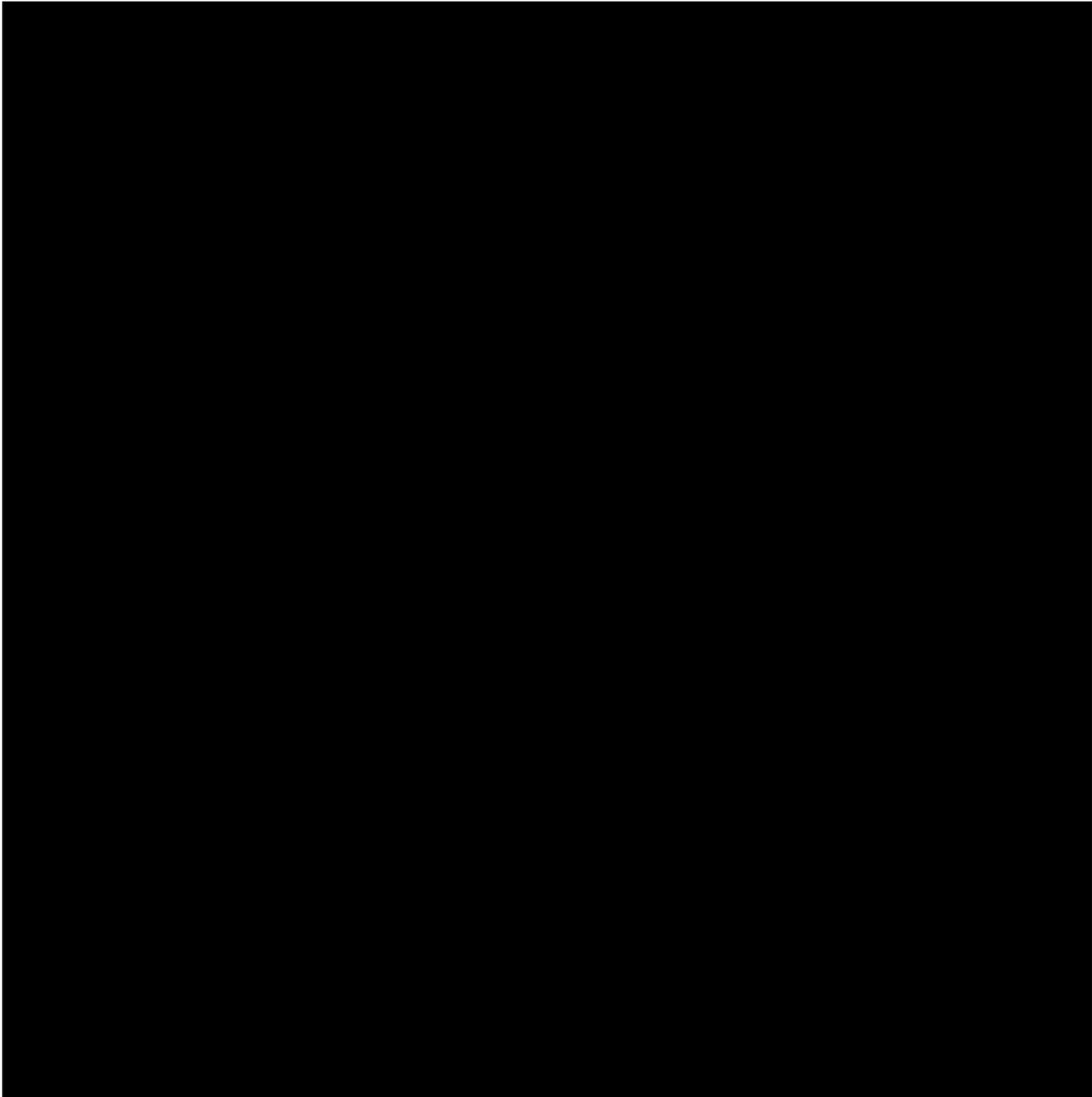
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You don't need to use Mr Staniford as we would be always welcoming of you to come and visit our farms and you could ask any questions you like all the things we've discussed today I'd love for you to visit Scotland and to come and film and ask questions and do that on film we've got honestly nothing to hide about how we operate and we would be delighted to have you in Scotland at any stage if you're going to look at this issue again in the future.



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By Dr Martin Jaffa

No 1018

1st May 2021

Appealing: iLAKS reports that salmon farmers from Production Area no 4 (PO4) are to take their case against the Norwegian Government to the Court of Appeal. They maintain that the Government were wrong to move the area from yellow to red which meant that their Maximum Allowed Biomass was reduced. The farmers say that not only were lice levels within agreed limits, but also that wild fish stocks have increased over the last decade.

iLAKS also reports that the PO4 farmers have consistently stressed that they support environmental regulation but that a good factual basis is established before any decisions are imposed on production.

As an outside observer of the Traffic Light system, I can well understand that the salmon farming industry, not just farmers in PO4, want to work with the Norwegian Government to ensure that the coastal waters are of the highest environmental standard. However, I do not believe that the current Traffic Light system is the best way to protect the environment. This is because the Traffic Light system is inherently flawed.

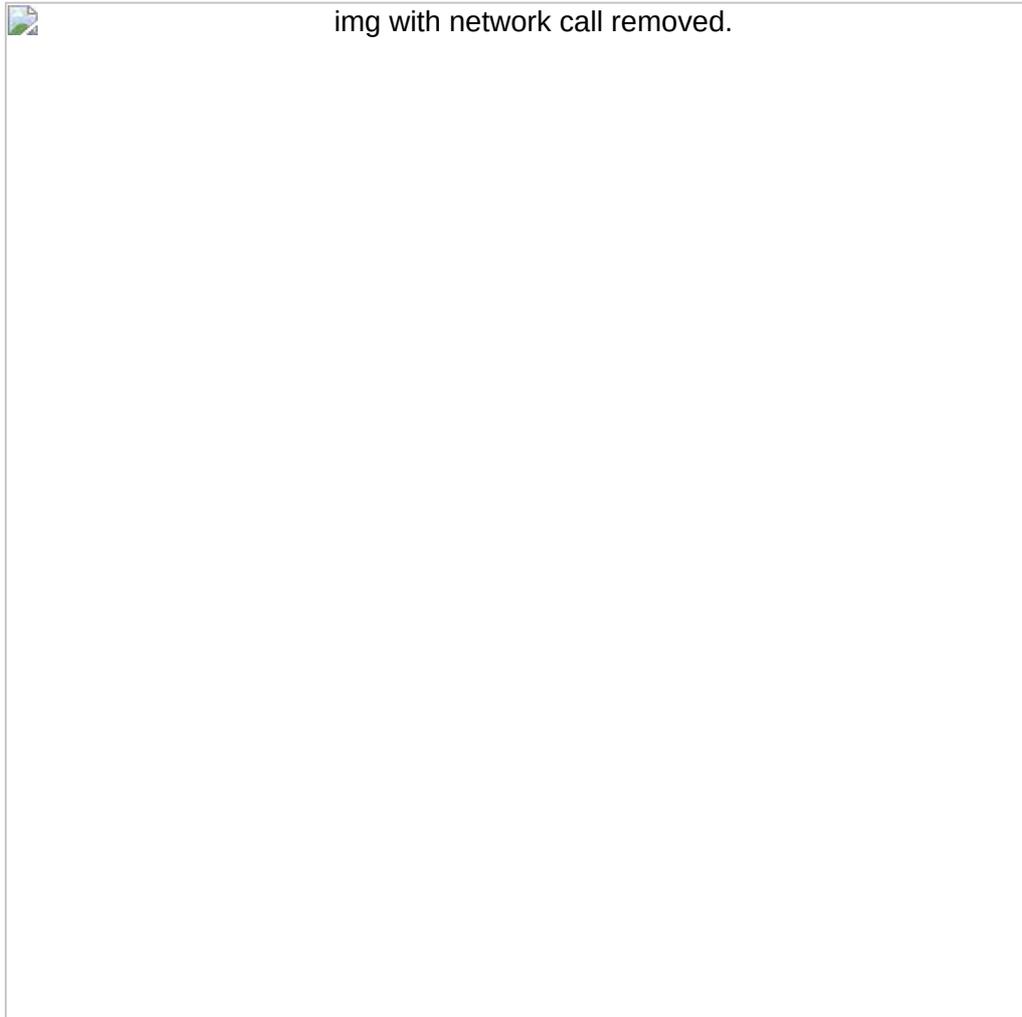
Yet, when the original case went to court, the lawyers said that the case was not about challenging the science of the Traffic Light system but rather the way it was imposed. I think that they were wrong. However, I do not think that it should have been left to the farmers of PO4 to challenge the system. It shouldn't have necessarily gone to court because the whole of the Norwegian salmon industry should have been galvanised into challenging the science from the outset.

It seems to me that the Traffic Light system was put together with little involvement with the farmers whose livelihoods would be affected by its decisions. Instead, in my opinion, it is the work of a group of 'scientists' who have become blinded by theory over reality.

The decisions about the way that the Traffic Light system is interpreted is undertaken by another group of scientists who, in my opinion, also appear to be

unable to distinguish between the two.

I was interested to see that the head of the Expert Group, Knut Wiik Vollset recently posted the following Tweet:



I am surprised by how much concern can arise from just a few words. The title of this new paper refers to the negative impact of ectoparasites in salmon. I would argue that the view that there is a negative impact on wild salmon is mainly derived from models that were built with an inherently negative bias. There has always been a negative view of the impacts of sea lice that are associated with very generalised correlation but yet remains unproven.

The Tweet includes the word 'afflicted' which I associate more with the Bible than science. The word 'of' would have sufficed, but the intention is to imply that wild salmon 'suffer' from sea lice.

In addition, the paper is to be published in the journal – Theoretical Ecology, yet I can be sure that the name of the journal will be forgotten when the paper is cited as yet more evidence of the alleged damaged caused by the salmon farming industry.

Finally, and most critically, the Head of the Expert Group acknowledges working alongside someone who is one of the closest associates of Canada's main anti-salmon farming activist and is largely responsible for the closure of farms on the Broughton Archipelago and the around the Discovery Islands. However

the Broughton Archipelago and the around the Discovery Islands. How can someone, who is working so closely with another, not be influenced by their views?

Martin Krkosek might be remembered as the researcher whose early work instigated an investigation by Canadian Vivian Krause into the \$33 million campaign to demarket farmed salmon. She initially came across press reports from the David Suzuki Foundation that salmon farms caused sea lice to skyrocket 30,000 times higher than normal, yet it turned out that the David Suzuki Foundation study failed to measure sea lice levels at any farm, so they had no idea if the lice were even originating from the farms. This would have been difficult anyway because one of the farms 'studied' wasn't even stocked with fish during part of the time. The lead researcher was Martin Krkosek.

I believe that this reliance on modelling is what is right at the heart of the fight against salmon farming, not just in Norway but across all salmon farming nations. It should be of concern to the Norwegian industry that the Head of the Expert Group which decides on the outcome of the Traffic Light system is working closely with those with an anti-salmon farming agenda.

I can only think that the events that have led up to the current court case are just the beginning of a clamp down on the Norwegian salmon farming industry and it should be a puzzle to me as to why there is just silence, but then most of the industry is currently sitting in green areas and don't consider that the court case has any relevance to` them.

Otters: Aquablogg.no highlights a new study from the Norwegian Institute of Nature Research that evaluates the population trends on otters, salmon, and sea trout with the intention to see whether there is a relationship between the populations of the otters and the fish and the importance of the otter as a predator of salmonid fish.

What the researchers found is that since 1993, salmon catches have not declined in the Sunnmøre district whilst in adjacent Nordfjord, they have increased, almost doubling. This was despite an expectation of finding that the stocks had declined. Interestingly, Nordfjord is located within PO4. The changes that the researchers did find in some rivers were not thought to be the result of sea lice or the distance that salmon had to travel to the coast. Aquablogg.no points out that this is contrary to the expectation of the lice infection model.

Aquablogg.no also suggests that the lice infection models assumes that residence time in the 'lice soup' is important with regard to the infestation level and the subsequent mortality but these observations from NINA appears to refute such claims. Of course, such observations have been notable by their absence.

Finally, Aquablogg.no highlights that the lead researcher on this project was Harald Sægrov from Rådgivende Biologer AS is also a member of the Expert Group. It will be interesting to see if these observations affect future decisions, although extremely unlikely because then someone might have to admit that the Traffic Light system is flawed.

Not on your watch: Earlier I mentioned how Martin Krkosek has collaborated with the head of the Norwegian Expert Group, Knut Wiik Vollset and that Martin Krkosek is a close collaborator of Alexandra Morton and is even a Director of her Salmon Coast Field Station. What is surprising is that Dr Krkosek gets just one mention in Alexandra Morton's new book 'Not on My Watch'. She says that he was the first young scientist to work out of her research station in the Broughton and he repeated an experiment previously conducted by Simon Jones and that's it! Even non-academic Don Staniford gets more mentions. One mention is all Dr Krkosek gets in receipt of many years of support.

I have a copy of the book. The front cover states 'How a renegade whale biologist took on governments and industry to save wild salmon'. Yet, I don't think this book is about saving wild salmon at all. In fact, I would argue that Ms Morton has done nothing at all to save wild salmon. What she has done is to attack an industry who she blames, without any evidence, for the decline of wild salmon stocks from the rivers around Vancouver Island in British Columbia. She believes that if salmon farms are removed from the area, wild salmon will return.

However, Ms Morton is so focused on destroying the salmon farming industry that she has failed to look at what is happening to wild salmon stocks in other Canadian rivers and especially those which are hundreds of miles from any salmon farm.

The Pacific Salmon Explorer looks at the status of all Canadian rivers with respect to the different Pacific salmon species. The relative runs of Sockeye salmon around Vancouver Island, where salmon farms are present, have in fact increased by 35% over the last decade as compared to that before. For the Fraser River, the figure is 10%. By comparison, Sockeye runs on the Skeena river have decreased by 31%, the Naas by 47% and the Central Coast area by 70%. There are no salmon farms near the Skeena or the Naas, so they cannot be the cause of the declines. Because there is no mention of these other rivers in her book, Ms Morton's view is blinkered to her beliefs.

The book begins with an introduction which describes how aged around 8 she read about Jane Goodall and her work with chimpanzees and decided she wanted to follow in her footsteps. She says that people like Jane Goodall are

driven by curiosity and the need to understand, they inevitably become activists. She writes that Jane Goodall has assured scientists that it's ok to be an activist to which Ms Morton adds that it does feel good to be an activist. Ms Morton skips over her time at University in a couple of words so it is difficult to ascertain her scientific credentials and whether the science or activism is more important to her.

In my opinion, it seems that Ms Morton was an activist in waiting looking for a cause and found it when she moved to Echo Bay to watch whales in the early 1980s. I may be wrong, but I couldn't see anything in the book about salmon conservation projects or other attempts to safeguard wild salmon for the future other than demanding the removal of salmon farms.

The question that the book doesn't answer is what happens when these farms are long gone, and the salmon stocks have failed to recover. According to Salmon Business, the Canadian Government are pledging CAD 647 million to be spent over the next five years to stabilise and conserve wild salmon stocks including in research, new hatcheries and habitat restoration.

Habitat restoration is vital to salmon conservation, but it doesn't merit a mention by Ms Morton. She is also critical of salmon enhancement hatcheries in her book. She said that they used to be a good idea, but they haven't worked out.

Ms Morton is pinning a lot of hope on the removal of salmon farms initiating a recovery in wild salmon stocks. I look forward to reading her follow up book about the future bounty of wild salmon in Canadian rivers or as the farms close down, and fish fail to return, whether this is the last we hear of Alexandra Morton.

Red Flag: Whilst Alexandra Morton continues to blame salmon farming for the decline of wild salmon around Vancouver Island, the Seattle Times reports that Whole Foods Markets has issued guidelines for purchasing salmon from their Alaskan suppliers. This is because, not only are Pacific salmon falling in number, but they are also shrinking in size. These changes are beginning to sound alarm bells about the growing crisis in some key salmon populations that is being driven, according to many scientists, by climate change and more competition for food. The newspaper suggests that decades after the Atlantic cod fisheries collapsed, concern is now mounting among the experts that wild Pacific salmon could face a similar fate. One NOAA scientist said that salmon managers are realising that climate change is impacting their stocks and it is generally not favourable and its only going to get worse.

Alaskan salmon are getting smaller partly because they are returning from the ocean at a younger age though it is not known why. The trend is not restricted to Alaskan but is also playing out across the Pacific Rim from the US mainland

to Alaska but is also playing out across the Pacific Rim from the US mainland and Canada to Russia and Japan. The biggest decline is in Chinook salmon which have shown an 8% decline over the last ten years with Sockeye shrinking in size by 2.1%.

The Seattle Times also mentions Atlantic salmon from Europe and New England and the memory of rivers teeming with fish that are now all but forgotten. They say that this is due to overfishing, habitat loss and dam construction. They don't mention salmon farming yet if Alexandra Morton is to be believed, the removal of salmon farms will help resolve the declines. The same is true in Scotland where the angling sector continues to blame salmon farming for all their ills. The more moderate Scottish organisations now say that salmon farming is just one of the factors causing the decline, but all the research is still aimed primarily at trying to impose greater controls on the salmon industry, rather than trying to find out what is really causing the declines in salmon numbers.

The message for Canada is that Pacific salmon stocks are under threat. The shrinking size of fish is now seen as a warning of impending stock collapse. Getting rid of salmon farms now is a sure-fire way of ensuring that Canada may end up with no salmon at all, whether wild or farmed. Alexandra Morton's message simply deflects attention away from the real issues that wild salmon may yet become a distant memory.

Peter Westley of the University of Fairbanks and co-author of a study on salmon size confirmed to the Seattle Times that when the size and numbers of salmon populations go down that's a harbinger of change that is taken as a red flag amongst many scientists.

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Pro-vegan: The Waitrose supermarket weekly newspaper included a review of the latest film to feature salmon farming as part of a message to persuade the world's population to change their eating habits. The newspaper's headline is 'Kate Winslet's pro-vegan film gives food for thought'. The headline says nearly everything that the potential viewer needs to know. This is that a celebrity is using her influence to promote her vegan views to what she hopes is a wider audience. However, most viewers might not be influenced by her message as the film relies on scare tactics about other foods, rather than a positive message about veganism. The film does not really give much food for thought and this was certainly the impression gained as I attended one of the films very limited showings on a Monday evening at 6.30 pm. The cinema was half empty despite having just 50 seats and being located in a major city centre. It was definitely not a sell out and I understand the other cinemas were similarly short of a full audience. 'Eating Our Way to Extinction' claim otherwise tweeting: Unbelievable to see cinemas sell out so quickly, the feedback has been incredible.



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The film titled, 'Eating Our Way to Extinction' gets off to a slow start backed by mind numbing music but soon reaches its point – animal production for food is killing our planet. This is because we need to grow food, mainly soy, to feed the animals and in turn, the animals produce vast amounts of waste. In addition, both the animals, and the feed need copious amounts of freshwater which is becoming a limiting resource. Whilst there may be some truth in what is said, the reality is that Ms Winslet and her film-making colleagues are wrong. Animal production is not the greatest threat to the planet. It is we, humans, that are the greatest threat. We farm animals to feed our large and growing population. We are the problem, not animals and Ms Winslet's solution that we should all become vegans does not solve the underlying problem and threat. Nearly every person on this planet wants to become a parent and in doing so ensure the survival of our genes. This is a natural part of our life but because we have learnt how to expand our numbers beyond the capacity of the planet, we are growing at a rate that is a real threat to the planet in future. It is just that we don't really know how to fight our natural urge to reproduce. This is the issue that Ms Winslet should use her celebrity to address, not that of an evangelical conversion to a vegan diet.

What the film fails to mention is that if we stop eating meat, then there will be increased pressure on land use to grow more plant protein. The deforested soy fields will simply grow soy for human consumption instead of for animals. Although wide tracts of land are now given over to animal production, much is rough grazing that is unsuitable for growing crops. With an ever-changing climate, demand for water for irrigation will undoubtedly increase, whilst at the same time, adverse weather and flooding is already responsible for wiping out crops or reducing production. Changing from animal to plant-based consumption is not a straightforward swop.

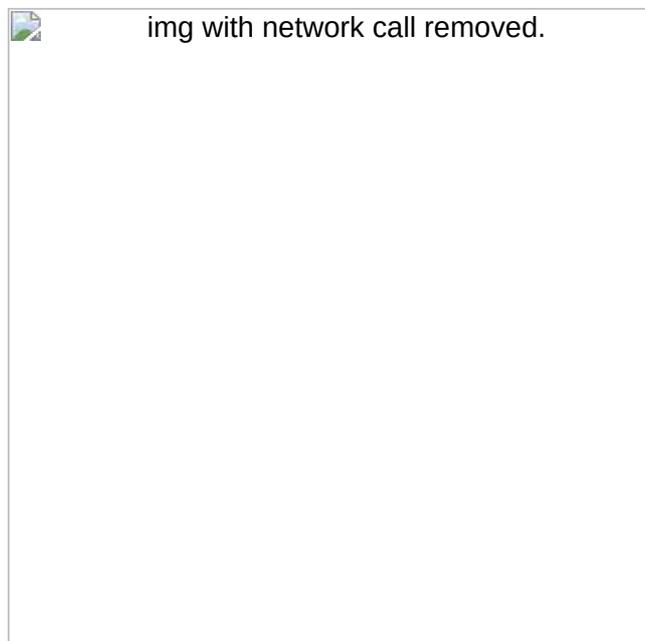


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One of the objections raised in the film was that soya was being grown to feed a wide range of animals including fish, such as salmon. They argue that we should be eating the plant protein instead. One vegan product I have encountered is 'smokey Vslmn vdeli slices' that are described as fish-free smoked salmon flavoured slices made with soya protein. The ingredient list consists of 'Water, Rapeseed Oil, Soya Protein, Thickeners: Carrageenan, Konjac Flour, Potato Starch, Sea Salt, Onion Powder, Sugar, Natural Flavouring, Preservative: Potassium Sorbate, Smoke Flavouring, Colours: Annatto, Iron Oxide.

By comparison, a typical smoked salmon ingredient list is Salmon (97%), salt, Demerara sugar.

The nutritional details of both products are shown in the following table:



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The real issue with the Vslmn is that one would have to be a confirmed vegan to want to eat it. It tastes of artificial smoke and lacks any real substance in terms of texture. I appreciate that I will be accused of bias but meat free eaters I know have tasted it and were equally unimpressed. It is very difficult to get excited about vegan substitutes for mainstream products. Of course, what salmon has that the vegan product does not is loads of digestible omega 3 fatty acids.



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It was interesting that much of the film was accompanied by a very dour soundtrack, which was aiming to match the planet destruction message, yet when the film concluded with young people eating vegan food, the music turned into a happy, jiggy tune which I suspect was included to let the viewers know that such vegan food is the answer.

The reason why this pro-vegan film attracted my attention was that there was a short section about salmon farming, even though in terms of total global animal protein production, the amount of salmon produced hardly registers on the scale. Salmon farming was included for one simple reason and that was because the producers could show pictures of a few salmon that were intended to shock the audience. These images are well-known and are the main tool of so-called anti-salmon activists in their attempts to undermine the industry. However, the authorities and regulators understand that these fish are not representative of the hundreds of thousands of tonnes of healthy salmon produced every year. The salmon industry has learnt that it is all too easy for

the one or two so-called activists to gain access without permission and film at first light when these few fish are found near the surface. By comparison, it is extremely difficult to access and film other types of farms and any sickness or mortality encountered and just as we humans get sick, so do animals. Don Staniford, who featured in the film is taking over at Animal Concern, so I now expect to see him post lots of camera footage covering a wide range of species besides salmon. The film also spoke to an anonymous industry whistle-blower but one with no verification. For all the viewer knows, the individual shown could have been a member of the film crew and it was not only salmon farming that was attacked in this way.

The film featured a comment from the SSPO about salmon farming but as CEO Tavish Scott points out in an Intrafish commentary, the film makers were invited to visit a salmon farm and see how the fish are produced for themselves rather than rely on footage gathered surreptitiously by others. Of course, like many other critics, they refused to visit or as Mr Scott says, to give the industry a fair right of reply. The reality is that the truth doesn't suit their narrative, so it is best avoided. This is a common theme when it comes to salmon farming.

Mr Scott uses an analogy of a football match in which only one team shows up. The same story applies to the film, where only one side is visible. As he says, everyone has a right to choose what they eat – although for many of the global population, there is little choice at all. When we humans can make a choice, it should be based on accurate, balanced information. Mr Scott says that as farmers, the SSPO welcome and encourage dialogue that increases understanding of food production.

As well as using anonymous sources, according to the Waitrose newspaper, the film spoke to experts and renowned figures such as Sir Richard Branson, who also happens to be an executive producer of the film. He is not known to be a vegan.

Unfortunately, as I mentioned earlier, the film is part of an almost evangelical crusade to change our choices to suit those of one of the high priestesses of vegan promotion. As I also mentioned, the real problem is our own population and its continued growth beyond the available resources of our planet. Kate Winslet has three children.

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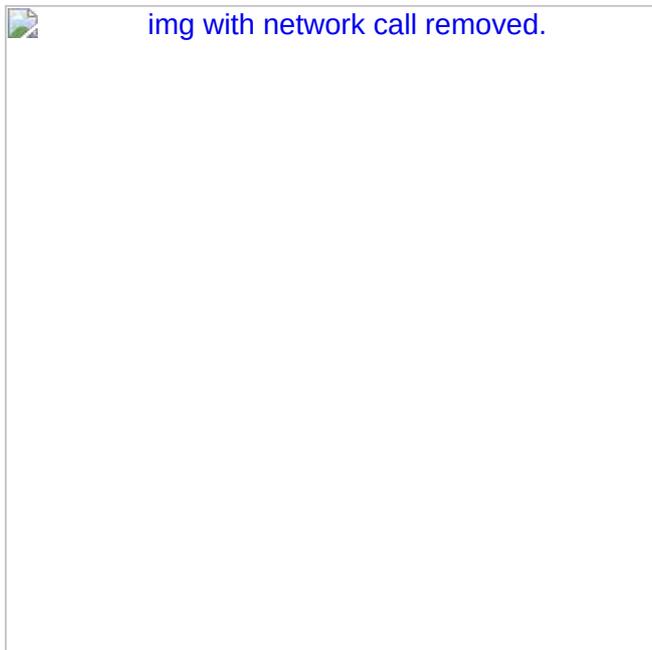
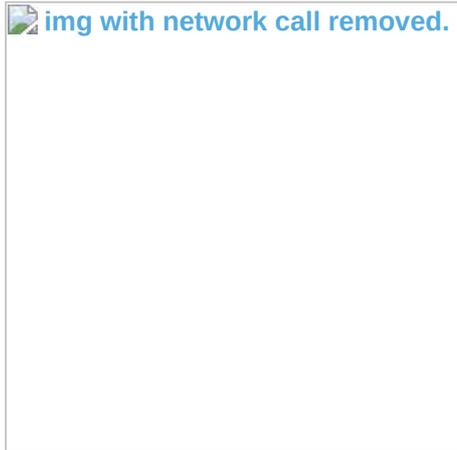
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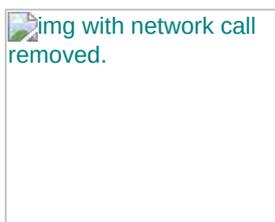
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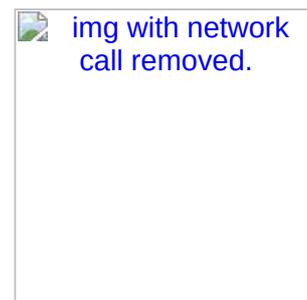
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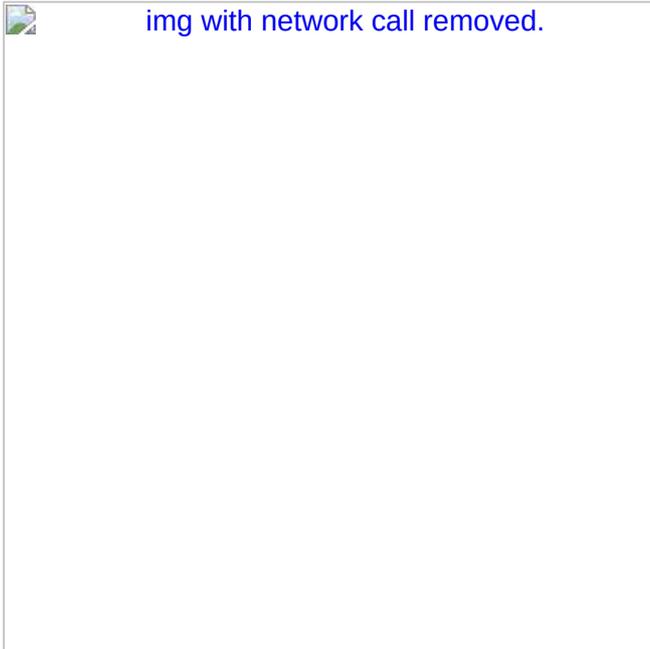
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Norwegian, Scottish salmon prices tumble while Chilean hold firm

An oversupply of salmon in Europe has seen prices continue to nosedive during week 31, while Chilean prices are standing firm at record summer highs

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Stephen Felsenthal will take up his new role at Riverence on Aug. 1

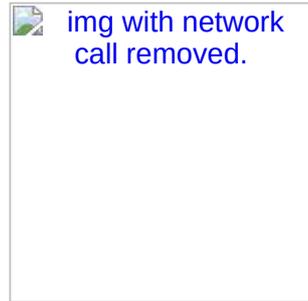
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RSPCA clears Mowi of welfare abuse allegations on Scottish farm

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The 24 kelp farmers who supply the US company increased their landings by 12,000% over the past two seasons

Scottish university develops cleaner fish welfare tool

Researchers at the University of Stirling have established growth weight as the best indicator of lumpfish welfare, noting that they are often introduced to pens too early

Kvaroy Arctic unveils Women in Aquaculture scholarship award

The recipients receive funding plus work experience on the salmon company's Norwegian farms

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Iran reports 700,000t Indian Ocean catch for 2020 as it ups fishery output

The Iranian fisheries organization has also prioritized the development of tilapia farming in the country to meet burgeoning demand for seafood

New vannamei shrimp, tilapia aquaculture facility launched in Philippines

The Philippines department of science and technology has announced the launch of a new aquaculture facility in Roxas, in Oriental Mindoro, and about 140km southwest of Manila

US investors back Scottish data communications startup with aquatech interests

The company says the funding will be used to expand its operations internationally

Bosch invests in Singapore shrimp aquatech startup

AquaEasy is the first startup to be spun off from the city state's incubator project

Abalone producer Yumbah Aquaculture buys Tasmanian oyster grower

Oyster supplier Cameron of Tasmania has sold its farms and hatcheries to Yumbah Aquaculture's South Australian farm based on the Eyre Peninsula

Bangladesh launches vannamei farming pilot scheme

Bangladesh has launched a pilot scheme to farm vannamei domestically in the hope of increasing the country's competitiveness in the international frozen shrimp market

Spanish, Greek large, medium bass prices rise, Turkish continue flat

Prices for large and medium-sized seabass from Turkey, Greece and Spain, as traded in Mercamadrid, Spain, followed different trends in week 29

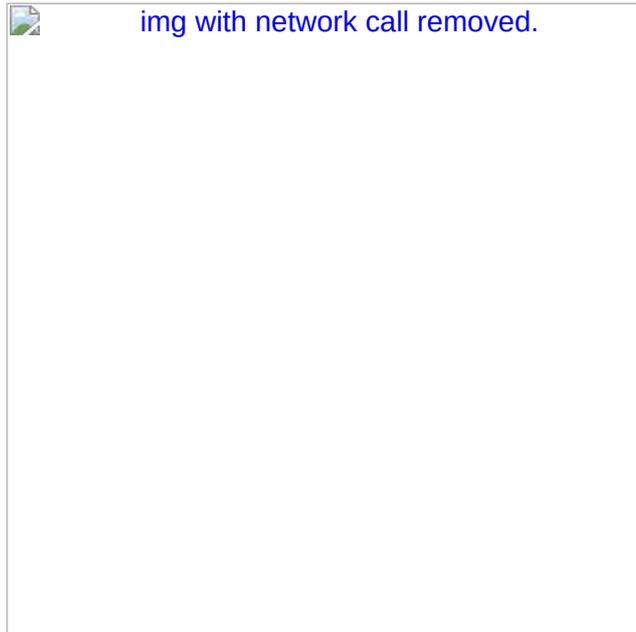
Thailand's shrimp prices reach lowest levels in week 29

The latest prices for ex-farm, head-on, shell-on vannamei shrimp in Thailand fell across all

sizes in week 29 of 2021 after a few weeks of stability

Large Indonesian vannamei shrimp prices continue to fall in week 29

Farm-gate prices for large-sized, head-on, shell-on vannamei shrimp from Indonesia followed the previous week's trend and fell again during week 29



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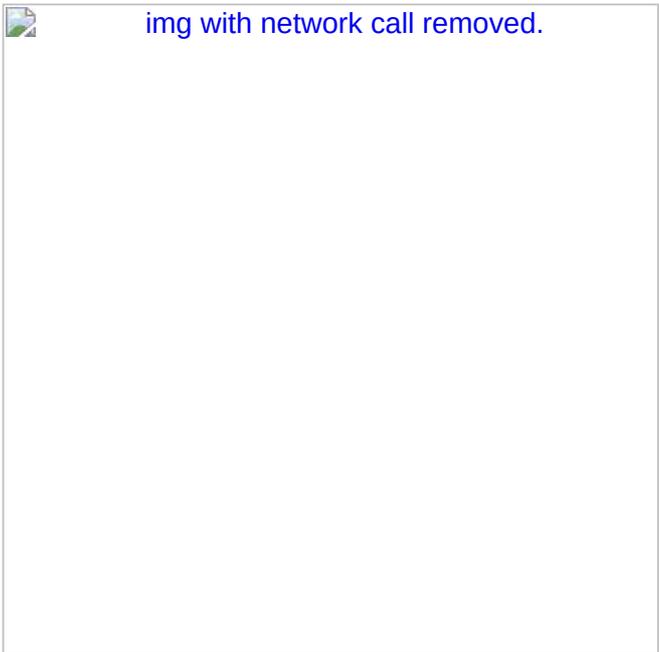
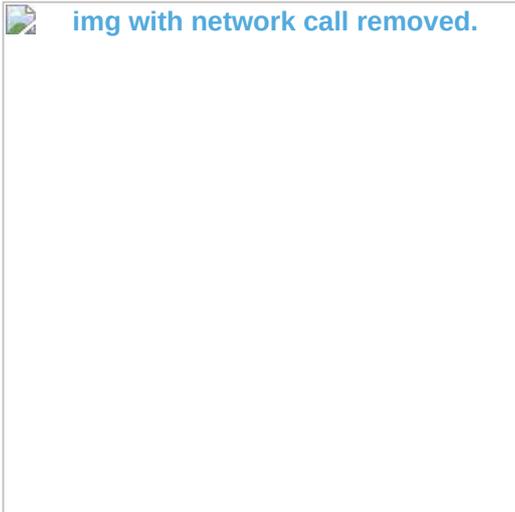
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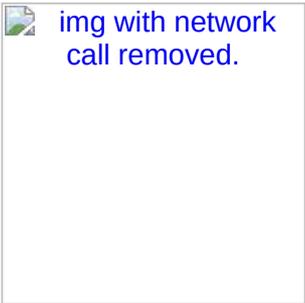
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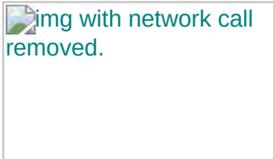
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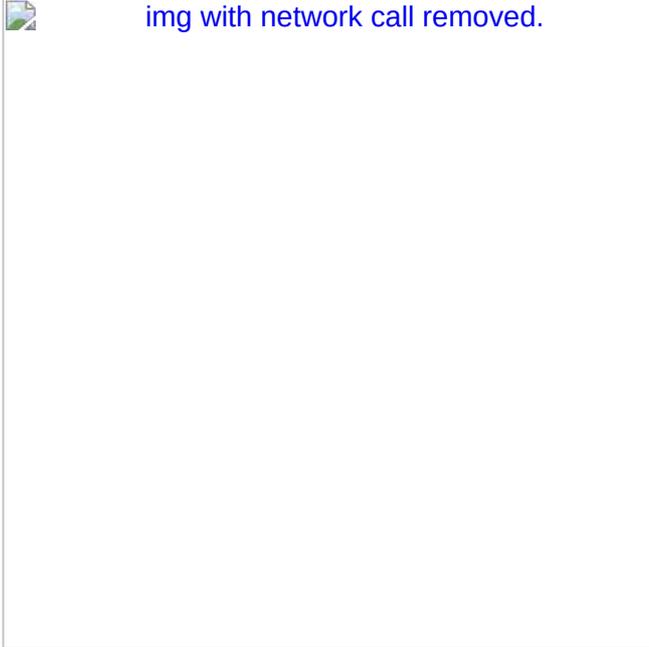
'If we were to look back at the last three plus years, you would see that the substantial losses... incurred is the result of me doing what Tom instructed me to do' --
Cory Thompson

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Seafood Technical Program Coordinator

Camanchaca targets 80% salmon harvest growth, CEO Garcia Holtz says

Salmones Camanchaca made a decision several years ago to rent out their Chilean salmon farming concessions during a prolonged downturn, instead of leaving them fallow



Dungeness season in southeast Alaska starts with a bang

Landings in the season's first week are the third-highest in recorded history

Bangkok skipjack prices drop below \$1,500/t

Skipjack tuna prices for July delivery in Bangkok, Thailand, fell below \$1,500/t, which was the level earlier this month, several industry sources confirmed to Undercurrent News

Gidrostroy's \$430m-plus PBTF buyout adds 100,000t of pollock quota

Company controlled by Gidrostroy founder buys Preobrazhenskaya Base of Trawling Fleet, a deal said to be worth \$430m-\$600m

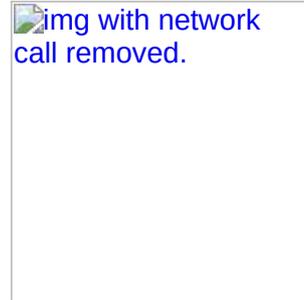
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AquaChile's shareholders to approve capital increase of up to \$340m

Chilean salmon farmer Empresas AquaChile said it will hold an extraordinary shareholders meeting on July 31 to approve a capital increase of up to \$340m

Samherji buying UK whitefish distributor

Icelandic fishing and processing giant Samherji is buying a UK whitefish distributor with a strong business selling FAS fillets to fish and chip trade

Mazzetta accused in suit of accounting misdeeds, repacking old lobsters

Corey Thompson alleges that he was demoted from his job as the manager of a Mazzetta lobster plant in Maine and then fired after he expressed his concerns



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UPSTREAM:

FAO: State of world fisheries declining

The fraction of marine fish stocks fished within biologically sustainable levels has exhibited a decreasing trend, from 90% in 1974 to 66.9% in 2015

US downgrades Ireland on its 2018 Trafficking in Persons report

Ireland had been a 'tier one' country since 2011, but has now slipped one place; the government has not obtained a trafficking conviction since the law was amended in 2013

Indian farmers cut shrimp stocks, as prices fall below production cost

India's shrimp farmers pare stocks by 30% on price uncertainty

DOWNSTREAM:

ASMI eyes Ukraine as market for Alaska seafood

The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute is sending a group of Ukrainian seafood buyers to the US state hoping to increase trade

Wild Planet launches skipjack tuna pouches

US tuna producer Wild Planet Foods has launched skipjack tuna single-serve pouches hoping to capitalize on growing demand for grand-and-go food items

Surveys finds perceived 'pervasive gender-based discrimination' in seafood industry

Women in Seafood surveyed 700 seafood professionals, looking at their perceptions of their industry; results offer a solid basis for progress, it said

Iberconsa inks long-awaited deal for Spanish processing plant

Spanish fishing firm Iberconsa inked a deal to take over a new plant from Freiremar in Bouzas, near Vigo, Spain

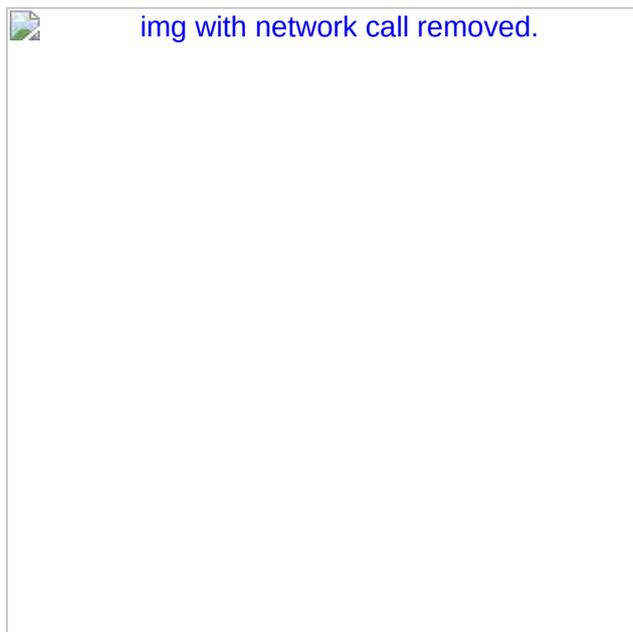
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Campaign group to file legal challenge against Scottish salmon farms' use of Thermolicer

Don Staniford's Scottish Salmon Watch wants a ban on Thermolicer and Hydrolicer treatments, citing over 230,000 fish deaths following 'mechanical treatments' since 2016

WWF: Voluntary krill no-fishing zones good for Antarctica

Next step must be more protected areas, the NGO argued



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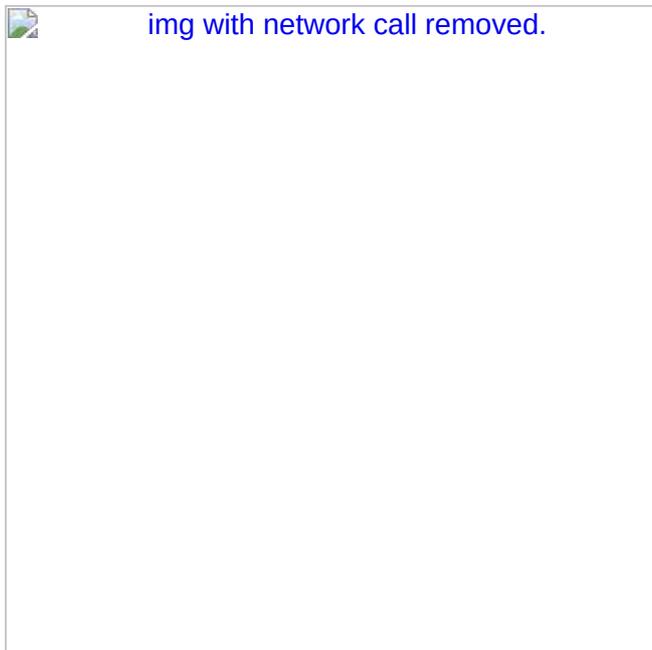
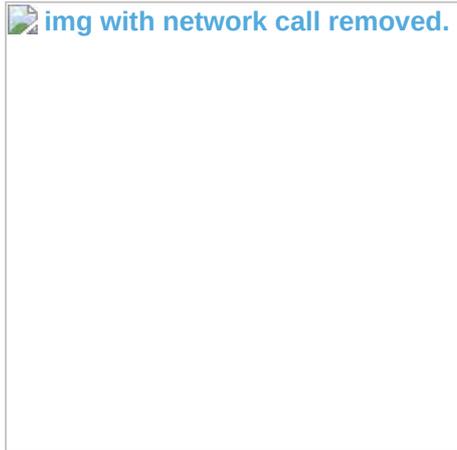
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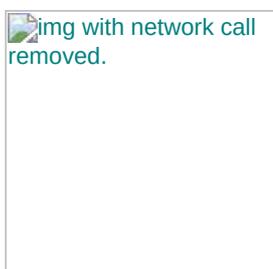
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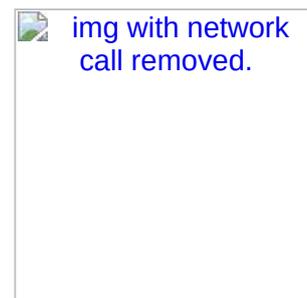
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Peru's aquaculture industry condemns 'state neglect'



The Peruvian aquaculture industry fears fall to the bottom of the South American ranking due to the neglect of the state, as the new president is about to start mandate



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EU officials fear US suits threaten salmon price-fixing investigation

Earlier this month, representatives of the European Commission filed an amicus curiae brief to the class-action litigation from salmon buyers being waged in a US federal court



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Ecuador shrimp producers fear spread of Delta COVID variant, prices flat

After a significant fall the previous week, Ecuadorian vannamei shrimp farm-gate prices have remained mostly flat across all sizes in week 29

China's tilapia prices bolstered by tighter supply as hot weather hits harvests

Industry sources said tilapia farmers tend to shorten the breeding process to avoid fish death in hot weather, resulting in limited supply for larger-sized tilapia in Guangdong Province

Norwegian, Chilean salmon prices see late July drop, Scottish up

Prices for Norwegian farmed salmon have plummeted by as much as NOK 10/kg over the past week, while Chilean prices have surprisingly dipped by \$0.15



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Vietnam's seafood industry hit hard by COVID-19 wave

Vietnam's seafood industry is facing significant disruption, amid the country's worst COVID wave, industry sources told Undercurrent News.

Washington state announces oyster recall amidst record-breaking Vibrio outbreak

As of July 16, the US state of Washington's health department had 52 lab-confirmed Vibrio parahaemolyticus-related illnesses, including 46 linked to food

India's SEAI advises exporters to avoid China after wave of temporary suspensions

Chinese customs have temporarily suspended imports of more than 50 Indian shrimp exporters, claiming to have found traces of COVID on their outer packaging

Trade insights: Ecuador exports record value of shrimp in June as prices rise

Meanwhile, continued strong shipments have lifted cumulative exports for the first six months of 2021 to 384,000t, up 11% compared with the first half of 2020

Trade insights: China's shrimp imports recover to second-highest level for year

China's frozen warmwater shrimp imports increased by 16% compared with May to 50,000t

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Norwegian cod farmer Statt Torsk loses 24% of biomass in mortality incident

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China's Fujian Anjoy Foods, one of the country's biggest producers of fish balls and surimi products, will become a CNY 4bn turn-over seafood company following the deal

Norway Royal Salmon board advises against NTS offer

NRS said in a securities filing that the board, with the exception of member Norwegian billionaire Helge Gaso, who is a close affiliate of NTS, recommends against the offer

Tesco shifts cooked, frozen farmed shrimp supply

Tesco is moving its supplier for cooked and frozen warmwater shrimp, sources told
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Indian digital seafood marketplace raises \$12m in series A

Karnataka-based Captain Fresh grew its business 10 times over during the pandemic, having only been founded in 2019

Singapore's global aquaculture challenge announces eight nominees for 2021

The Yield Lab has announced the eight 'innovators' in aquaculture left standing and competing for the \$1.6m in funding on offer

Norwegian cod farmer reports fish mortalities

Two of three pens at one of the company's two Norwegian sites are known to be affected, the company said

FEED:

No end in sight for acquisitions by UK aquatech group OTAQ

The group, which was acquired by Hertsford Capital in March last year, has seen double-digit growth in both revenues and earnings following an acquisition spree

Malaysian firm eyes 20,000t shrimp production via M&A

An acquisitive Malaysian company is eyeing vannamei shrimp production of 20,000 metric tons in the next five years fresh after snapping up a rival

Kvaroy Arctic parent plans \$16m smolt expansion

The first phase of the expansion, which is expected to include the bulk of the work, is set to be finished by the end of this summer

TRACEABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY:

Chinese fish farmers forced to dismantle marine cages amid gov't crackdown

A 2018 ban on marine aquaculture in Shuidong Bay, in China's Maoming county, looks set to finally be enforced, prompting fish farmers to dismantle fish cages

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Chilean salmon industry condemns recent arson attacks on trucks

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Study finds tilapia raised in Malaysia more likely to survive TiLV outbreak

'By selecting parent fish for breeding based on these variants, tilapia strains with innate resistance can be developed'

Union defends Tasmania's farmed salmon sector

The Australian state's farmed salmon sector has been subject to attack by environmental groups

Lobster harvesters challenge building of land-based salmon farm in Nova Scotia

'I'm not sure if there is a right place for a land-based, open farm' -- Bernie Berry, Coldwater Lobster Association

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Scottish seafood sector gets marketing funding

The funds will be used to promote Scottish seafood domestically and abroad

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Editor's choice: Tesco supply shift; High prices hit foodservice; Indian exporters warned to avoid China

Yannick Guerry, editor of Undercurrent News, brings you a roundup of the main stories from the previous week

Vietnam's pangasius exports jump in June

The pandemic has failed to dampen demand for Vietnamese pangasius, according to June's exports figures

NaturalShrimp hires Van Den Berg to lead sales effort

The hire follows a flurry of recent expansion-related activity by the Dallas, Texas-based RAS shrimp grower

Vietnam's shrimp exports drive EU growth in H1

Vietnam's seafood exports to the EU grew 20% in the first six months of 2021 on strong shrimp sales, but exports of pangasius declined

Vietnamese vannamei, black tiger shrimp prices drop or stay unchanged in week 29

The latest ex-farm prices for head-on, shell-on black tiger and vannamei shrimp in Vietnam followed different trends depending on sizes in week 29 of 2021

MSC names new Americas head, Canada director

Erika Feller was appointed Americas' regional director and Kurtis Hayne is promoted to

Study suggests sockeye salmon unaffected by PRV

A Canadian research team found the respiratory performance of wild Pacific sockeye salmon functions normally even when infected with piscine orthoreovirus

Cooke Aquaculture Scotland hires new finance chief

New CFO joins from bottled water company Highland Spring

Bass, bream prices stay unchanged across all sizes during week 28

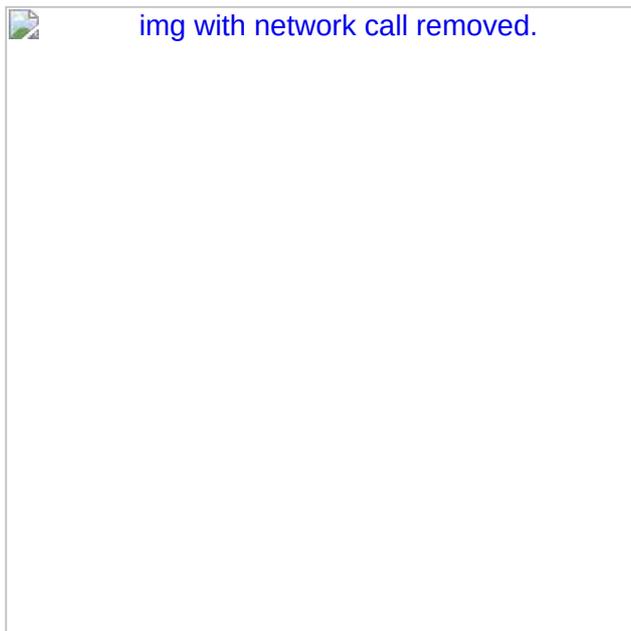
Prices for seabass and seabream from Turkey, Greece and Spain, as traded in Mercamadrid, Spain, stayed flat across all sizes in week 28 of 2021

Indian vannamei prices in Andhra Pradesh rise marginally in week 29

The latest prices for head-on, shell-on, farm-gate vannamei shrimp from Andhra Pradesh, the country's main farming region, drop slightly across almost all sizes in week 29

Indonesia's vannamei shrimp prices edge down, remain flat in week 28

Farm-gate prices for head-on, shell-on vannamei shrimp from Indonesia followed similar trends and fell marginally during week 28 of 2021



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UK Fisheries, the Hull-based operation in charge of the UK's distant water fleet, has had to make do with a 60% catch reduction this year

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Aussie rock lobster smuggling nothing to do with us, says firm

Exports to Hong Kong rose 2,000% in May compared with the same month of last year, according to trade data, amid reports of smuggling to the Chinese mainland

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COVID prices hit Danish Salmon's bottom line, but RAS expansion on horizon

The land-based farmer has maintained its harvest levels at just over 1,000t during 2020, a year in which it was acquired by Japanese seafood giants Marubeni and Nissui

Aquafeed sales boost Chinese Guangdong Haid's first-half profits

The Chinese feed giant reported a 38.8% increase in net profit to CNY 1.5bn in the first half of 2021, thanks to significant growth in aquafeed sales

Lobster prices keep climbing even as Maine harvest goes into full swing

Dock prices are up 35%-45% since the end of May in Maine, while wholesale prices are up 11%-26%

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COMPANIES:

Study: Warming waters could cost Pacific nations \$140m annually in lost tuna catches

Catch reductions of this magnitude could result in a collective loss of \$140m per year by 2050 and cost some island nations and territories up to 17% of their government revenue

Canadian PE buys another shellfish firm, eyes sale of 'seafood platform'

Private equity Champlain snaps up yet another crab and lobster supplier, while Houlihan Lokey has won mandate to sell the group amid bumper prices, sources say

AquaBounty picks small Ohio town for new GMO salmon RAS facility

AquaBounty said it is finalizing the design for the estimated 479,000 square foot facility and expects to invest over \$200 million in the project



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UPSTREAM:

Indonesian gov't targets 'vast potential' of fisheries shared with Australia

Indonesia plans to launch the national 'fish barn' program to secure sustainable fish resources and improve community economy, aiming to bring in IDR 3.71 trillion revenue annually

RSPCA clears Mowi of welfare abuse allegations on Scottish farm

The RSPCA say they did not find any of the problems highlighted by anti-salmon farming campaigner Don Staniford are satisfied that the fish are being properly cared for

Ireland's Atlantic Dawn receives new frozen pelagic trawler

Ella will join three other trawlers being built in Turkey

Alpha Aqua to build Arctic char farm for Sweden's Cold Lake

The farm is expected to be built next year, with eggs introduced to the facility in the final quarter of 2022

Group arrested for fishing protected mollusks in Italy

The gang was also accused of selling clams from a polluted area

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Peru sets temporary closures, catch limits for tuna fishing

Peru's ministry of production, Produce, has established new tuna conservation measures in compliance with resolutions of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission



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DOWNSTREAM:

Beyond Meat, Ynsect backer invests in US alternative proteins firm

Happiness Capital, a Hong Kong investment firm and backer of Beyond Meat, Redefine Meat, and Ynsect, is the lead investor in a \$4.7m fundraising round by NovoNutrients

Irish firm launches seaweed burger

Irish company Plantraption has developed a seaweed burger made with seaweed harvested on Ireland's Atlantic coast

Clean Seas reports strong Q4 as COVID restrictions eased in key markets

Australian yellowtail kingfish farmer Clean Seas reported fourth-quarter sales grew by 109% in the three months to the end of June

Maine's biggest seaweed processor to open new 27,000 square foot plant

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Alaska salmon: Significant earthquake shakes Alaska coast

The closely watched summer salmon fishing season in the US state of Alaska is underway. Keep checking back for live updates

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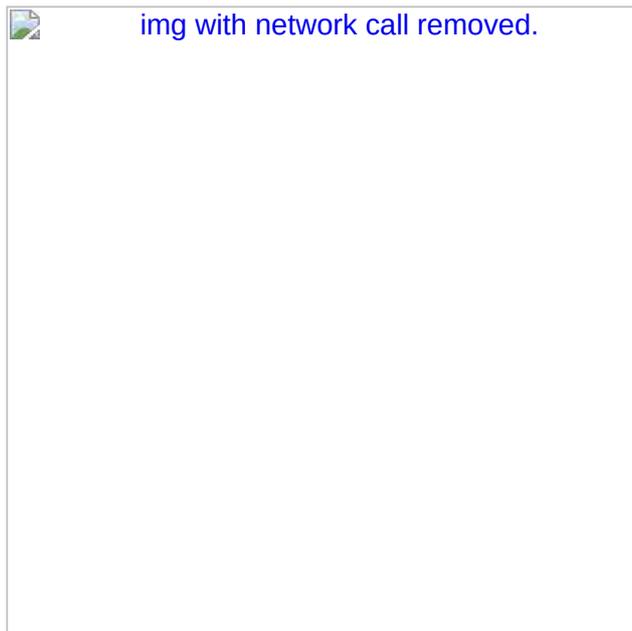
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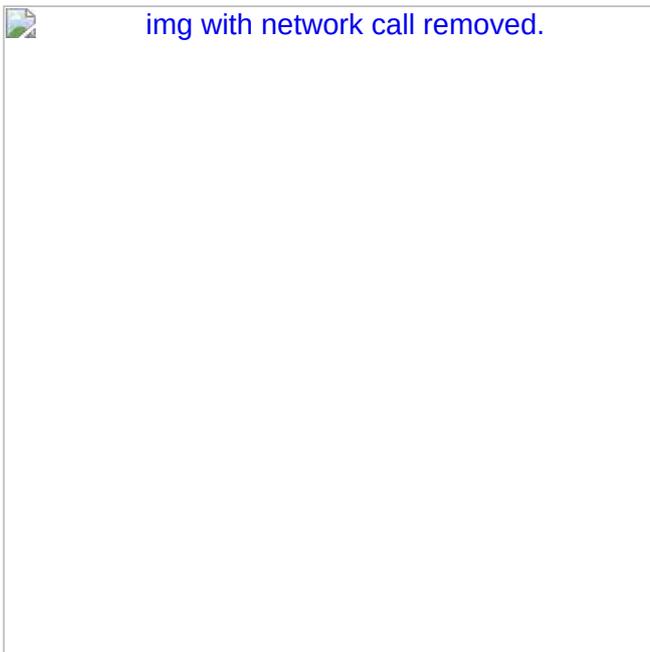
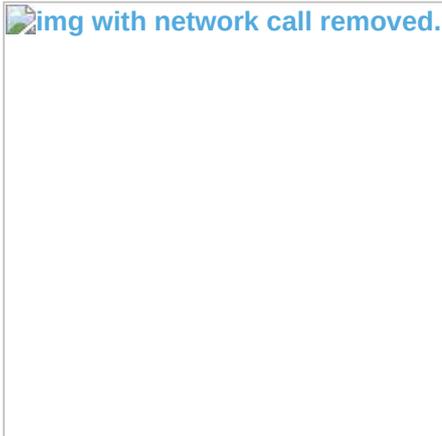
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FIPs 'on verge' of offering 1m tons more sustainable tuna to choose from



Thai Union is involved in nine FIPs, aiming for MSC certification, and representing over 1 million metric tons of tuna; the company is pushing to improve social conditions as well as just fisheries

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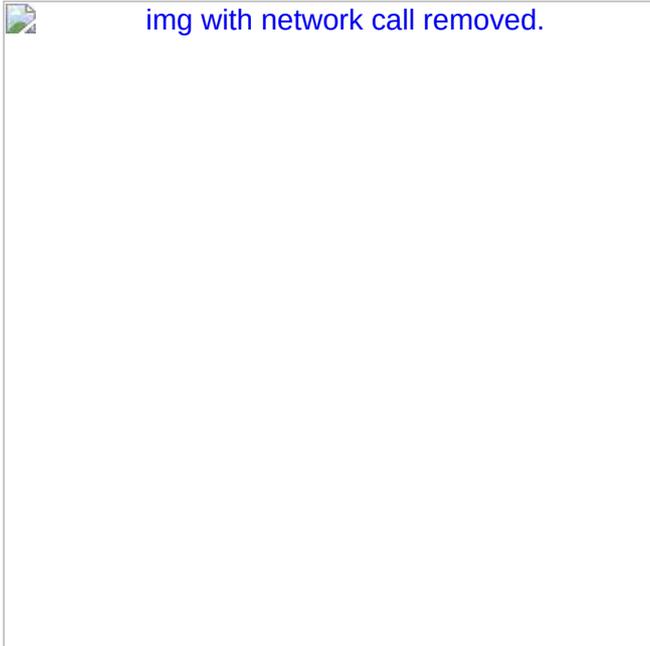


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Ecuador's Tunacons hopes for MSC certification progress by August

The MSC's certification of Ecuador trade association Tunacons, which was previously expected to be completed by June 2021, has been delayed



Chinese fish farmers forced to close ponds amid government crackdown

A 2018 ban on aquaculture in a tilapia-producing region of China looks set to finally be enforced, prompting fish farmers to empty their ponds

FREE-READ

Blockchain can play role in safeguarding worker rights

Initially talked about as a way of setting seafood sourcing information in stone, Thai Union is looking at blockchain as a means of preserving workers' rights

Pollock factory trawlers' hefty margins at risk as climate warms, Russia invests

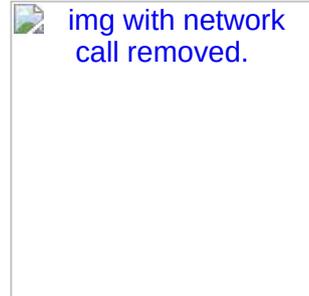
Pollock, Planet Tracker fisheries research analyst Francois Mosnier said, offers a 'fascinating case study of the issues facing global fisheries'

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Private equity firm sells Iberconsa's chain of frozen seafood shops

The Vinova group, an international food trading company from Vigo, northern Spain, has bought all Iberconsa's Hiperxel shares



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UPSTREAM:

Indonesian gov't outlines plan to expand high seas tuna fleet

In light of an increase in quotas and as part of its plan for a sustainable tuna fishery by 2025, Indonesia is expanding its fishing presence in international waters

Ecuador resumes sea cucumber fishing in Galapagos after six-year ban

Starting July 20, Ecuadorian artisanal fishermen can officially fish for sea cucumbers within the Galapagos Islands marine reserve, the country's ministry of environment announced



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DOWNSTREAM:

UK food workers to be exempt from COVID self-isolation rules

UK Food manufacturer and supermarket depot workers will be exempt from quarantine rules as the government tries to avoid food supply problems amid the 'pingdemic' chaos

Thai Union launches Thailand's first sustainability-linked bond

The new bond was originally priced for THB 4bn (\$120m), but impressive demand from investors has led Thai Union to increase the offering to THB 5bn

Peter Pan follows suit after OBI lifts Bristol Bay base price

OBI Seafoods recently said it would raise Bristol Bay ex-vessel sockeye base prices by \$0.15/lb to \$1.25/lb

Newfoundland harvesters 'not happy' but 'realistic' about 14% squid price drop

The Fish Food and Allied Workers said they are 'not happy with the price decrease' but are being 'realistic when assessing the markets'

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Finless looks to hire new policy, impact manager

The California company recently expanded its focus from cell-cultured seafood to include plant-based tuna

FREE-READ

Zhanjiang port lifts seafood import suspension but delays continue

Customs clearance is still slow and a large backlog of containers has built up at China's main port for imported shrimp for the country's processing industry

Canadian Seafood Show returns to Montreal, Sept. 16-17

The event announcement follows word that Canada will reopen its borders to fully vaccinated US citizens on Aug. 9

SeaPak rolls out three styles of pink salmon burgers

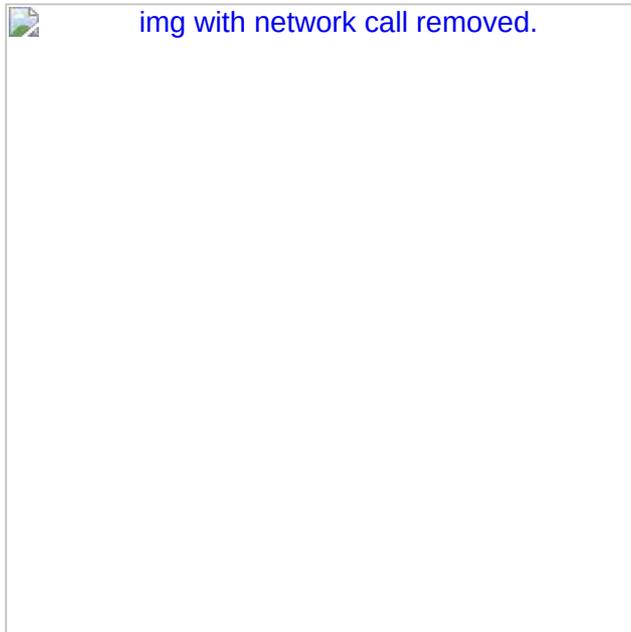
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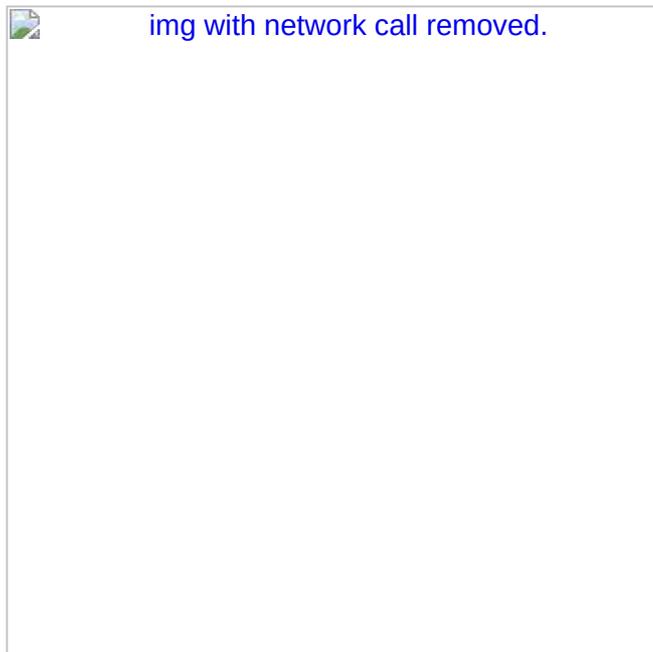
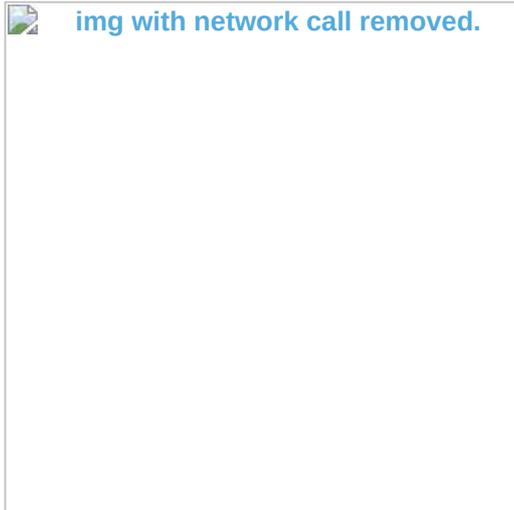
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Ecuador's Tunacons hopes for MSC certification progress by August

The MSC's certification of Ecuador trade association Tunacons, which was previously expected to be completed by June 2021, has been delayed

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Washington state announces oyster recall amidst record-breaking Vibrio outbreak

As of July 16, the US state of Washington's health department had 52 lab-confirmed Vibrio parahaemolyticus-related illnesses, including 46 linked to food

Environmental organization restarts talks on expanding Galapagos reserve

Following the recent arrival of foreign vessels near its fishing grounds, Ecuador's citizen initiative Mas Galapagos claims that an extension of the archipelago's marine reserve is vital

FIPs 'on verge' of offering 1m tons more sustainable tuna to choose from

Thai Union is involved in nine FIPs, aiming for MSC certification, and representing over 1 million metric tons of tuna; the company is pushing to improve social conditions as well as just fisheries



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Chinese fish farmers forced to dismantle marine cages amid gov't crackdown

A 2018 ban on marine aquaculture in Shuidong Bay, in China's Maoming county, looks set to finally be enforced, prompting fish farmers to dismantle fish cages

Norwegian cod farmer Statt Torsk loses 24% of biomass in mortality incident

The small-scale cod farmer Statt Torsk has lost 48,000 fish in a sudden mortality incident, and has reduced its autumn harvest guidance from 800t to 600t accordingly

Mowi Scotland hits back at fish welfare abuse allegations

Mowi has responded to allegations by Scottish anti-salmon farming campaigner Don Staniford, who published a welfare complaint earlier this week

Indonesian gov't outlines plan to expand high seas tuna fleet

In light of an increase in quotas and as part of its plan for a sustainable tuna fishery by 2025, Indonesia is expanding its fishing presence in international waters



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Vietnam's pangasius exports jump in June

The pandemic has failed to dampen demand for Vietnamese pangasius, according to June's exports figures

Cell-, plant-based producer Finless promotes Cosentino-Roush to lead strategy

'In her next chapter, we trust her to continue to build momentum and excitement for alternative seafood while still considering the nuanced needs of the industry at-large' -- CEO Michael Seiden

NaturalShrimp hires Van Den Berg to lead sales effort

The hire follows a flurry of recent expansion-related activity by the Dallas, Texas-based RAS shrimp grower

Canada gov't funds projects in lobster, snow crab, smoked herring processing

The funding will go to 26 projects across Southeast New Brunswick, focusing on innovative technologies to improve productivity and sustainability in the seafood processing sector

UK food workers to be exempt from COVID self-isolation rules

UK Food manufacturer and supermarket depot workers will be exempt from quarantine rules as the government tries to avoid food supply problems amid the 'pingdemic' chaos

Thai Union launches Thailand's first sustainability-linked bond

The new bond was originally priced for THB 4bn (\$120m), but impressive demand from investors has led Thai Union to increase the offering to THB 5bn

Private equity firm sells Iberconsa's chain of frozen seafood shops

The Vinova group, an international food trading company from Vigo, northern Spain, has bought all Iberconsa's Hiperxel shares

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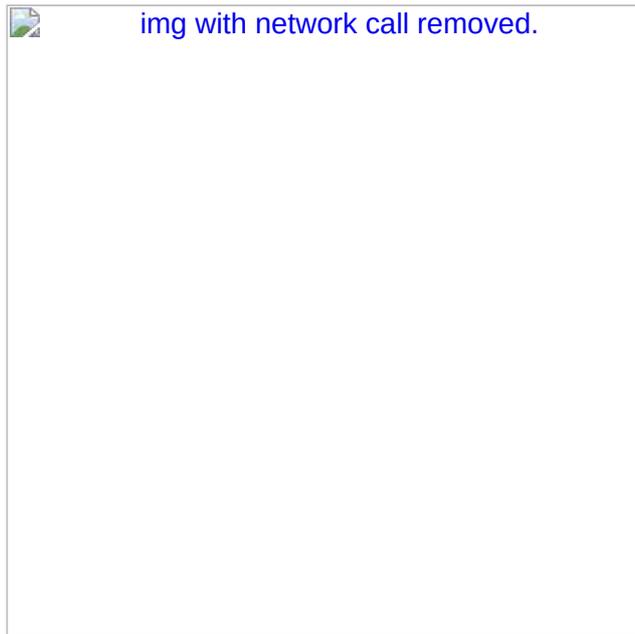
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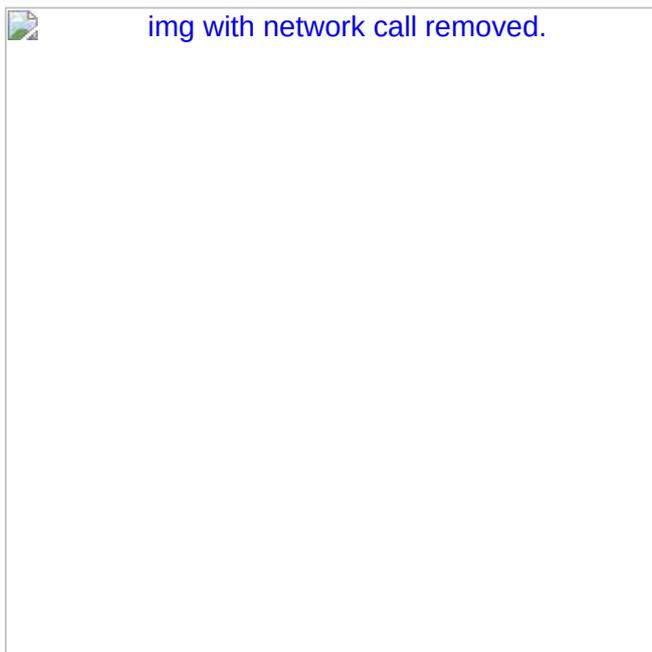
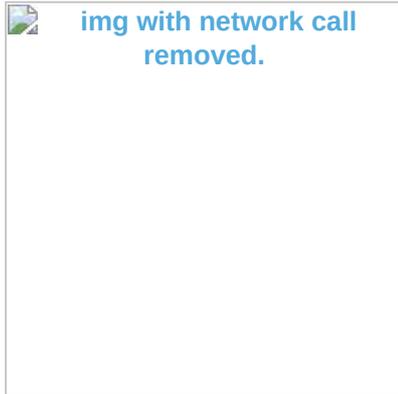
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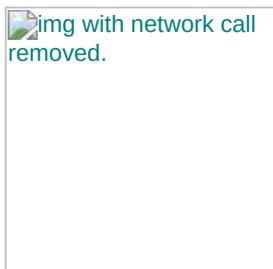
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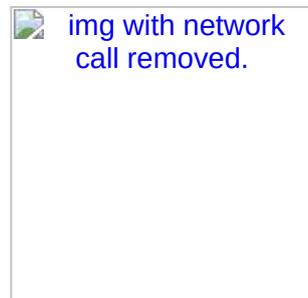
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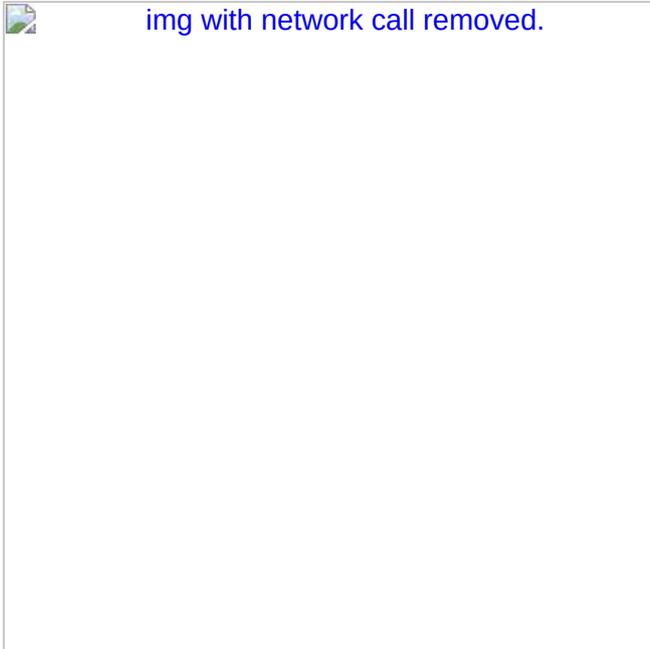
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'We know that RAS works; all we need to do is to learn how to operate them with the lowest possible risk,' - Atlantic Sapphire CEO Johan Andreassen



AquaBounty picks small Ohio town for new GMO salmon RAS facility

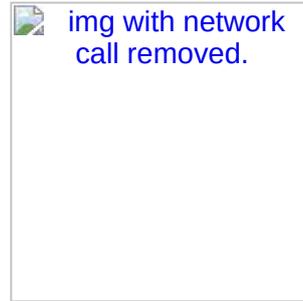
AquaBounty said it is finalizing the design for the estimated 479,000 square foot facility and expects to invest over \$200 million in the project

How the US salmon supply chain has a highway bandit problem

In the worst incident so far, five armed men attacked five trucks carrying smolt in a convoy. The trucks were set on fire, the smolt destroyed, and the drivers injured

Typhoon In Fa sends salmon prices soaring in Shanghai

Wholesale prices of imported salmon jumped to CNY 135 per kilogram in Shanghai over the course of the weekend



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Alpha Aqua to build Arctic char farm for Sweden's Cold Lake

The farm is expected to be built next year, with eggs introduced to the facility in the final quarter of 2022

US investors back Scottish data communications startup with aquatech interests

The company says the funding will be used to expand its operations internationally

Deadline for final Huon Aquaculture bids extended

The delay could mean Brazilian beef giant JBS doesn't agree with the suggested price for the Tasmanian-based salmon farmer

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Water supply, concept and location will all be the defining line between those land-based fish farms that achieve a profit, and those that fall short

Chilean salmon farmer Camanchaca starts project to optimize harvests using AI

Chile's salmon farmer Salmenes Camanchaca has selected the Chilean startup Altum Lab to lead a project to optimize its harvest program based on artificial intelligence

Kvaroy Arctic unveils Women in Aquaculture scholarship award

The recipients receive funding plus work experience on the salmon company's Norwegian farms



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Hilton's veteran seafood production director leaves under dark cloud

UK-based meatpacker Hilton Food Group's veteran seafood production chief has abruptly left the company formerly known as Seachill UK, several sources told Undercurrent News

US trout, steelhead grower Riverence adds Felsenthal to sales team

Stephen Felsenthal will take up his new role at Riverence on Aug. 1

What next for Hilton in seafood after Tesco bombshell?

Tesco shift will see Hilton cut costs, look to exports and could also pursue more fish business in other UK retailers, sources told Undercurrent News

DataSalmon: Chile salmon price to US rises, yet dips to Brazil

Spot prices for Chilean farmed salmon sold to the US ticked up marginally in week 28, but there was a small drop for salmon sold to Brazil

UK seafood body laments opaque, complex gov't self-isolation exemption plan

The UK government's plan to allow 500 food sector companies to avoid staff self-isolating from the 'pingdemic' via new testing centers came under fire from a seafood industry group

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Scottish university develops cleaner fish welfare tool

Researchers at the University of Stirling have established growth weight as the best indicator of lumpfish welfare, noting that they are often introduced to pens too early

More fishing groups express support for Democrats' MSA reauthorization bill

'The bill recognizes that climate change must become integral to ocean governance and expands protections for essential fish habitat...' -- Linda Behnken, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

Six conservation groups, Pacific fishermen pleased with Democrats' MSA bill

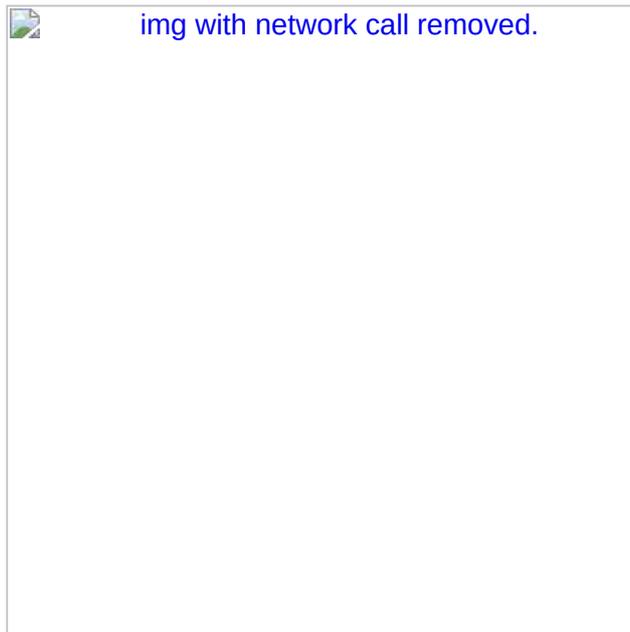
'Many of the topics important to us, and our long-term viability, are included in the text of the bill' -- Mike Conroy, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association

China's Joyvio eyes alternative foods in \$90m fund tie-up with SK Corp

The joint fund with one of South Korea's largest conglomerates will support alternative foods entry into China

Democrats introduce MSA bill with climate change focus

'We know that the MSA has worked well, but new approaches are needed in this era of climate change, new technologies, evolving science needs and increasing ocean use' -- representative Jared Huffman



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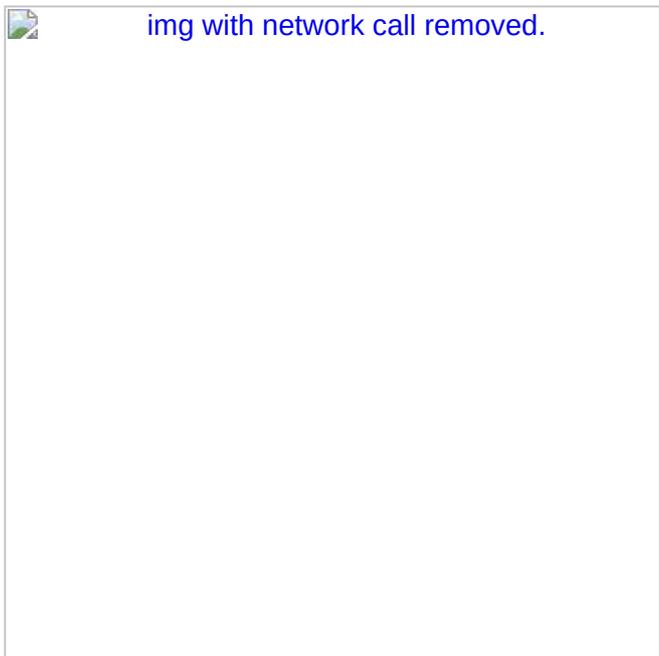
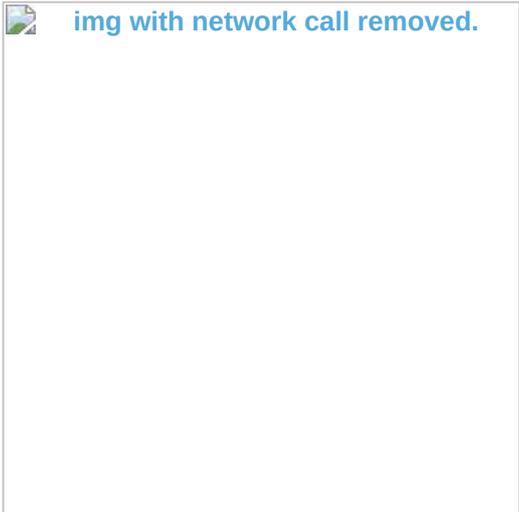
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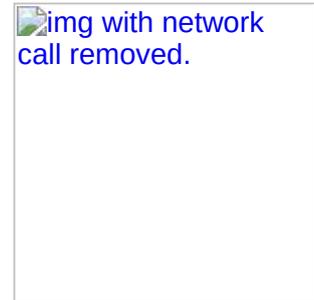
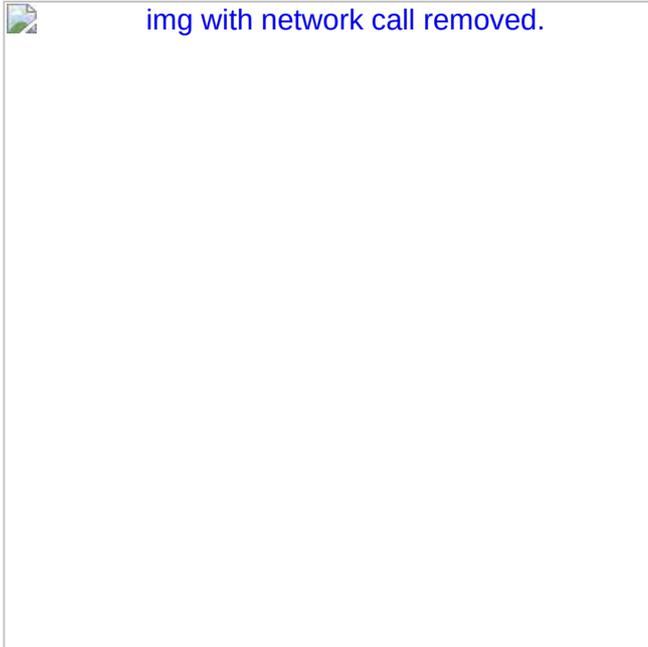
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Newfoundland processors not budging on sea cucumber weighing issue

'There is no more to give on price at this stage' -- Derek Butler, Association of Seafood Producers

Baiyang to invest \$37m in Hainan tilapia, golden pomfret processing

It follows the announcement earlier this year of a planned CNY 186m investment in aquafeed production also in Hainan

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Exports to Hong Kong rose 2,000% in May compared with the same month of last year, according to trade data, amid reports of smuggling to the Chinese mainland

Aquafeed sales boost Chinese Guangdong Haid's first-half profits

The Chinese feed giant reported a 38.8% increase in net profit to CNY 1.5bn in the first half of 2021, thanks to significant growth in aquafeed sales



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Study: Warming waters could cost Pacific nations \$140m annually in lost tuna catches

Catch reductions of this magnitude could result in a collective loss of \$140m per year by 2050 and cost some island nations and territories up to 17% of their government revenue

Beyond Meat, Ynsect backer invests in US alternative proteins firm

Happiness Capital, a Hong Kong investment firm and backer of Beyond Meat, Redefine Meat, and Ynsect, is the lead investor in a \$4.7m fundraising round by NovoNutrients

Ireland's Atlantic Dawn receives new frozen pelagic trawler

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Samherji, P&P's UK venture struggling on in spite of post-

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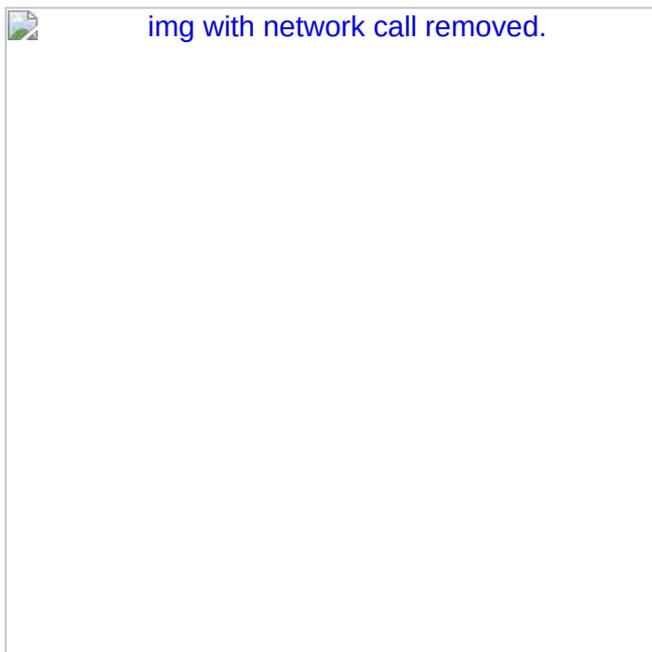
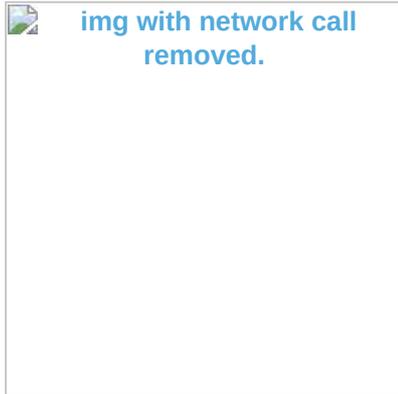
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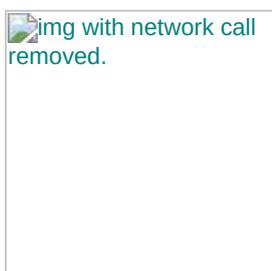
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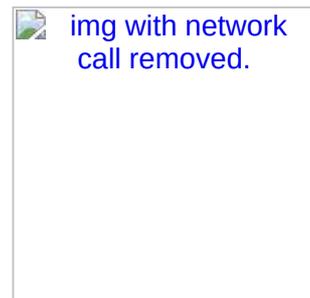
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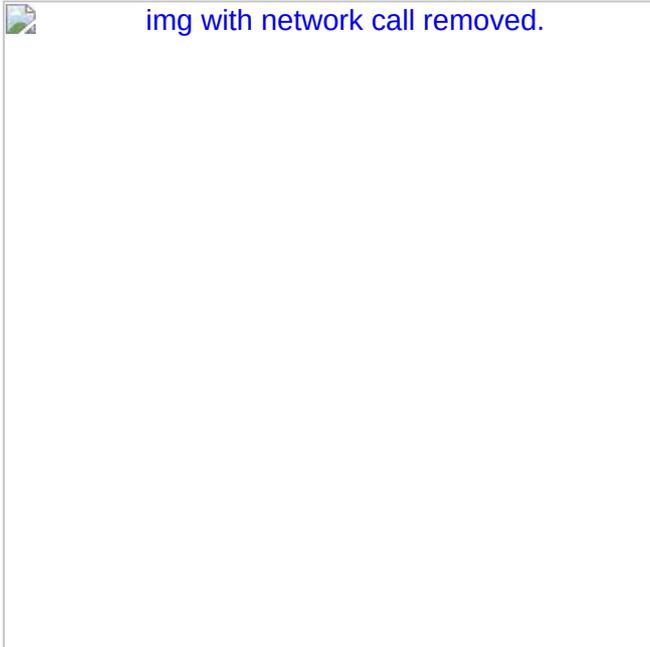


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EU officials fear US suits threaten salmon price-fixing investigation

Earlier this month, representatives of the European Commission filed an amicus curiae brief to the class-action litigation from salmon buyers being waged in a US federal court



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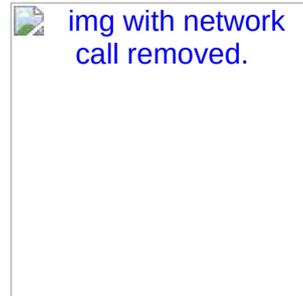
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Scotland's John Ross smoked salmon lands in Shanghai City's super stores

The Scottish smoked salmon producer marks its new retail presence in three City'super stores in Shanghai, China

No end in sight for acquisitions by UK aquatech group OTAQ

The group, which was acquired by Hertsford Capital in March last year, has seen double-digit growth in both revenues and earnings following an acquisition spree

Tesco's shift from 'exclusive' seafood partnership with Hilton to benefit Young's, others

One of longest-running partnerships between processor and a retailer will soon dramatically change as Tesco introduces Young's and other suppliers to various chilled categories

US sushi restaurant's struggle is tip of growing seafood price iceberg

Wesley Yao, the owner of three sushi restaurants, is trying hard to keep his menu prices

the same even as his seafood costs have escalated 15-20% in the past six months



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Brazilian meat processor JBS after Australia's Huon, say reports

JBS is the world's largest meat processor and major Latin American agribusiness

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The Australian state's farmed salmon sector has been subject to attack by environmental groups

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Peter Pan follows suit after OBI lifts Bristol Bay base price

OBI Seafoods recently said it would raise Bristol Bay ex-vessel sockeye base prices by \$0.15/lb to \$1.25/lb

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China's half-year seafood imports rise 2%

China's seafood imports rose 2% to \$6.88bn in the first six months of 2021 despite import disruption

French fine food firm buys smoked salmon company

Numerous synergies are expected from the deal as Toques Blanches Du Monde aims to grow its premium food business

Singapore's global aquaculture challenge announces eight nominees for 2021

The Yield Lab has announced the eight 'innovators' in aquaculture left standing and competing for the \$1.6m in funding on offer

Lidl UK chilled supplier hires technical director with experience at Dawnfresh, Young's

Copernus, a fast-growing supplier to Lidl Great Britain, has hired a technical director from Samworth Brothers who has experience at several large seafood companies

UK salmon smokers clash over London cure status

Two smokers based in the UK's capital are at loggerheads over the right to sell salmon under the 'London cure' Protected Geographical Indication status

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MSC names new Americas head, Canada director

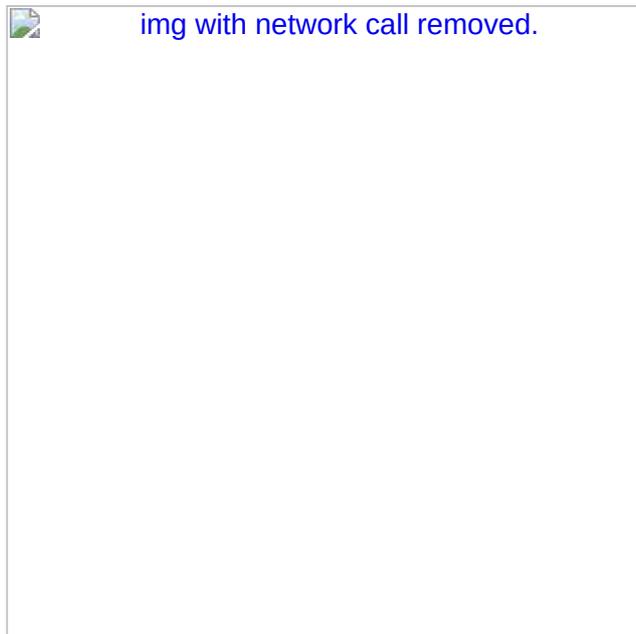
Erika Feller was appointed Americas' regional director and Kurtis Hayne is promoted to Canada program director

Lobster harvesters challenge building of land-based salmon farm in Nova Scotia

'I'm not sure if there is a right place for a land-based, open farm' -- Bernie Berry, Coldwater Lobster Association

EU to fund northern Scotland marine environment sustainability project

A new EU-funded research project aims to support innovation to achieve economic and environmental sustainability in the marine environment of north and west Scotland



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[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 06 Jun 2022 at 15:04 (UTC Z)
Subject: (No subject)

mobilising greenpeace and staniford to papay is impressive

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To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 08 Jun 2022 at 07:19 (UTC Z)
Subject: (No subject)

can see her going off to work for don staniford after this

From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>

To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>

Date: 25 Aug 2022 at 14:00 (UTC Z)

Subject: (No subject)

[REDACTED]

Gave top brass heads up about mr Staniford's unhealthy interest in cooke yesterday

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 06 Sep 2022 at 10:51 (UTC Z)
Subject: (No subject)

so we have salmon scotland and Don Staniford has Scotland Salmon

From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 04 Mar 2022 at 16:36 (UTC Z)
Subject: (No subject)

I got globally published by don staniford that time [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 06 Jun 2022 at 14:53 (UTC Z)
Subject: (No subject)

This makes me think there is truth to rumours that Don Staniford has been up there

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Subject: [REDACTED]

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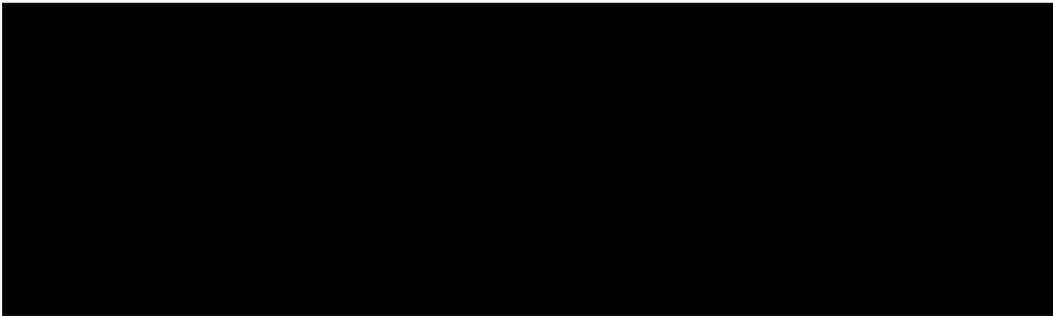
[REDACTED]

Don Staniford, the director of Scottish Salmon Watch, which campaigns against fish farms, took the video. He said: "In three years of secret filming at more than 25 salmon farms I have never seen such unnecessary suffering"

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



From: [redacted]

Sent: 19 November 2021 10:21

To: [redacted]

[redacted]@cookeaqu.com>; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

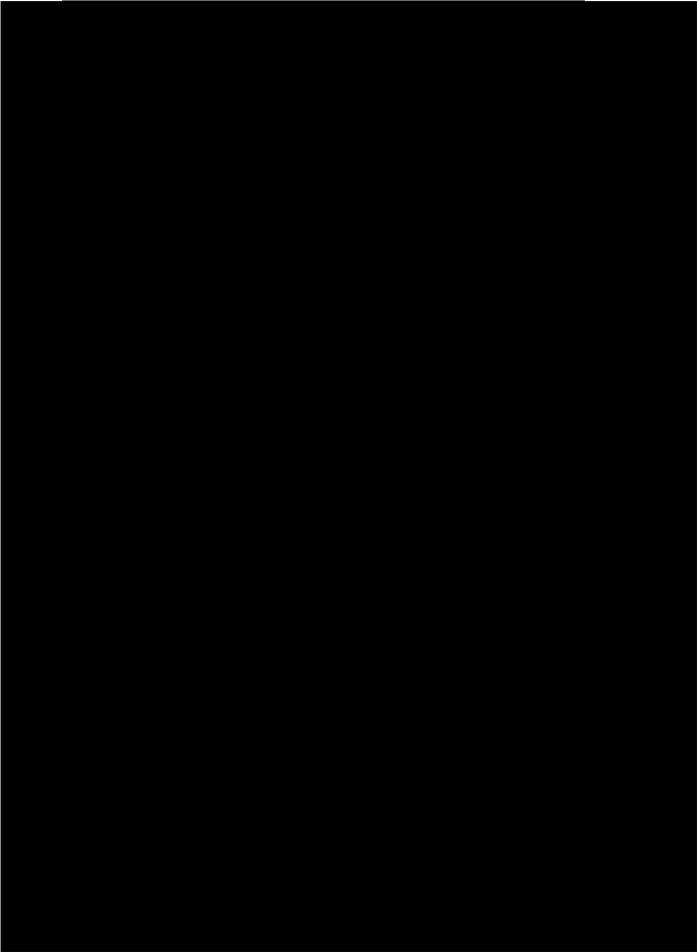
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Good Morning,
For your information :



2/ Extract of the images filmed in Scotland with Don Staniford
On Hugo Clement Instagram account : [_Instagram une séquence du documentaire à venir.](#)



As we knew, among the accusations :



- **Sealices and death in the pens** : In “Loch Caron”, Don Staniford talks about “the worst farm he has ever seen” and

tells he will make a complaint against this farm".



From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 26 Jul 2021 at 09:40 (UTC Z)
Subject: (No subject)

[REDACTED] just forwarded me a piece in today's Times about lice and dead fish found at one of Mowi's sites on the West Coast. Don Staniford again

From: [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>
To: [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]
[redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]
[redacted]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 24 Apr 2019 at 14:56 (UTC Z)
Subject: [redacted]

Hi all,

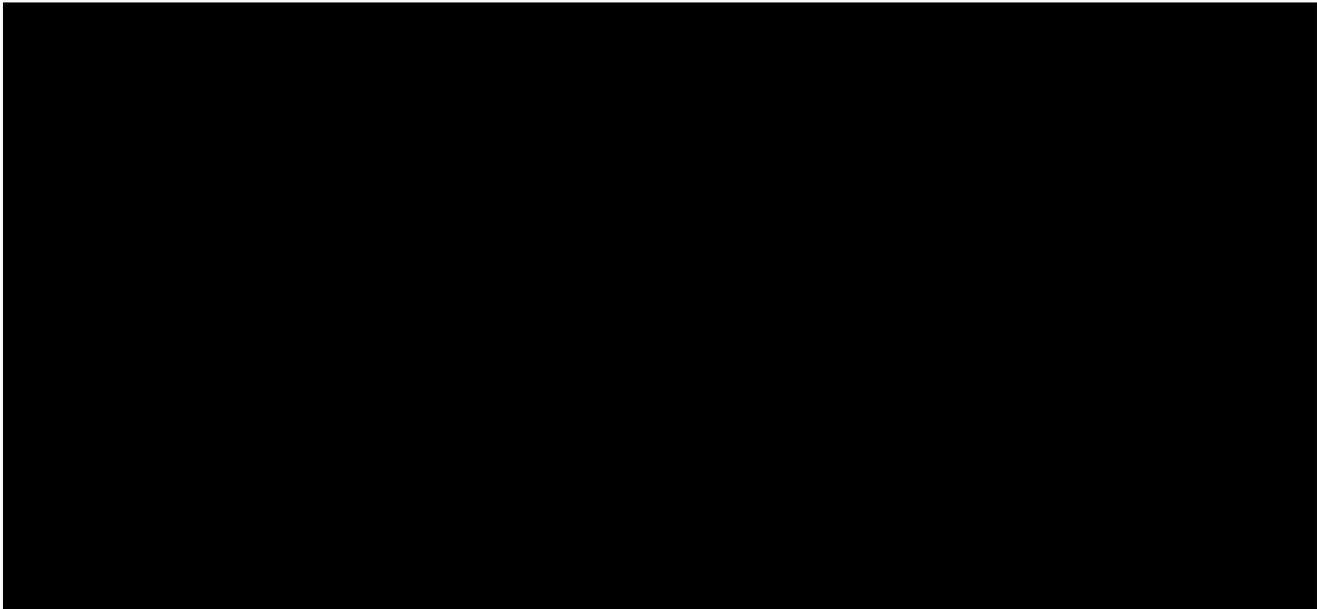
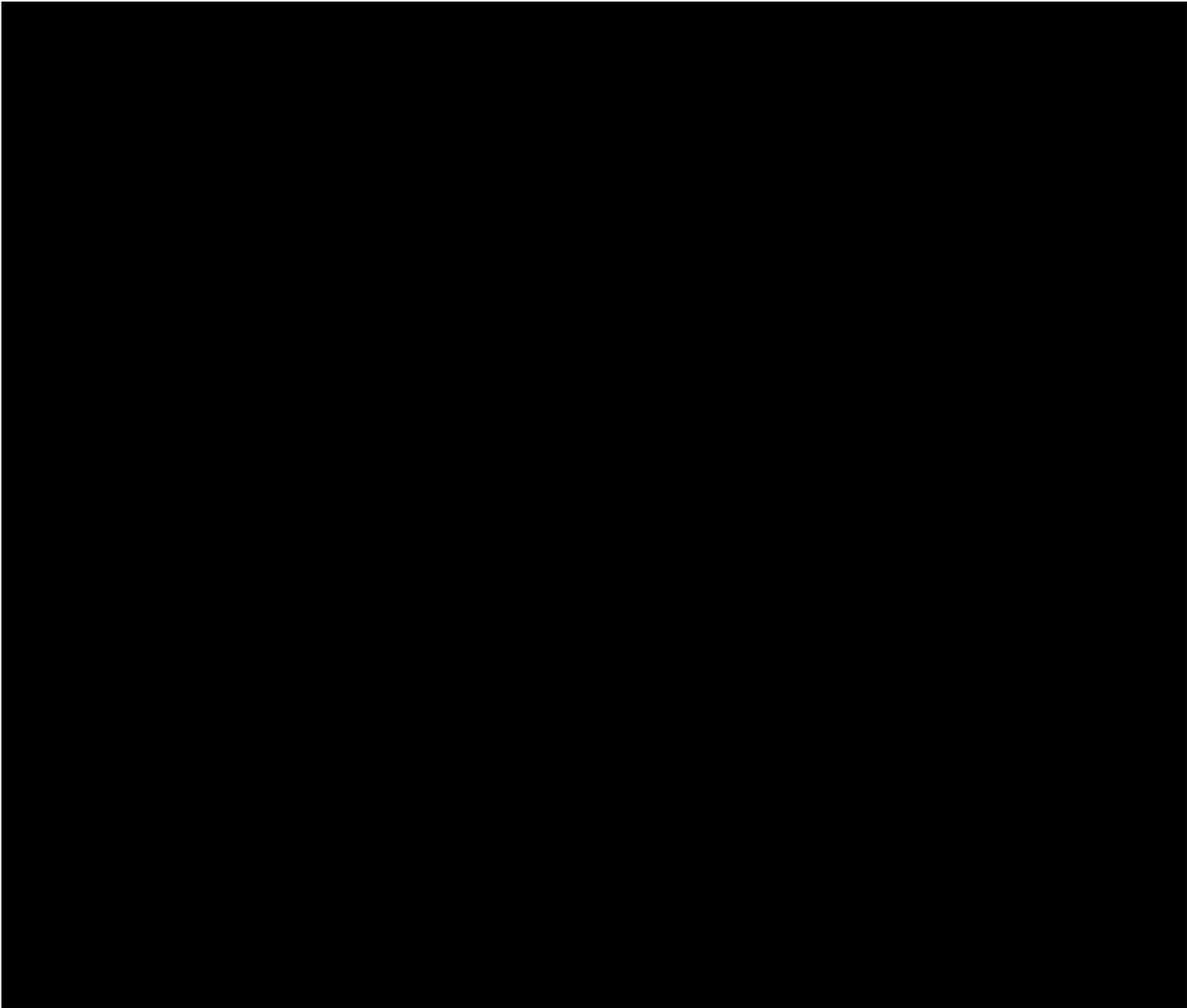
[redacted]

There's also a Don Staniford lead crowdfunding campaign happening at the moment [redacted]
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fishybusiness>

Happy to discuss.

Cheers,

[redacted]



From: [Redacted]

Sent: 22 February 2022 10:37

To: [Redacted]

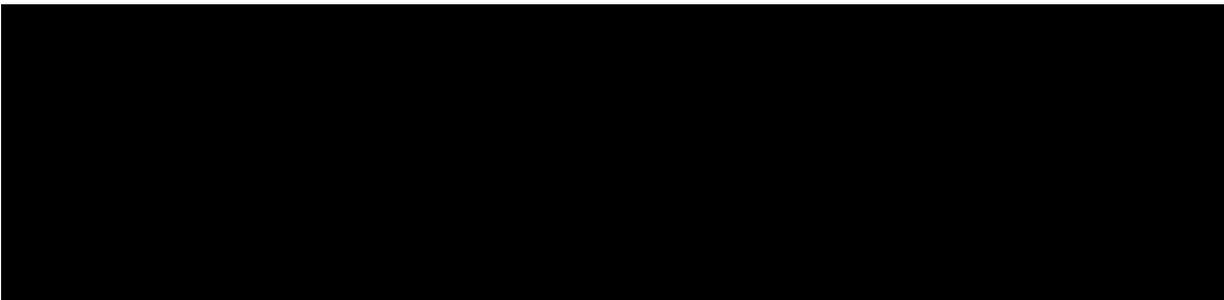
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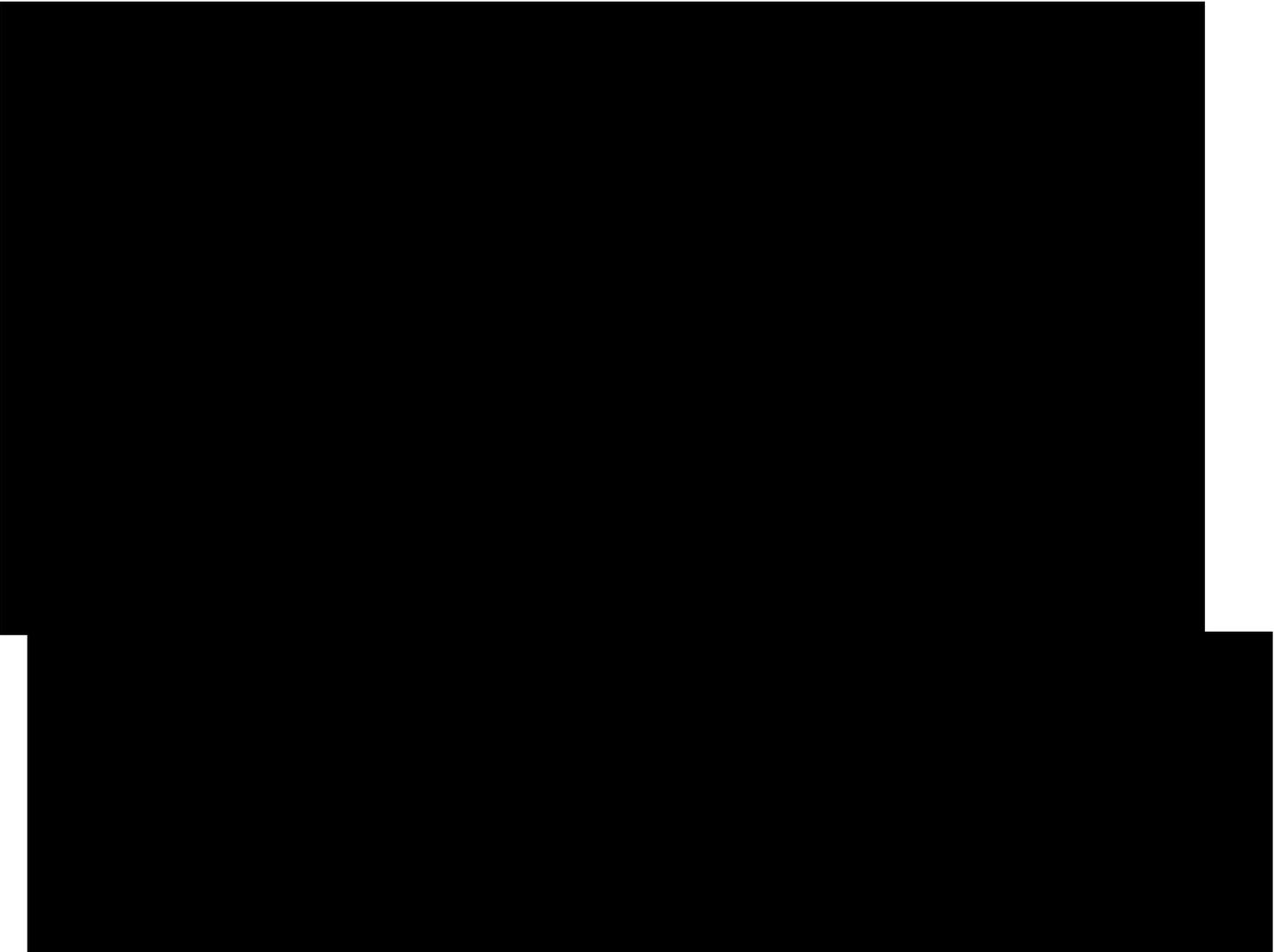
Subject: [Redacted]





Campaigners, including Don Staniford who obtained the data on antibiotic use from Sepa, will criticise the fish farming industry for its "drug dependency" and argue that rising antibiotic use is "completely unsustainable".





On 2 Jul 2019, at 6:39 pm, [redacted] wrote:

In case you haven't seen this... "pickled fish"...The guy is good!

<image001.png>



From: [redacted] <[redacted]@cookeaqu.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 11:57 am
To: [redacted]
Subject: Salmon Watch - Don Staniford

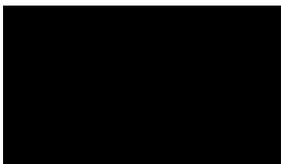
All,

For info - please see announcement of Don Staniford's salmonwatch campaign. (see link) [redacted]

[redacted]
Staniford was also seen in Lochgilphead so I've contacted each nearby site manager for their awareness.

<https://donstaniford.typepad.com/files/pr-formalin-cancer-causing-chemicals-stashed-at-scottish-salmon-26-june-2019.pdf>

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/environment/salmon-farms-targeted-in-environmental-campaign-1-4957315>

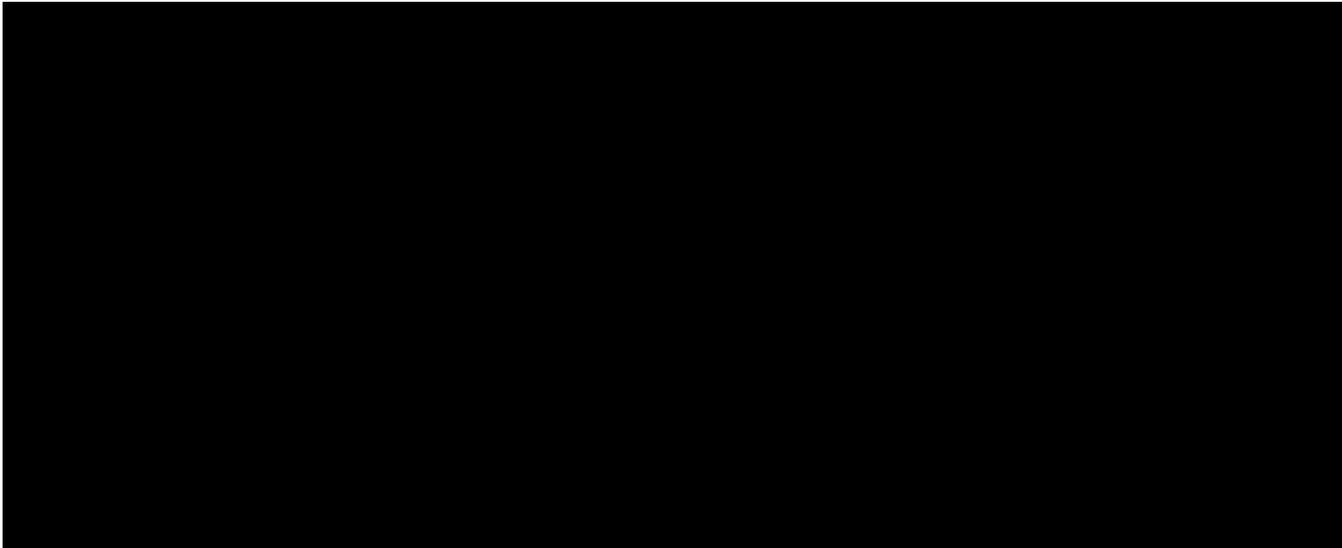


From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 02 Jul 2019 at 16:10 (UTC Z)
Subject: Don Staniford

Hi Both,

I have learnt today that Don Staniford (anti fish farming campaigner) has been accessing sites whilst personnel are off site or at night on the West Coast of Scotland and carrying out filming, mainly Hatcheries thus far.





From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 October 2020 09:53
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@cookeaqu.com>; [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Hi All,

Have you seen this article? It's pretty much a press release from Don Staniford, [REDACTED]

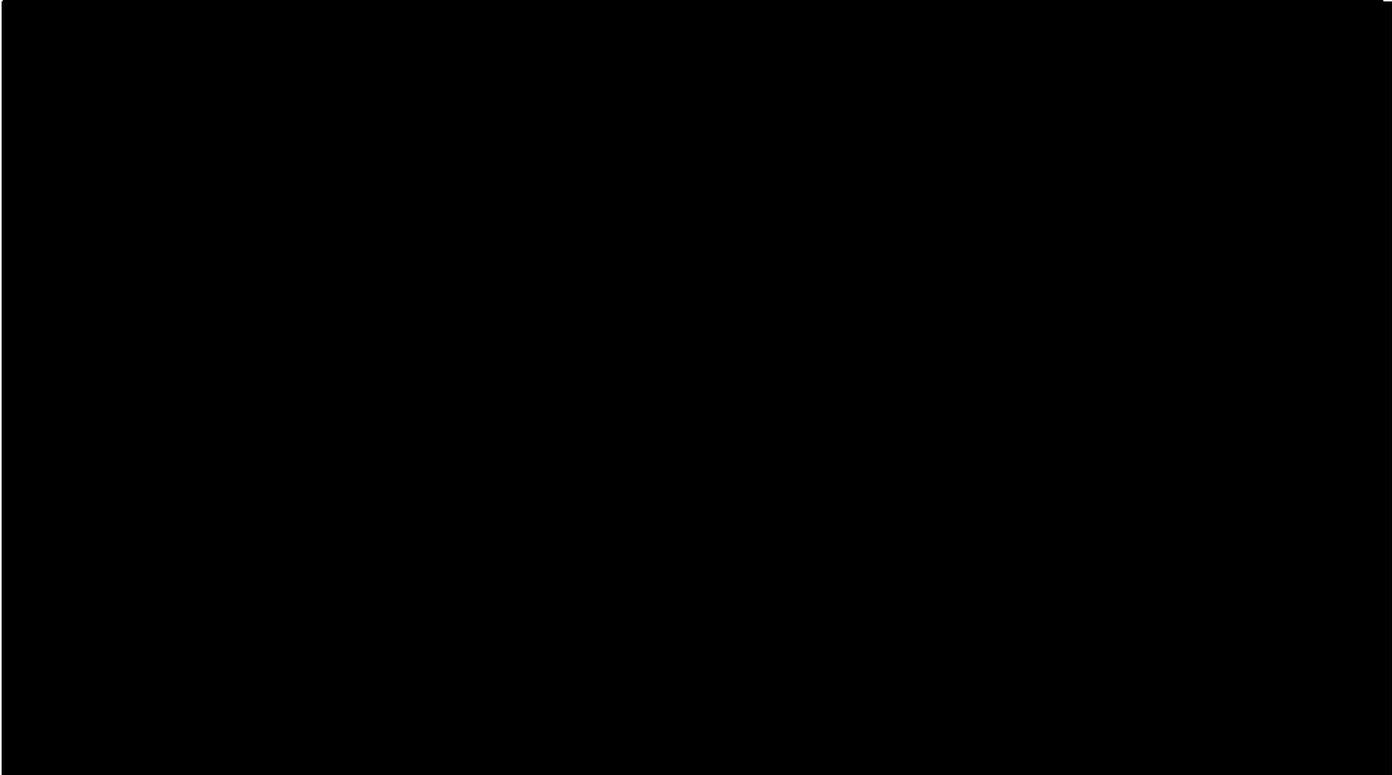
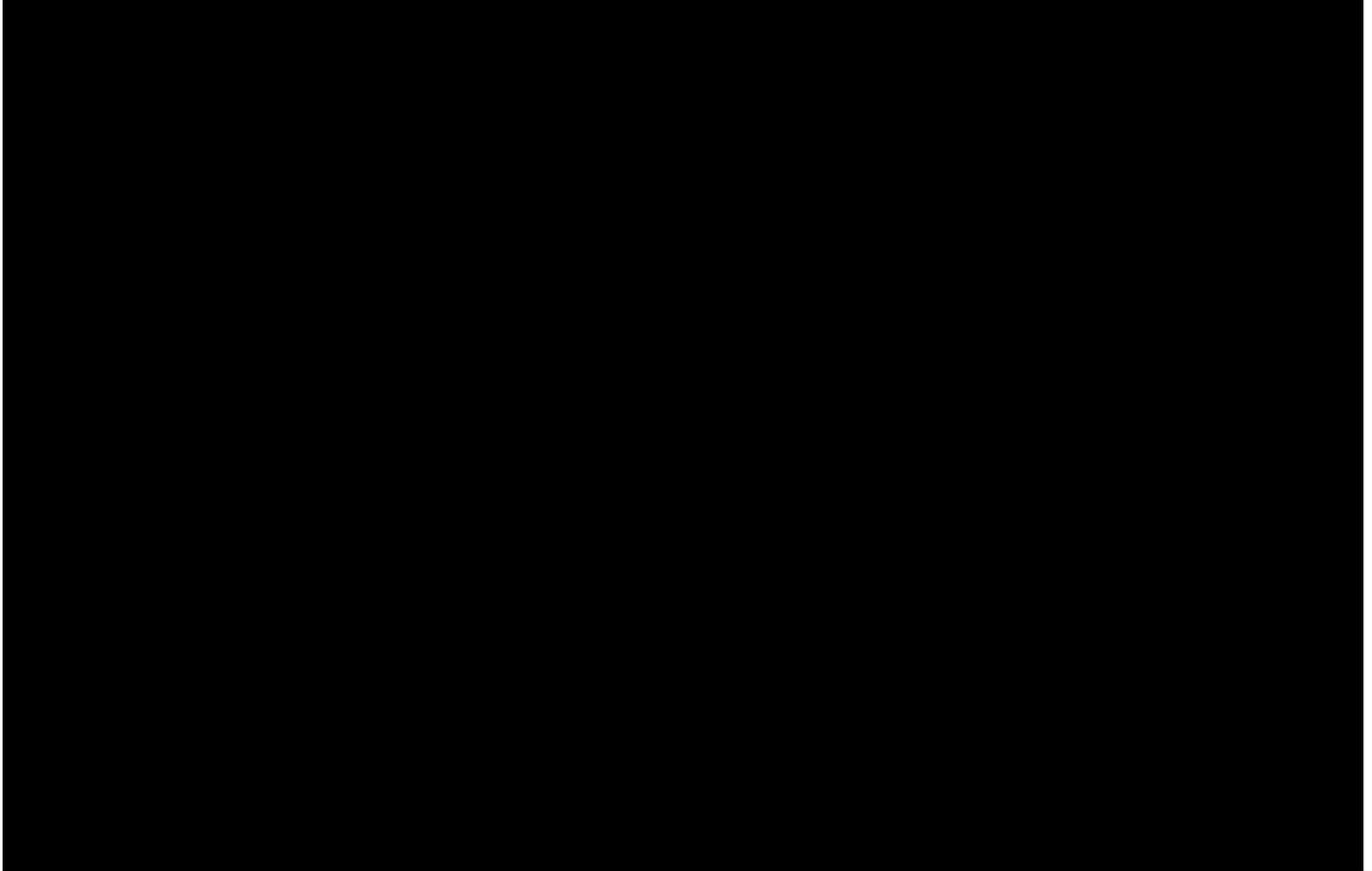
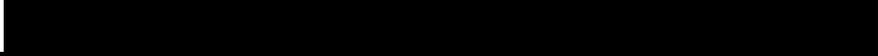


From [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2020 05:56
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Good morning all,

I have been asked to share with you the emails below and the attachments for your views / input.

Some of you may be aware that Don S is back doing the rounds again, he was on one of our sites recently and dived beside a pen when we had two vessels working on the group, he did receive a warning from the police once ashore.



wellfare campaigner

by Ellis Butcher

ebutcher@obantimes.co.uk



A campaigner has claimed a 'watershed victory' in the public right to access lochs used by salmon farms after winning an apology from Police Scotland.

Don Staniford, director of Scottish Salmon Watch, made a formal complaint following encounters with police officers at Loch Creran in July 2020 and Loch Linnhe a year earlier.

Mr Staniford, aged 49, said the attendance of officers on the day and their advice amounted to police acting as a 'private security firm' for salmon farms.

He has now met with police inspectors at Oban Police Station and received an apology from a police inspector.

His complaint - investigated by a chief inspector - could also see 'learning' being required by police officers to help fill in 'gaps' about the law across the force, according to the official letter he received.

The issue came under the spotlight after he and campaigners twice accessed local lochs to investigate fish farm welfare concerns.

At both incidents, police officers were quickly on the scene - on the shore in the most recent incident and in a



boat in the latter. In the most recent incident in July this year, Mr Staniford and Matt Mellen, editor of independent online magazine Ecohustler, went to Loch Creran off the A828. Their 10-minute exchange with officers on the shoreline was filmed, with police telling the pair 'one of the farms' had complained that people were 'in the water, near to the cages' and 'within the exclusion zone'.

Mr Staniford and Mr Mellen were told there were concerns about their safety and warned that if they continued to swim there it could be 'classed as a criminal offence' and a 'culpable and reckless act'.

But Mr Staniford told officers

he had welfare concerns and there was a 'public right' to swim and navigate in 'public waters' around salmon farms and challenged them on the law.

At Shuna in Loch Linnhe in July 2019, Mr Staniford and Andrew Holder of Dip in the Blue, were approached by two officers in a boat. The attending officer said he needed 'permission' from Scottish Sea Farms to film there.

Following his complaint, Mr Staniford has now received a written response from Marlene Baillie, an area chief inspector, who thanked him for bringing the matters to her attention.

In the letter, the chief in-

Fish welfare campaigner Don Staniford received an apology from Police Scotland.

spector conceded there was a 'gap in knowledge' among officers about the 'complex' law in relation to fish farms and aquaculture.

Furthermore, Chief Inspector Baillie said the issue is a 'national matter' and that 'learning' from the incidents would be 'shared' across the police service 'with the intention of improving our corporate knowledge and level of response'.

Mr Staniford hailed it as 'watershed victory'.

He said: 'Police Scotland has effectively reinforced the legality of filming at salmon farms. Police Scotland has sent a powerful message to their own officers that they cannot act as private security guards for companies.'

'The public has an inalienable right to navigate - including kayaking and diving - in public waters where salmon farms operate.'

'Despite legal threats of salmon farming companies, the legitimacy of video surveillance and public monitoring of salmon farms is irrefutable.'

DOYLE - née power. Precious memories of Avril, who passed away October 26, 2019. Our hearts still ache with sadness
And many tears still flow
What is meant to lose you
No one will ever know.
We hold you close within our hearts

And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives

Until we meet again.

- The Power family.

GIBSON - In loving memory of our dear dad and grandpa Jimmy, who died October 23, 2014.

Loved and remembered every day.

Iain and family, Dalmally, Margaret and family, Canada HOLLAND - In loving memory of Gary James, who died October 24, 1990.

You are not just a memory of the cheeky, loving young man or a part of the past

But ours to hold and love within our hearts, even after thirty years

Love and remember you always
Also your dear dad, Robert, who died so soon after you

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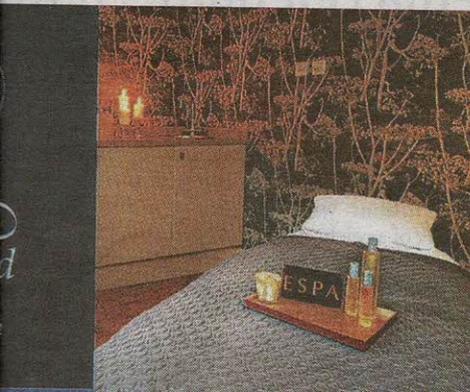
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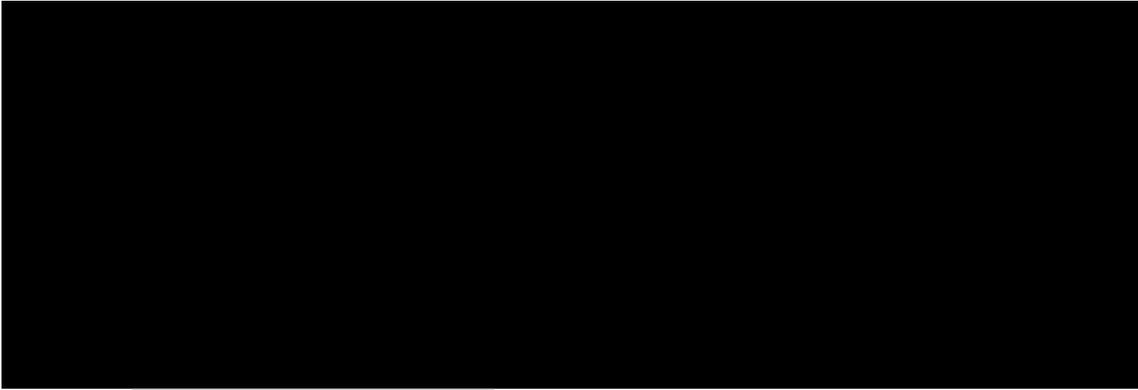
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Sent: 17 July 2020 12:57
To: [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>
Subject: [redacted]

Hi everyone

A quick heads up that anti-farming campaigner Don Staniford (pictured pre-haircut, below) is in the area, and has been attempting to film seawater sites and hatcheries.



He was on Loch Creran filming at SSF's site yesterday. He and a film crew chartered a yacht (see pics, we think this is Andrew (Extinction Rebellion Oban) Holder's own yacht) and Don entered the water within the buoys to film.

He was approached by SSF seawater staff and re-boarded the yacht.

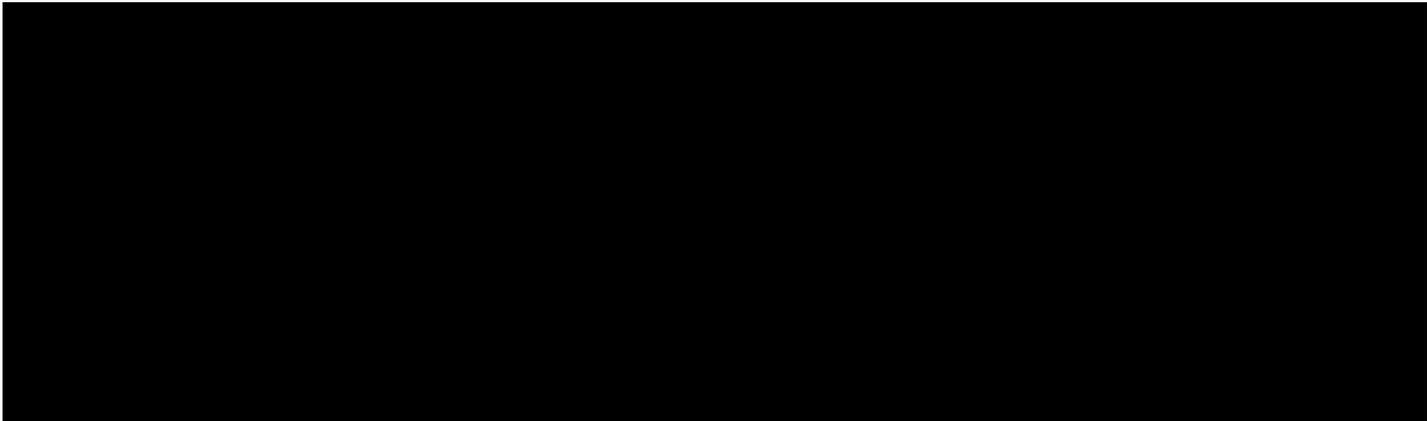
The Police were informed and spoke with Don and his colleagues at the marina, where they had vehicles parked.

They were told if they repeated their behaviour, having been given this warning, they may face a charge of culpable reckless behaviour.

It is possible that this group may attempt to film and/or gain entry to our freshwater sites on the west coast.



Many thanks,







From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 25 Feb 2019 at 14:34 (UTC Z)
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi
This is the first I've heard of it and when I 'Googled' only person asking for a ban on imports was Don Staniford & Landcatch - no surprise there!

[REDACTED]

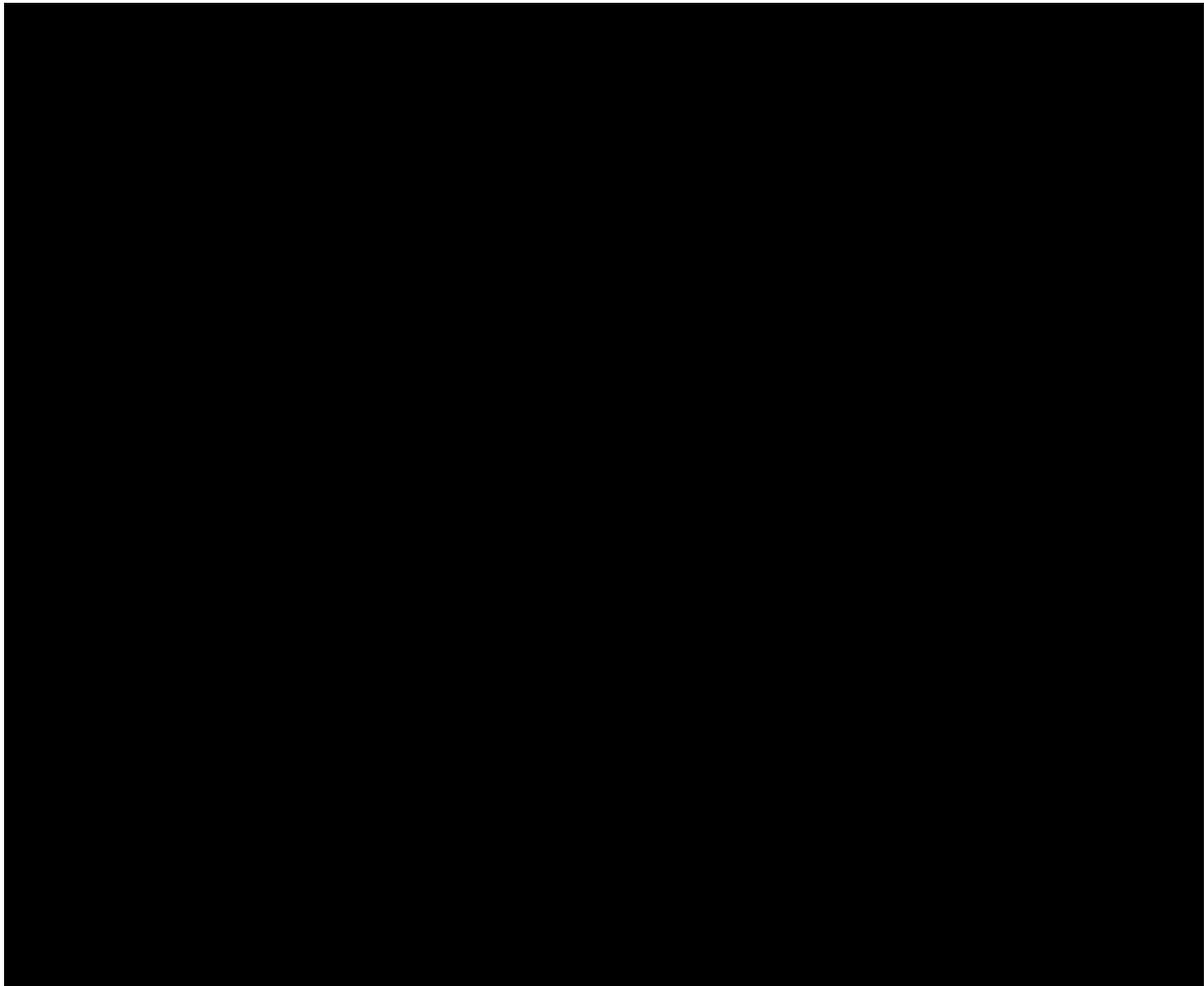
[REDACTED]



On 27 Jul 2018, at 09:03, [REDACTED] [@cookeaqu.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@cookeaqu.com)> wrote:

FYI

Another FOI request from Staniford, [REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com> [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 13 Jul 2018 at 11:35 (UTC Z)
Attachments: __substg1.0_3701000D.msg; __substg1.0_3701000D.msg;
__substg1.0_3701000D.msg
Subject: FW: Fol [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

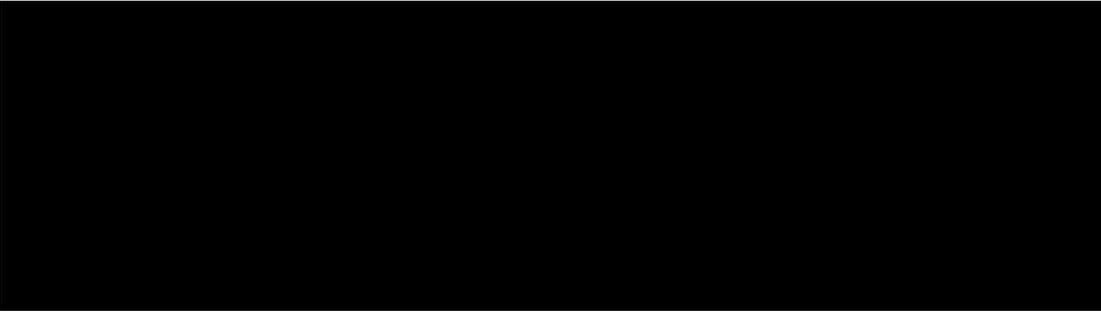
Please see below in relation to FOI requests from presumably Staniford.

[REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



From: Don Staniford [mailto:salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com]
Sent: 25 January 2018 19:39
To: dslandsburgh@scottishsalmon.co.uk
Cc: enquiries@scottishsalmon.co.uk; news@scottishsalmon.co.uk; 'Hadfield, Ben' <Ben.Hadfield@marineharvest.com>; Chris Webb <chris.webb@cookeaqua.com>; kevin.osborn@sepa.org.uk; georgina.wright@marineharvest.com; jim.gallagher@scottishseafarms.com; graham.smith@scottishseafarms.com; rory.conn@scottishseafarms.com; celine.kimpflin@scottishseafarms.com; info@scottishsalmon.com; Su.Cox@scottishsalmon.com; morna.marr@scottishsalmon.com; heatherc@westerrosssalmon.com; gilpin@wrs.co.uk; janeanne.mackie@lochduart.com; info@griegseafood.co.uk; Enquiries <Enquiries@cookeaqua.com>; Kate Crooks <kate.crooks@cookeaqua.com>; Marie McAleese <Marie.McAleese@cookeaqua.com>; jobs@blueshellmussels.co.uk; hazel.macleod@sepa.org.uk; cathy.tilbrook@snh.gov.uk; michelle.price-hayward@cefas.co.uk; katie.gillham@snh.gov.uk; fsa.communications@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk; 'Adrian, Alex' <alex.adrian@crownstatescotland.com>; info@shetland.gov.uk; Joyce.Carr@scotland.gsi.gov.uk; scottish.ministers@gov.scot; 'MSP' <Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot>; 'MSP' <Tavish.Scott.msp@parliament.scot>; carmichaela@parliament.uk; wishartb@parliament.uk; ljenkins@scottishsalmon.co.uk; jwebster@scottishsalmon.co.uk
Subject: BBC Radio Shetland on Cooke's "untreated blood water"

Listen to BBC Radio Shetland on how Cooke Aquaculture discharged "untreated blood water", "raw effluent" and "gross" pollution in Scotland:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF2pb0-pTIY&feature=youtu.be>

Also on the BBC iPlayer via <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09p7c6k#play> (1 min 9 secs and then again from 10 mins 14 secs)

More details via:

[Press Release: "Cooke's Untreated Blood Water is "Gross" says SEPA - "Poor" processing plant pollutes Mid Yell Voe in Shetland"](#)

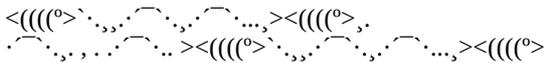
Best fishes,

Don

Don Staniford

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

Read my blog via <http://donstaniford.typepad.com/my-blog>



From: Don Staniford [mailto:salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com]
Sent: 25 January 2018 17:05
To: dslandsburgh@scottishsalmon.co.uk
Cc: 'enquiries@scottishsalmon.co.uk'; 'news@scottishsalmon.co.uk'; 'Hadfield, Ben'; 'chris.webb@cookeaqua.com'; 'kevin.osborn@sepa.org.uk'; 'georgina.wright@marineharvest.com'; 'jim.gallagher@scottishseafarms.com'; 'graham.smith@scottishseafarms.com'; 'rory.conn@scottishseafarms.com'; 'celine.kimpflin@scottishseafarms.com'; 'info@scottishsalmon.com'; 'Su.Cox@scottishsalmon.com'; 'morna.marr@scottishsalmon.com'; 'heatherc@westerrosssalmon.com'; 'gilpin@wrs.co.uk'; 'janeanne.mackie@lochduart.com'; 'info@griegseafood.co.uk'; 'Enquiries@cookeaqua.com'; 'kate.crooks@cookeaqua.com'; 'Marie.McAleese@cookeaqua.com'; 'jobs@blueshellmussels.co.uk'; 'hazel.macleod@sepa.org.uk'; 'cathy.tilbrook@snh.gov.uk'; 'michelle.price-hayward@cefas.co.uk'; 'katie.gillham@snh.gov.uk'; 'fsa.communications@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk'; 'Adrian, Alex'; 'info@shetland.gov.uk'; 'Joyce.Carr@scotland.gsi.gov.uk'; 'scottish.ministers@gov.scot'; 'MSP'; 'MSP'; 'carmichaela@parliament.uk'; 'wishartb@parliament.uk'
Subject: Breach of SSPO Code of Practice by Cooke Aquaculture - "gross" pollution and "untreated overflow from blood water tanks" in Mid Yell Voe

Scott,

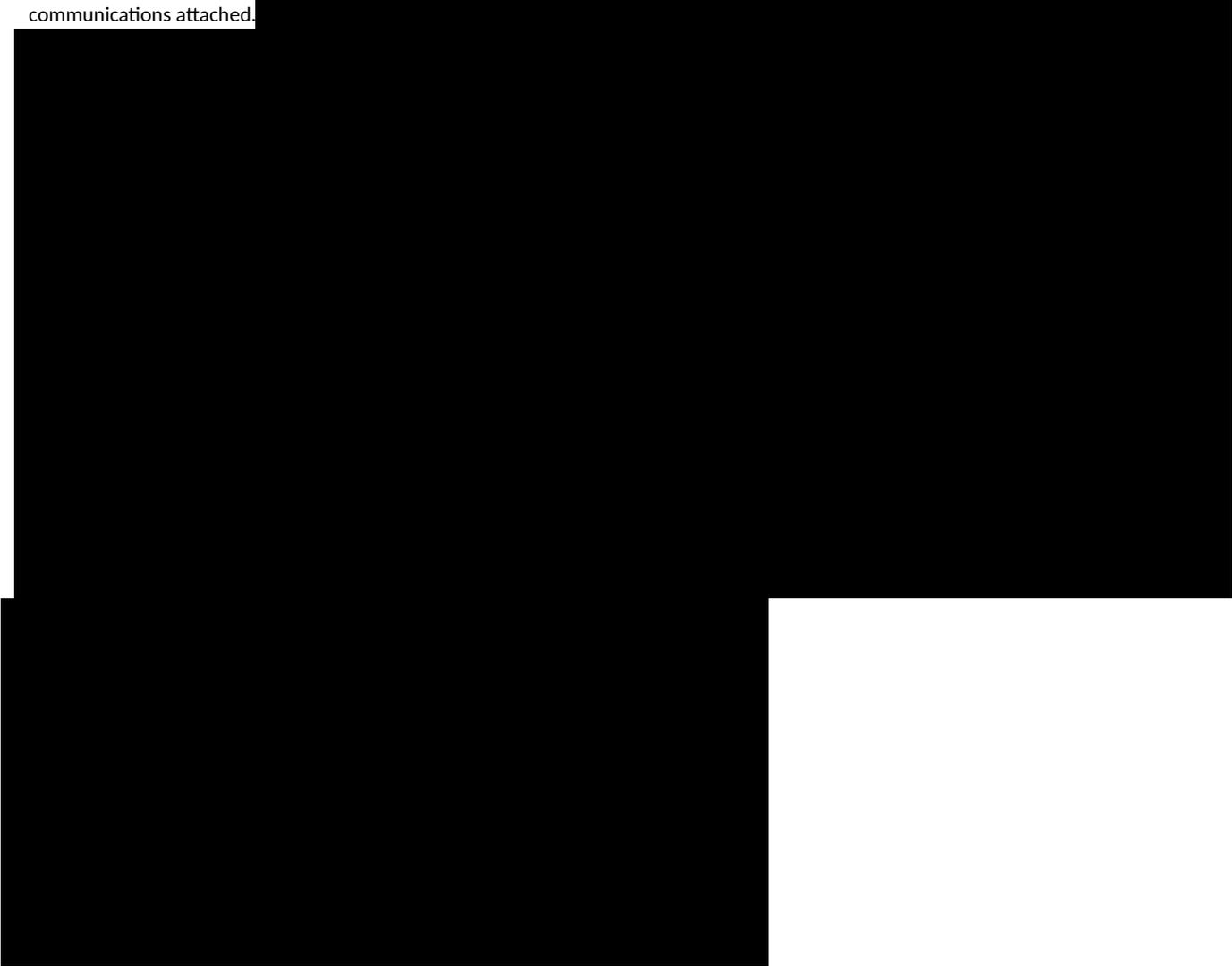
Here's a letter from GAAIA calling on the SSPO to expel Cooke Aquaculture for breach of the industry's Code of Practice:

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 06 Feb 2018 at 10:33 (UTC Z)
Attachments: __substg1.0_3701000D.msg; __substg1.0_3701000D.msg;
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Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

I went to discuss the second FOI with [REDACTED] yesterday to ensure that I was aware that we had all the available information, prior to the release to the requestor. Who we now know is Don Staniford, the date of the request was the 24.01.18.

He requested that SEPA release all information pertaining to Mid Yell processing plant, including reports from schools, residents etc relating to smell, bloodwater discharges, monitoring records, complaints, as such SEPA intends to release the following emails and communications attached.



[REDACTED]

On 26 Jan 2018, at 18:10, [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@cookeaqu.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@cookeaqu.com)> wrote:

[REDACTED] I am sure Stanifords reputation is known to Scottish Parliament so we don't need to add more detail. I am shocked BBC gave him a voice. He is a liar - proven in Canadian court.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January 26, 2018 10:41 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@cookeaqu.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@cookeaqu.com)>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@cookeaqu.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@cookeaqu.com)>
Subject: RE: dealing with Don Staniford

[REDACTED] Don has included some member of the Scottish Parliament, as well as Shetland council in his email.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Jan 26, 2018, at 7:25 AM, [REDACTED] [@cookeaqua.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com)> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] used to have a strict policy of not replying to any of Don Staniford allegations as he is a convicted liar.

Don was taken to court by a BC Company a few years ago and has been convicted. He has also insulted dignitaries at AquaNor, including the King of Norway and Canadian Minister Gail Shea a few years ago.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Date: 07 Aug 2018 at 09:08 (UTC Z)
Subject: RE: Don Staniford accessing sites: update

This message originated from outside your organization.

Update:

Look out for an Aluminium Canadian Canoe. This is the expected mode of transport used to access sites.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 August 2018 14:25
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Don Staniford accessing sites
Importance: High

Dear All,

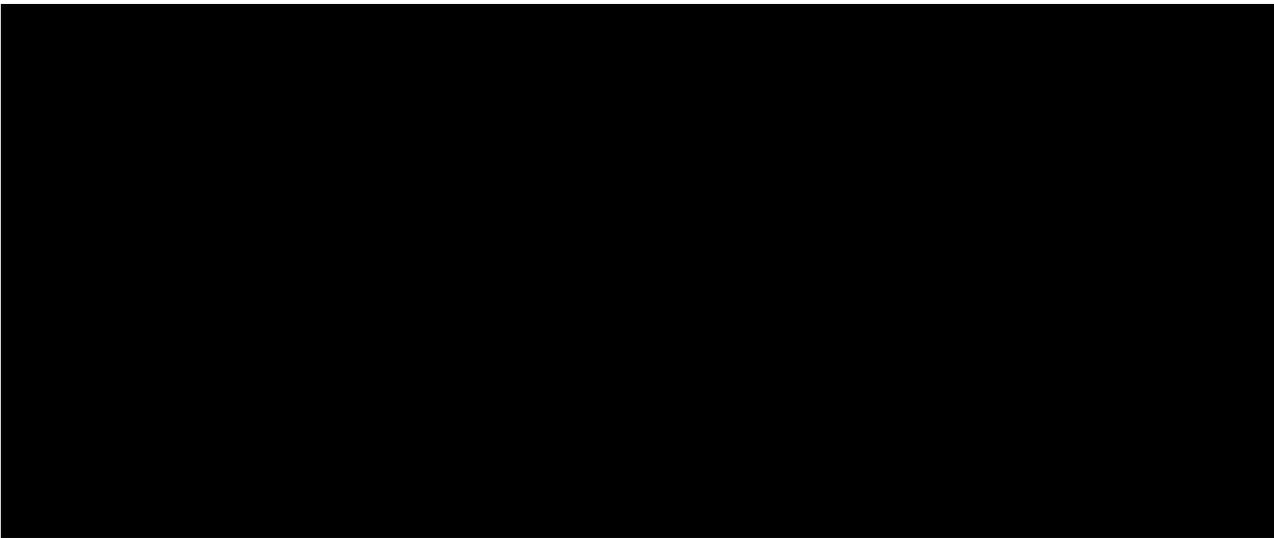
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[REDACTED]

Best Regards
[REDACTED]



Panorama – known details:

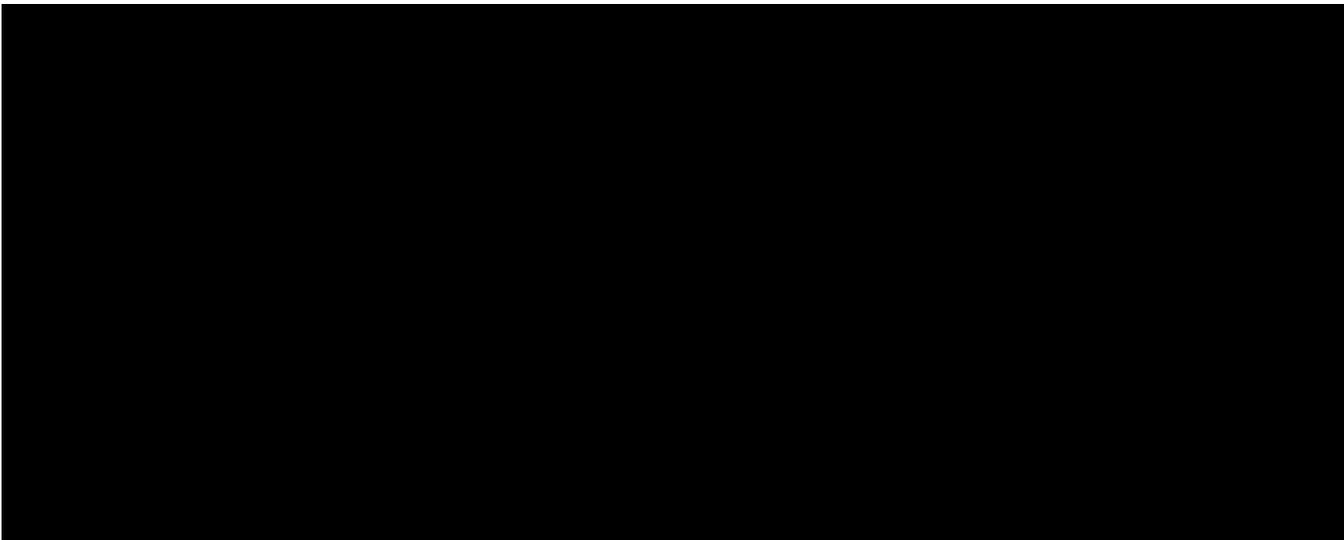


Likely participants:

[Redacted]

Don Staniford

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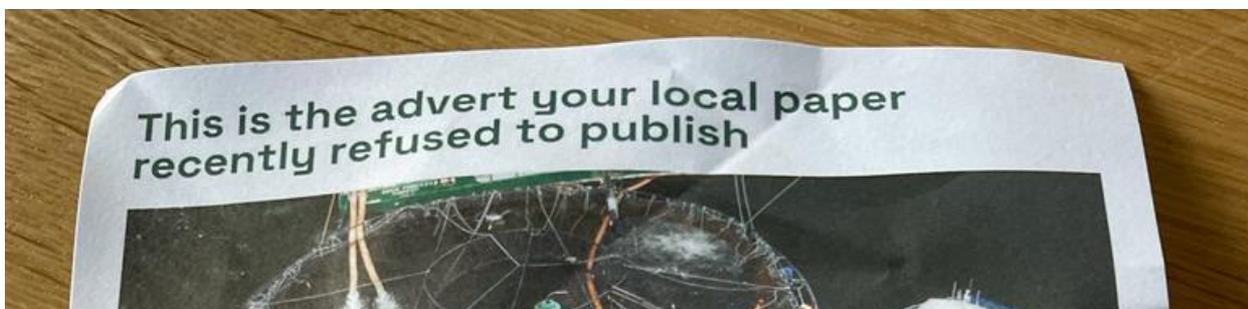


From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Sent: 29 September 2022 14:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]
See below.

This leaflet is being put through peoples doors in the Lochgilphead area [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This very much looks similar to something Don Staniford would do and we most certainly don't engage with him nor his methods.





Simple questions to ask before you decide whether you believe Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary Mairi Gougeon's vision of a "sustainable future" for salmon farming can ever be possible

- Can an industry that sources much of its feed, including wild fish and soy, from low-income, often protein-deficient countries in the southern hemisphere, and transports it for thousands of miles to Scotland, be deemed sustainable?
- Can an industry where over 20% of fish die from disease and/or parasites before harvest be considered sustainable?
- Where in the world has the growth of intensive salmon farming not coincided with the collapse of wild salmon populations?
- Can an industry, that is responsible for the severe degradation of Scottish coastal ecosystems in the "aquaculture zone", be deemed sustainable?
- How is it sustainable to permit effluent and highly toxic chemicals to be dumped and discharged untreated into the sea?
- Can an industry that takes tens of thousands of waste from the wild to use as cleaner fish, before killing them at the end of the short farmed salmon production cycle, be deemed sustainable?
- Where in the world has sustainable salmon farming actually been achieved?

If you are concerned about the sustainability of the food on your plate, please do not buy farmed salmon.

This initiative is supported by:





From: [redacted]

Sent: 06 August 2018 14:25

To: [redacted]

[redacted] @cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]

@cookeaqua.com>

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Don Staniford accessing sites

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

Sent: 26 July 2018 08:19

To: Inverness Mail

Subject: Press Release (Embargoed for tomorrow): "Failing Fish Farms: Scotland's Worst Salmon Farms Named & Shamed"

This is highly embarrassing for Prince Charles who poses in front of Marine Harvest's "Poor" Loch Leven salmon farm on his web-page promoting 'Sustainability': <https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/sustainability>

<image004.png>

Press release embargoed until tomorrow:

[Scottish Salmon Watch](#), 27 July 2018

Failing Fish Farms: Scotland's Worst Salmon Farms Named & Shamed

- 51 sites including Marine Harvest's Loch Leven salmon farm promoted by Prince Charles & Scotland's first salmon farm to be certified by the ASC (now expired)

Documents disclosed by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) via Freedom of Information (FOI) expose the poor practices of Scotland's worst salmon farms. In February, [BBC News revealed](#) that 51 fish farms in Scotland were failing to comply with environmental protection measures yet SEPA failed to name the companies responsible. In July, SEPA finally disclosed documents naming and shaming the salmon farming companies [guilty of non-compliance during 2016](#) [1].

Scottish Salmon Watch can now reveal that Scottish salmon's worst operator is [Norwegian-owned](#) Scottish Sea Farms with 10 fish farms failing SEPA's compliance assessment in 2016 (with 9 farms assessed as "Poor" and one as "Very Poor"). [Norwegian-owned Marine Harvest](#) and [Canadian-owned Cooke Aquaculture](#) closely follow both with 9 failing fish farms and [Jersey-registered](#) and [Swiss-owned](#) the Scottish Salmon Company with 6 failing fish farms (all are [members of the Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation](#)).

One of Marine Harvest's 9 salmon farms rated as "Poor" was [Loch Leven](#) - the [first salmon farm in Scotland to be certified by the Aquaculture Stewardship Council](#) and one of only two [ASC-certified](#) farms in Scotland before its certification expired in February 2018. Marine Harvest's other ASC-certified site in [Loch Linnhe](#) has had its [certification "cancelled" according to the ASC](#) and expires in November - with another three salmon farms operated by Marine Harvest (Duich, Loch Alsh & Ardintoul) also having their ASC-certification "cancelled" [2]. Marine Harvest's farm in Loch Leven was [visited by Prince Charles in 2016](#) who said it "[has set the benchmark](#)" and [described the operations as "sustainable"](#).

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Marine Harvest's salmon farm in Loch Duich - [a Special Area of Conservation supposedly protected under EU Law](#) - was ranked "Poor" by SEPA due to a significant failure for contamination of sediments with residues of the [toxic chemical Emamectin benzoate](#).

Two of Scottish Sea Farms' 10 salmon farms rated as "Very Poor" or "Poor" were located at Fishnish in the Sound of Mull - the site of the [killing a humpback whale in 2014](#) and [exceedance of lice limits in January 2018](#). Fishnish A salmon farm "failed repeatedly" according to SEPA with "6 consecutive unsatisfactory surveys since 2006" and Fishnish B had "3 consecutive unsatisfactory surveys since 2010" leading to SEPA imposing a conditional reduction in biomass on both sites.

Another Scottish Sea Farm site in Loch Spelve at Balure on the Isle of Mull was rated "Very Poor" due to exceedance of the Environmental Quality Standard for residues of Emamectin benzoate ([a toxic chemical known to kill lobsters](#)) and evidence of drug over-dosing.

One of the Scottish Salmon Company's 6 salmon farms rated as "Poor" was [Gometra salmon farm](#) off the Isle of Mull - a site controversially approved back in 2012 [despite a campaign calling it "dangerous" and a "blight on the horizon"](#). Another "Poor" salmon farm operated by the Scottish Salmon Company is located at Inch Kenneth in Loch na Keal on the Isle of Mull - described by SEPA as failing all benthic surveys since 2002.

Cooke Aquaculture's [hatchery in Furnace](#) was rated "Poor" for effluent discharge failures into Loch Fyne whilst Wester Ross Fisheries - [a company with a long history of pollution breaches](#) - had two salmon farms assessed by SEPA as "Poor" due to 'unsatisfactory' benthic pollution in Little Loch Broom and Loch Broom.

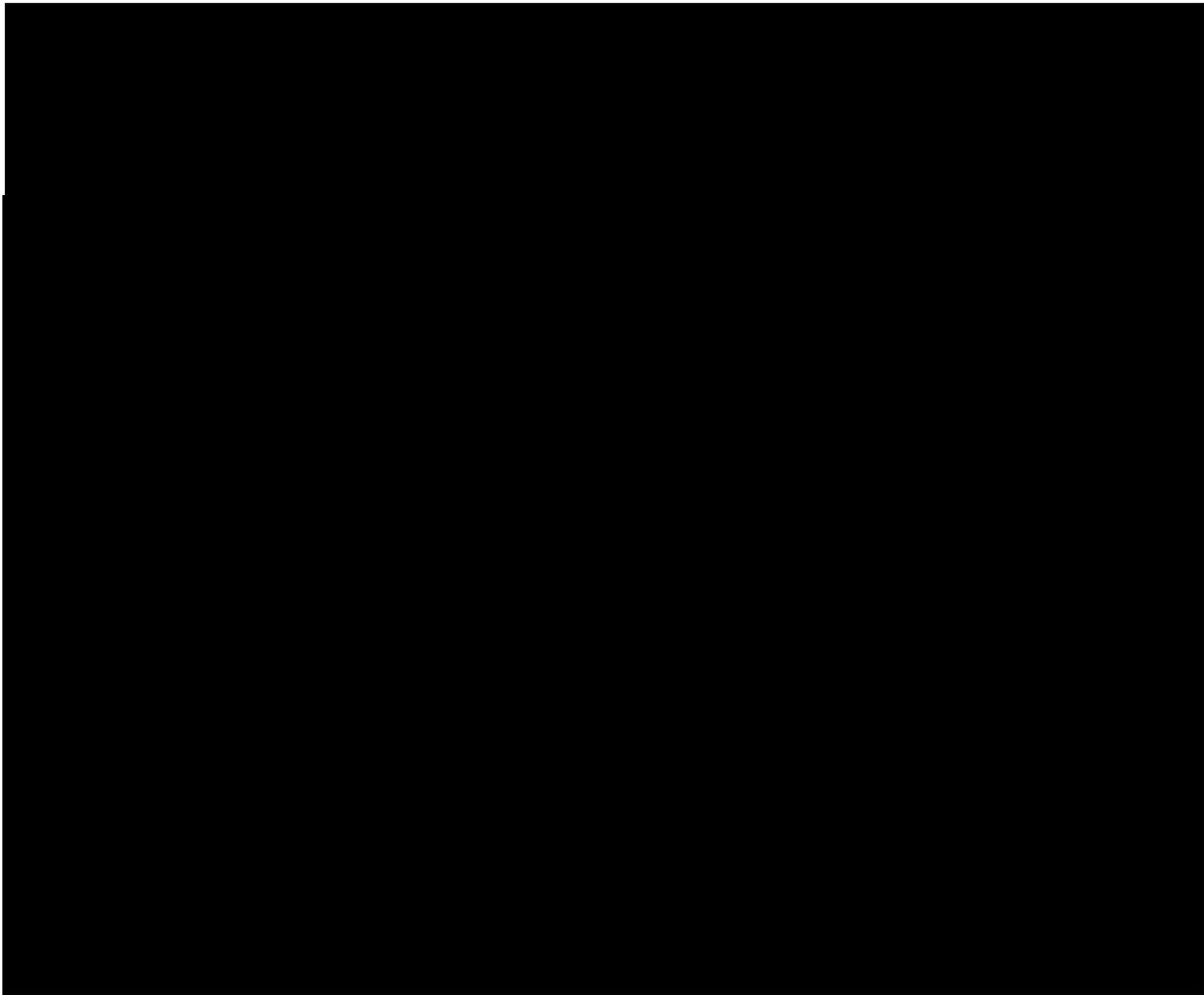
Here's the list of salmon farms - download Excel spreadsheet obtained from SEPA via [Operators List](#)

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8th July 2019
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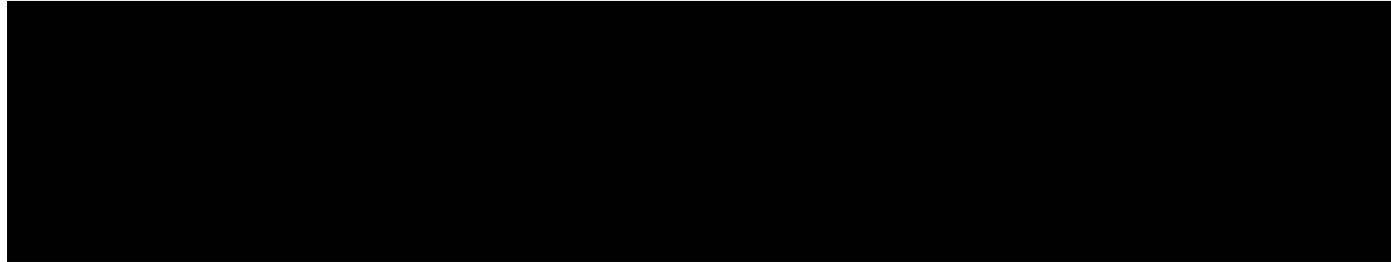
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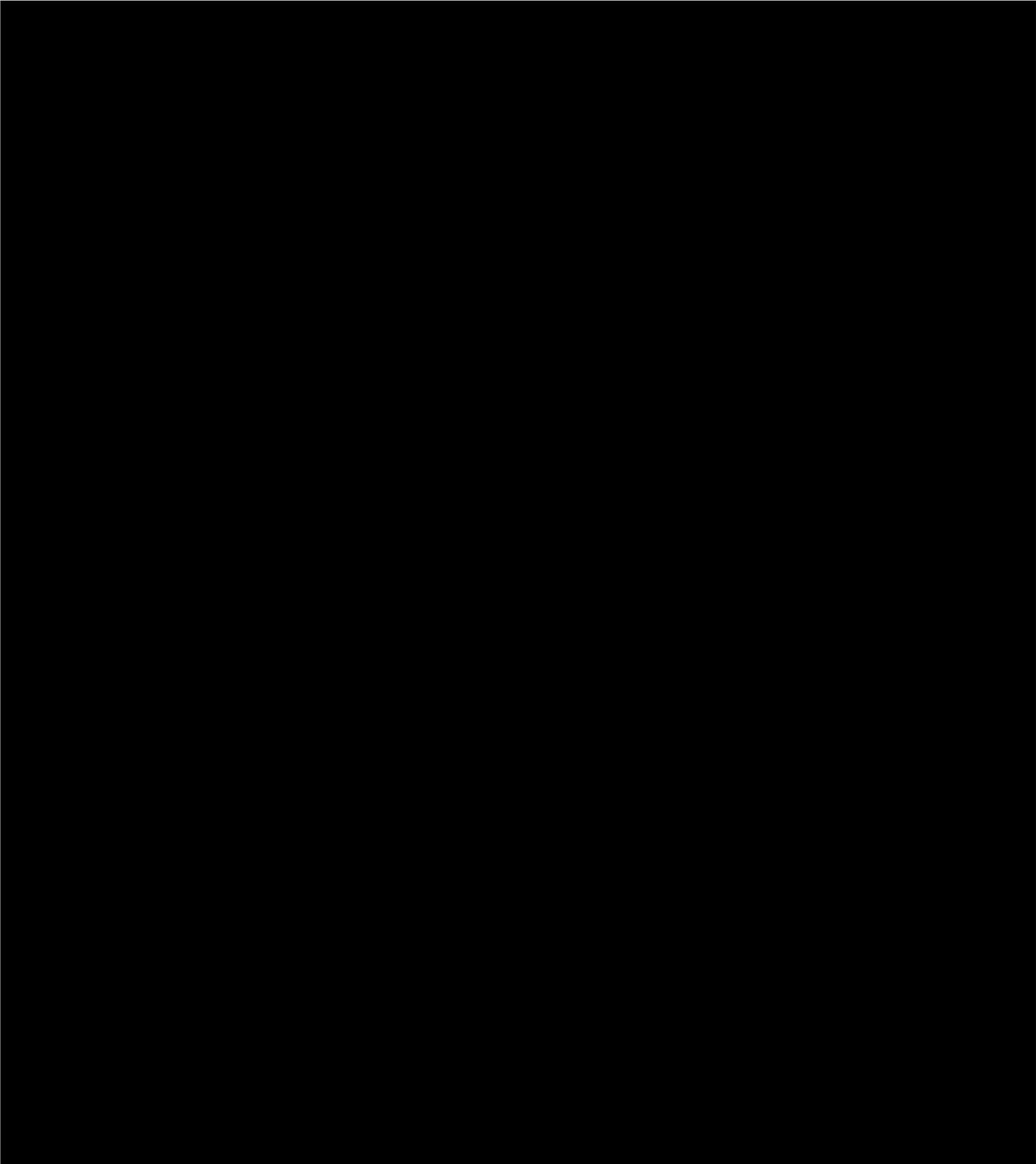
Some discussions on Don Staniford's latest videos.

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[Redacted]



Meeting ended



From: [Redacted]

Sent: 20 July 2020 14:41

To: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@cookeaqu.com](mailto:[Redacted]@cookeaqu.com)>

Cc: [Redacted]

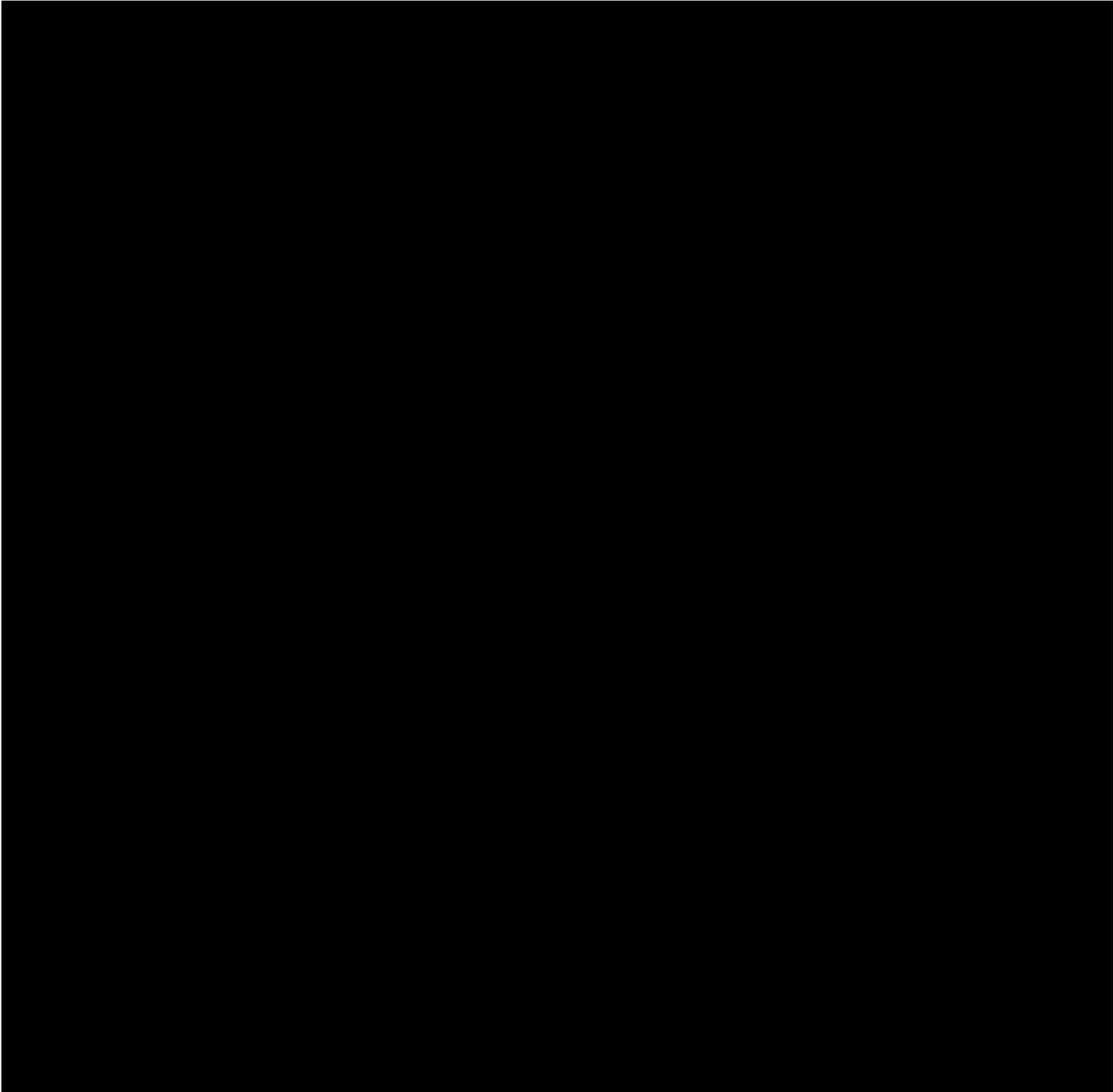
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Subject: [Redacted]

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You'll probably be aware that Don Staniford has started causing problems on farm sites again and, with lockdown easing, this sort of activity is likely to get worse.





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Sent: 08 December 2022 08:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted]

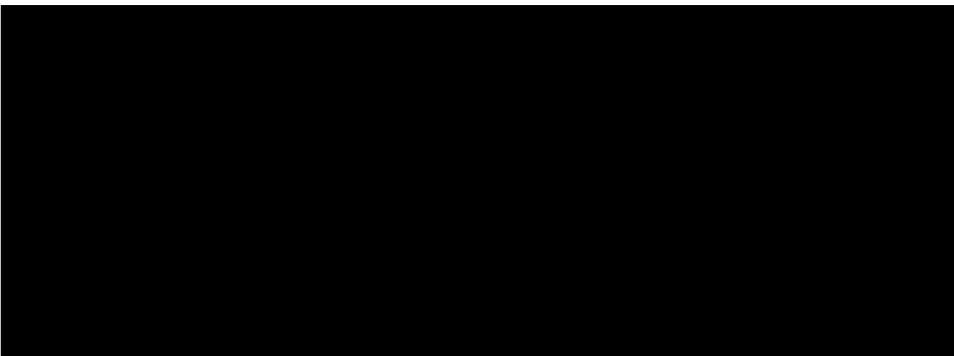
Hi [redacted]

I hope you are well?

Please be aware of the above leaflets currently being distributed by <https://offthetable.org.uk/>. Looks like anti-salmon farming protestor Don Staniford is also behind this organisation.



Kind Regards





From: [redacted]

Date: 19 July 2019 at 15:58:10 BST

To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@cookeaquaculture.com](mailto:[redacted]@cookeaquaculture.com)>, "

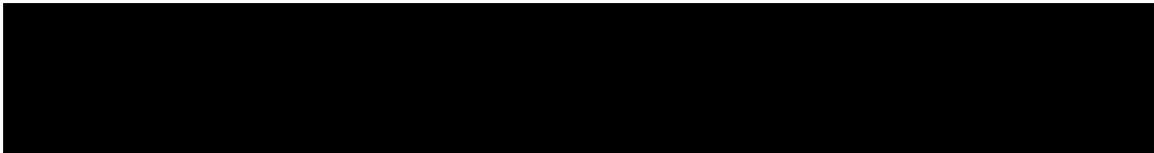
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Subject: Don Staniford Petition PR on Monday 22nd July

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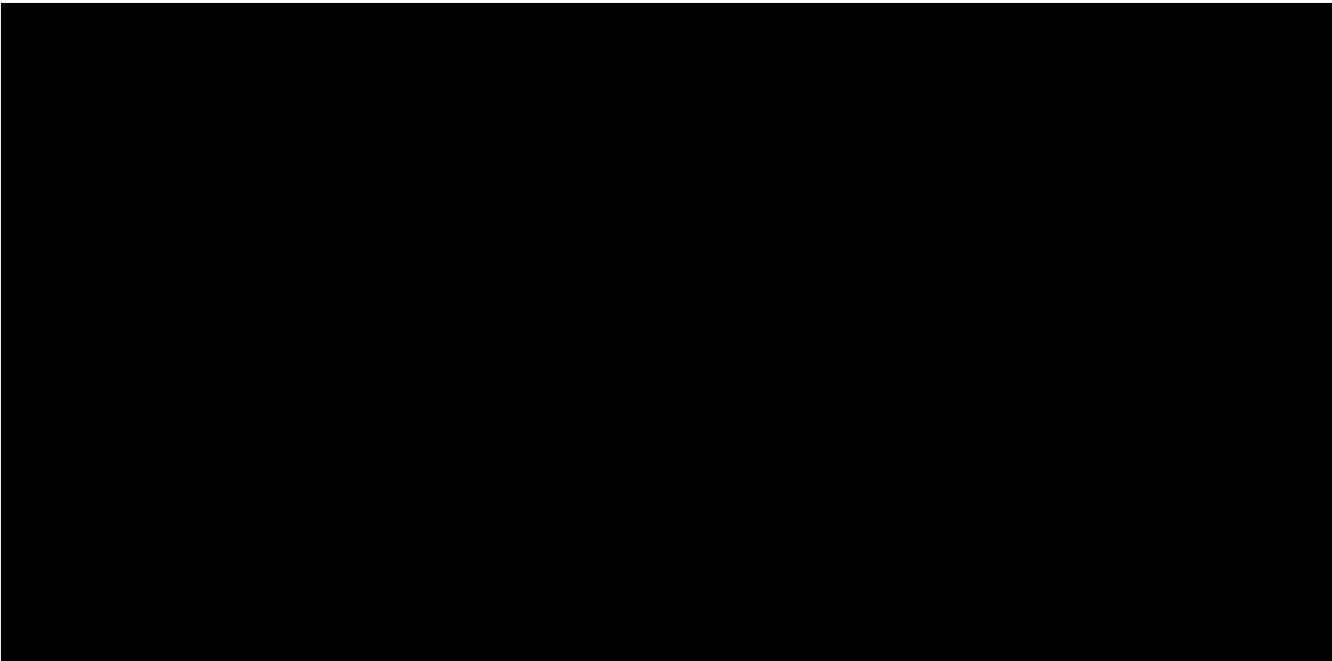
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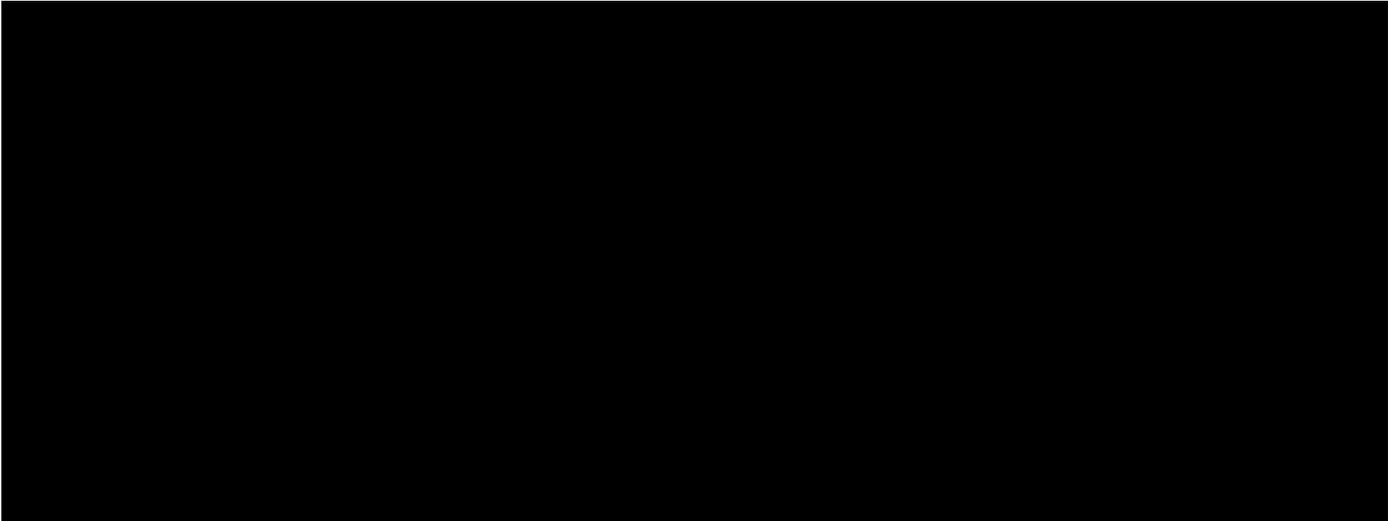
Don Staniford is planning another PR foray on Monday with his petition. A copy of his press release is on this link <https://donstaniford.typepad.com/my-blog/2019/07/campaigners-call-for-urgent-investigation-of-all-scottish-salmon-farms.html>



Don Staniford actions are:

- Media release has already been issued
- Photo op at 11am at Scottish Parliament Monday 22nd(MSP unknown so far)
- Hand in petition to Marine Scotland at Victoria Quay at 1pm Monday 22nd
- Petition and accompanying video of diseased salmon <https://actions.sumofus.org/a/stop-salmon-from-suffering-investigate-scottish-fish-farms-right-now-1?source=homepage>
- Persistent twitter activity of damaged fish and allegations of disease and welfare problems





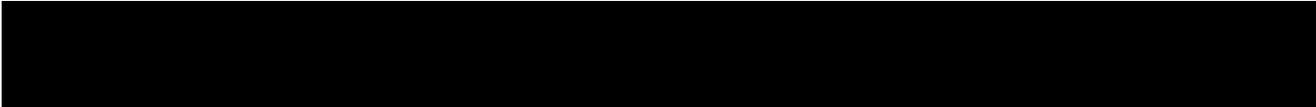
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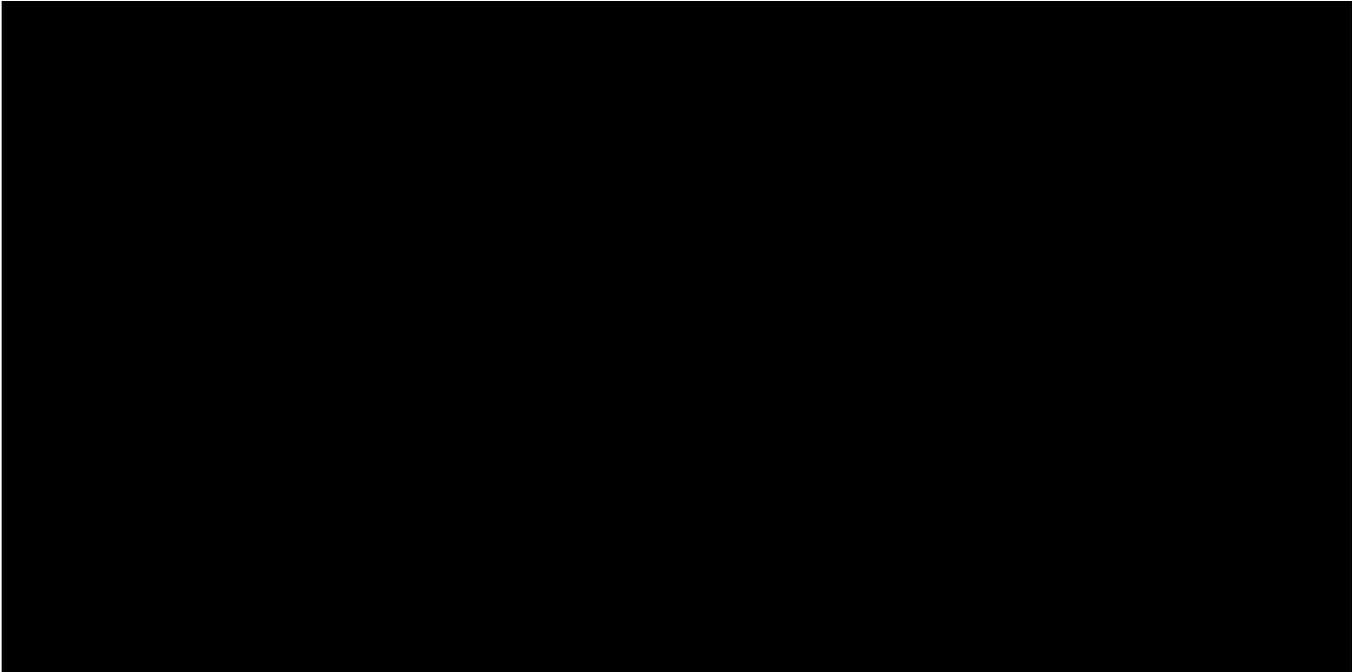
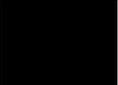
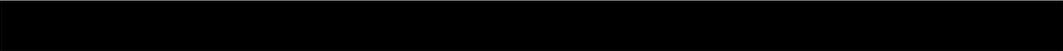
Is the Don Staniford thing happening Aug 31/Sept 1?



From: [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>
Sent: 21 August 2019 11:01
To: [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>; [redacted]@cookeaqua.com>
Subject: [redacted]



Also what with Don Staniford doing a protest over the last weekend in August things might get a bit lively then.





From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 July 2019 14:40

To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@cookeagua.com](mailto:[redacted]@cookeagua.com)> [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]

Afternoon,

We just wanted to give you all an update on where things stand with the BBC Countryfile segment on ADDs and predator management in the salmon farming sector (due to air on the 4th August).

[redacted]
[redacted] Don Staniford and [redacted] are not scheduled to be filmed or to be contributing, although BBC researchers have spoken to both. [redacted]
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Kind regards, [redacted]

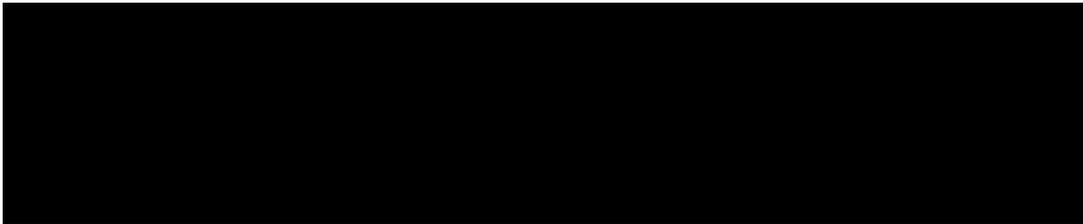
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To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 19 Jul 2019 at 16:27 (UTC Z)
Subject: [REDACTED]

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<https://donstaniford.typepad.com/my-blog/2019/07/campaigners-call-for-urgent-investigation-of-all-scottish-salmon-farms.html>

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 13 July 2018 13:01

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]



Dear All

This is to alert you to the [redacted] media enquiries [redacted]
[redacted] This week alone there has been a call for legal action to ban thermolicers
and hydrolicers from Scottish Salmon Watch (Don Staniford's latest group)



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Date: 11 Jul 2019 at 13:46 (UTC Z)
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon,

I thought you'd all appreciate an update on the BBC Countryfile segment on the Scottish Salmon sector's predator management:

[REDACTED]

PARTICIPANTS:

[REDACTED]

Don Staniford [REDACTED] have both 'provided information' during the programme research phase but I'm told will not be appearing in the programme.

[REDACTED]

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Date: 19 Aug 2019 at 14:31 (UTC Z)
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the Agenda for next week's [REDACTED] meeting.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] meeting.
August 27th 2019 1pm – 3.30pm.

Agenda

3. Current PR and Media issues:

a. Don Staniford and the Aug 31-Sept 1 flotilla plans

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[Maine Senators Ask Secretary Ross to Quickly Release \\$300M in COVID-19 Relief Aid for Fishermen](#)

SeafoodNews - April 7, 2020

government to quickly provide relief. "The seafood and **aquaculture industries** are experiencing severe financial harm...

[Yumbah Aquaculture Turns to Other Producers to Fill Orders](#)

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[Chilean Salmon Farmer Invermar Reports Mass Mortality Due to Algae](#)

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Chilean **Salmon** Farmer Invermar Reports Mass Mortality Due to Algae Invermar is reporting a mass mortality of coho **salmon**...

[ABB postpones launch of landmark aquaculture electrification showcase project](#)

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ABB postpones launch of landmark **aquaculture** electrification showcase project

[Benchmark appoints former SalMar boss Williksen as new CEO](#)

Undercurrent News - April 7, 2020

become a profitable leading provider of sustainable solutions to the global **aquaculture industry**." Trond Williksen, the...

[Environmental rules for salmon farming industry relaxed](#)

The Ferret - April 7, 2020

. "Sepa is permitting **salmon farmers** to pollute with impunity," said the group's Don Staniford. "Welfare abuse on **salmon**...

[Fishmeal prices on rise as Chinese orders recover, supply tightens](#)

Undercurrent News - April 7, 2020

until April 12, has caused the **fishmeal** and **fish oil** industry to remain inactive. Read also Chinese **fishmeal**...

[Benchmark appoints Norwegian seafood veteran as new CEO](#)

The Fish Site - April 7, 2020

solutions to the global **aquaculture industry**. Benchmark is strategically well positioned within a sustainable...

[New \\$16 million aquaculture feed plant will take Russia a step closer to self-sufficiency](#)

Intrafish.com - April 6, 2020

New \$16 million **aquaculture** feed plant will take Russia a step closer to self-sufficiency

[Selonda chief product officer steps down](#)

Intrafish.com - April 6, 2020

The exec has been active in Greece's **aquaculture industry** for 30 years.

[Ex-Cargill aquaculture lead finds new CEO role with ADM Animal Nutrition](#)

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Ex-Cargill **aquaculture** lead finds new CEO role with ADM Animal Nutrition

[Seafood companies are not doing enough to protect workers, and time is running out](#)

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an outbreak among five workers at its Talcahuano plant. **Salmon farming** and fisheries group Camanchaca reported its first outbreak...

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[Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Release Toolkit for Aquaculture Improvement](#)

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[With Wild-caught Fish Stocks Falling, Singapore Looks to Aquaculture](#)

SeafoodNews - September 27, 2019

With Wild-caught Fish Stocks Falling, Singapore Looks to **Aquaculture**

[Bakkafrost acquires Scottish Salmon Company](#)

Food Manufacture - September 27, 2019

process and has resulted in this acquisition to create a major global **salmon farming** business. "The management team will now work closely

[Marystown Shipyard sold to Paul Antle's Marbase for \\$1 million](#)

The Western Star - September 27, 2019

Dwight Ball at the Newfoundland **Aquaculture Industry** Association's Cold Harvest Conference in St. John's. "The **aquaculture industry** in this

[Love Fish? Climate Change Is Putting Their Future and the World's Diet at Risk](#)

InsideClimate News - September 27, 2019

. Cheung explained that some North American communities that rely on **salmon** could lose those populations as streams warm and fish migrate

[NRS sells off southern salmon farms](#)

The Fish Site - September 27, 2019

Charles Høstlund, CEO of Norway Royal Salmon. The sales includes six **salmon farming** licences with a total maximum allowed biomass (MAB) of

[Hawaii nabs million dollar aquaculture funding](#)

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[Is US shrimp production set to scale new heights?](#)

The Fish Site - September 27, 2019

an unprecedented scale by US standards. "No one has ever scaled up US shrimp **aquaculture**, but you have to go big to have a big impact," he

[Campaign predicts poor results for Scottish salmon sector](#)

The National - September 27, 2019

they took **salmon** welfare seriously." Don Staniford, director of Scottish **Salmon** Watch, said: "If the forecast is correct, Scottish **salmon**

[Mowi, WWF Norway end cooperation on salmon farming projects](#)

Intrafish.com - September 26, 2019

month. WWF is now considering future strategy regarding the Norwegian **aquaculture industry**. "We are entering a strategy process, where

[Harbour Breton fish plant workers concerned for the future after Northern Harvest fish die-off](#)

Yahoo! News Canada - September 26, 2019

are hard to control in **aquaculture** because of the large number of fish in open net pens. Day said the parasites attack the **salmon's** nose

[Connair Peninsula mayors stand by aquaculture industry after salmon die-off](#)

NTV - September 26, 2019

Mayors from the Connaigre Peninsula are standing by the **aquaculture industry**, despite the recent die-off at Northern Harvest's operations.

[Norway Royal Salmon reaches \\$132 million deal to sell southern farming operations](#)

Intrafish.com - September 26, 2019

Norwegian **salmon farming** giant Norway Royal Salmon reached a deal to carve out and sell off subsidiary Sør Farming to three **salmon farming**

[Floating fish farm in Gulf proposed southwest of Sarasota](#)

Sarasota Herald-Tribune - September 26, 2019

project. The permit is to discharge "**industrial** wastewater" from "a marine net-pen **aquaculture** facility." That facility would consist of a

[Salmon Farm Decommission On Track, Premier Says](#)

PerishableNews.com - September 26, 2019

to transition away from marine-based **salmon** farms. Horgan says the health of British Columbia's wild **salmon** stocks depends on the joint work

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[Transition to close-containment farms in BC is 'unachievable'](#)

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this should be ashamed' Read more Canadian **Aquaculture Industry** Alliance CEO: Banning BC **salmon** farms will drive farming to other nations

[Land-based salmon farmer Nordic Aquafarms clashes with animal-rights group PETA](#)

Intrafish.com - October 1, 2019

attacking important development initiatives in communities like Humboldt. Sustainable **aquaculture** is widely considered as one of the most

[Alltech's Aqua InDepth brings aquaculture's innovators and inventors to Eindhoven](#)

The Fish Site - October 1, 2019

-sourcing ideas that could improve all areas of the **aquaculture industry** - from the **hatchery** to marketing. Tropic Ribarstvo won the main

[Farmed salmon industry facing crisis as figures fall to 8-year low \[Scot Region\]](#)

London Daily Mail - October 1, 2019

if rules are not enforced. Scottish **Salmon** Watch director Don Staniford said: 'Scottish **salmon** farming production in 2018 is less than 15

[Canadian farmers lambast "irresponsible" Liberal call for land-based salmon farming](#)

The Fish Site - October 1, 2019

Canadian **aquaculture** producers, including the Canadian **Aquaculture Industry** Alliance, the BC **Salmon** Farmers Association, Ontario **Aquaculture**

[Liberal promise to end open-pen salmon farms in B.C. making waves](#)

CBC - Nova Scotia - October 1, 2019

with open-pen **salmon** farming. "It's absolutely imperative that the **industry** be transitioned from open net-pen **aquaculture** with all of its

[Figures for farm-raised salmon have taken a dip](#)

The Press and Journal - October 1, 2019

are ravaging **salmon farms** across Scotland." Scottish Government figures also showed the number of people employed in **salmon farming** grew by

[Scottish salmon output to leap 22% in 2019](#)

Undercurrent News - October 1, 2019

looking offshore. **Cooke Aquaculture's** offshore site at Skelwick Skerry could represent a turning point in the country's **aquaculture** sector,

[SSPO unphased by Scottish salmon production drop](#)

The Fish Site - October 1, 2019

The Scottish **salmon farming** sector may have experienced a significant drop in production in 2018, but the outlook for this year is very

[Cooke's Jail Island agrees US salmon distribution deal](#)

Undercurrent News - October 1, 2019

world's first wild **salmon** marine conservation farm, operated by **Cooke Aquaculture**. These endangered inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic **salmon** are

[Norwegian, PE fund to create eastern Canada aquaculture center](#)

Intrafish.com - October 1, 2019

BC **salmon** farming ban: 'Those who support this should be ashamed' Read more Atlantic Canada may be the last frontier for **salmon** farming

[Cooke-owned company inks US salmon distribution deal](#)

Intrafish.com - October 1, 2019

in the wild and then cares for them in an ocean environment at the Wild Salmon Marine Conservation Farm operated by **Cooke Aquaculture**.

[Little room for the little guys in Scottish salmon farming](#)

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. Last week, Faroese **salmon** farming giant Bakkafrost announced it had acquired a controlling stake in The Scottish **Salmon** Company. [READ](#)

[Norway is on track for the most farmed salmon escapes in nearly a decade, and the government wants action](#)

Intrafish.com - September 30, 2019

Minister of **Fisheries** and Seafood Harald Nesvik wants the **salmon** industry to work harder to reduce the number of farmed **salmon** escapes, and

[Trudeau government targets BC fish farming](#)

Business In Vancouver - September 30, 2019

open-net **salmon** farming in B.C. by 2025 has made it into the federal Liberal Party's platform, to shock and dismay of the **salmon** farming

[Cermaq Canada postpones \\$500 million salmon farm expansion](#)

Intrafish.com - September 30, 2019

be the last frontier for **salmon** farming growth Canadian **Aquaculture Industry** Alliance CEO: Banning BC **salmon** farms will drive farming to

[Production of Scottish salmon decreases despite rise in employees](#)

The National - September 30, 2019

of maintaining frictionless trade with the European single market for our **aquaculture industry**. "The consequences of a No-Deal Brexit

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[Norway: Second STIM appeal against BioMar smolt feed fails](#)

FeedNavigator.com - April 15, 2021

to improve smoltification in **aquaculture** cannot be protected by a patent. "As an important contributor to innovation in the **industry** and a

[Is Scotland set for more shrimp farms?](#)

The Fish Site - April 15, 2021

species, in land-based recirculation **aquaculture** systems (RAS). "We will support innovation in **aquaculture**, for example, by exploring the

[SalMar far exceeds green bond fundraising goal of NOK 2.5 billion](#)

SeafoodSource.com - April 15, 2021

3.5 billion (USD 414.9 million, EUR 347 million), with the **salmon farmer** initially seeking to raise NOK 2.5 billion (USD 296.3 million, EUR

[Satellite startup secures fresh funding round](#)

The Fish Site - April 15, 2021

for sustainable solutions the **industry** needs innovation. This is where Dynaspace contributes by advancing **aquaculture** transparency, which is

[Scotland's salmon farmers welcome SNP commitment to streamlined regulatory system for fish farming](#)

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Scotland's **salmon farmers** had already made great strides in developing state-of-the-art closed containment systems for early-stage **salmon**

[SNP commit to a swifter and more streamlined regulatory system for fish farming.](#)

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[Grieg's Q1 salmon harvest above guidance](#)

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Norwegian **salmon farmer** Grieg Seafood reported above-guidance harvests of 13,600 metric tons in the first quarter of 2021, according to a

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menhaden, fish that wouldn't usually overwinter in the Bay because of the cold temperatures. In one way it's a good sign, because **menhaden**,

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Above: 'Undetermined bacteria' is killing **menhaden** fish in Raritan Bay, Navesink River The developer of New Jersey's first offshore wind

[Atlantic Sapphire reports Q1 price drop after 'lost quarter' for biomass growth](#)

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The Danish recirculating **aquaculture** system (RAS) **salmon farmer** Atlantic Sapphire reports that the average price achievement for fish from

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its smoked salmon was farmed after a complaint. Anti- **salmon farming** campaigner Don Staniford contacted the Steins and Cornwall Council over

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Norwegian **salmon farmer** SalMar has raised NOK 3.5 billion (\$418 million) in a new green bond issue, nearly 40% more than originally planned,

[Does the SIC support fishing and aquaculture?](#)

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'green' **industries**? This then raises the question: does the SIC also support the fishing and **aquaculture industries**? Those **industries** that

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, support robust regulatory oversight and the long-term health of the **aquaculture industry**," which was considered by the Committee on Marine

[Atlantic Sapphire: Three contract workers rescued from tank weren't following safety protocols](#)

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tank at Atlantic Sapphire's Homestead, Florida, Atlantic **salmon** recirculating **aquaculture** system (RAS) operation and hospitalized, were not

[Novel offshore fish farm edges closer to commercial reality](#)

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Centre for Environment, Fisheries and **Aquaculture** Science (Cefas). Impact-9's CEO John Fitzgerald told delegates at **Aquaculture** Europe: "It

[MAINE: Sea farmers say bill to prevent large-scale aquaculture could hurt entire industry](#)

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to develop a strategic **aquaculture** plan with input from leaders in the **aquaculture**, lobster, fishing, tourism and recreation **industries**, as

[Discovery Islands salmon farm removal impacts jobs in B.C.'s Lower Mainland: report](#)

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The City of Surrey is the hub of the **salmon farming** industry in Metro Vancouver

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aquaculture IT brings an important perspective on how to efficiently and practically meet data analytics needs in the **industry**. His **industry**

[Three Atlantic Sapphire workers overcome by fumes, hospitalized](#)

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Three workers at Atlantic Sapphire's land-based **salmon farm** in Miami, Florida, U.S.A. were hospitalized on Tuesday, 13 March, after being

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in the **aquaculture industry**, both big and small. They felt the bill would make the already glacial process to start an **aquaculture** business

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by Dr Martin Jaffa

No 1071

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Loch Maree revisited: Salmon & Trout Conservation recently tweeted that salmon farms are a breeding ground for sea lice which have a devastating impact on wild fish. This was part of yet another fund-raising exercise. Seemingly, mention of sea lice is all it takes to induce their membership to dip their hands in their pockets. The fact that there is no firm basis in S&TC's claims appears to make little difference. As the years pass by, the foundation of their narrative is being slowly eroded away so it's not surprising that S&TC simply refuse to acknowledge any emerging developments.

A few years ago, S&TC made a short film about the impact of sea lice, specifically about the demise of the Loch Maree sea trout fishery. The film was later updated to include an introduction by TV personality Jeremy Paxman and posted in January 2019. The video can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AawqvXqIa5M&t=3s>

Loch Maree has been of interest to me since I started to research the claims made by the angling sector as it was the subject of one of the first papers about the impacts of sea lice in Scotland. The loch subsequently became one of the main emblems of the fight by the wild fish lobby against salmon farming.

The main narrator of the film is Dr Craig MacIntyre, then a director of the Argyll Fisheries Trust. I have transcribed some of his comments below (in italics) about which I would like to respond.

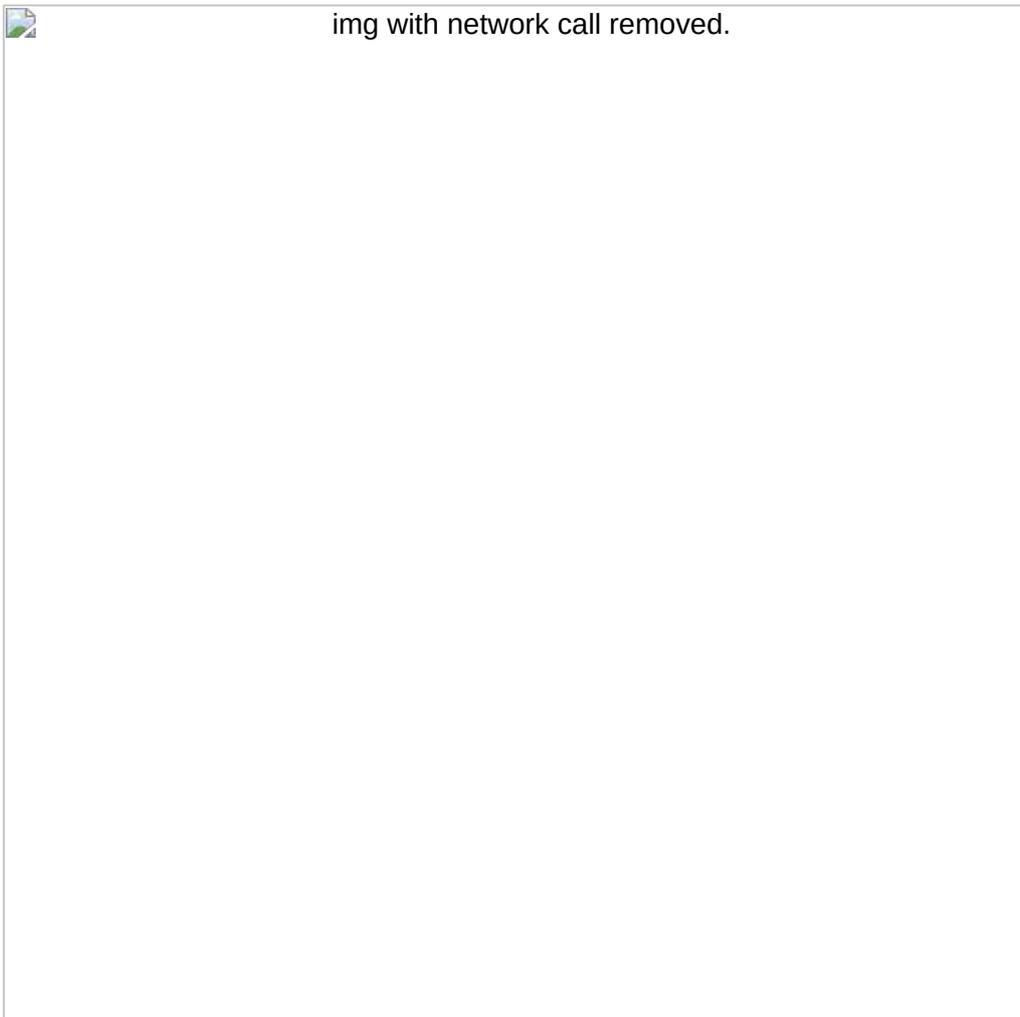
Salmon farming has had a huge impact on sea trout fisheries on the west coast of Scotland and the evidence for this is pretty overwhelming.

As a sea trout smolt migrates out to sea, it has got a very good chance of being infected by sea lice. In fact, it would be doing very well not to be infected by sea lice

As regular readers know, I have been delving into the data set of sea trout sampled by the various west coast fishery trusts and analysed the infestation levels of sea lice of the nearly 65,000 fish recorded. The latest analysis is of fish sampled in Loch Ewe. The data set runs from 1997 to 2019 but there are gaps such as 2001 and from 2004 to 2006.

Why this data is missing is unclear.

The graph of this analysis from 619 fish is shown below: This is expressed as the infestation for each fish as a percentage of the total number of fish caught. Yet again, the graph is a classic aggregate distribution.



Many of the fish caught were lice free which rather suggests that rather than having a good chance of being infested as Dr MacIntyre stated, most sea trout are likely to be not infested at all or have lice counts well below the level for claimed mortality.

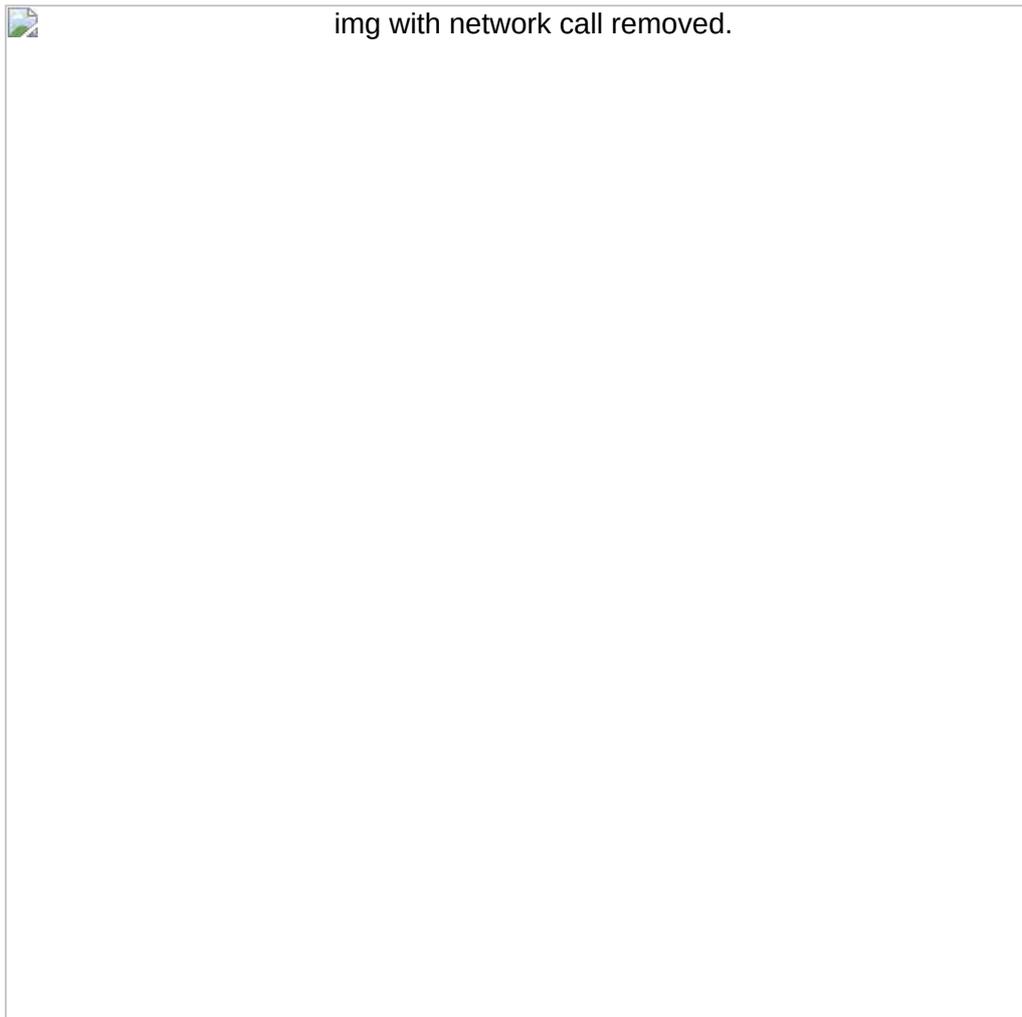
Simply, the actual sea lice data does not support any of the claims made by Salmon & Trout Conservation and the wider wild fish sector. How many more of

these graphs are required before there is a proper discussion. I would argue that the Salmon Interactions Working Group should be recalled, and this evidence should be properly discussed rather than being buried as before.

Dr MacIntyre repeatedly refers to the importance of large mature sea trout to the fishery during the film:

The Loch Maree fishery is a classic example of what can happen when aquaculture is put in the wrong place. The Loch Maree fishery used to catch over one and half thousand sea trout every year – a salmon farm was put in the sea loch – there was a dramatic decline in the number of mature sea trout that were being caught by anglers and that just demonstrates the impact that fish farming can have on a fishery especially on one as famous as the Loch Maree fishery.

Although I referred to this in my book – Loch Maree's Missing Sea Trout, I will repeat the graph here, the data for which was taken from the Loch Maree Hotel catch book. The farm was registered in November 1987, which was after catches of 3lb plus fish had increased during the 1970s and then had plummeted.

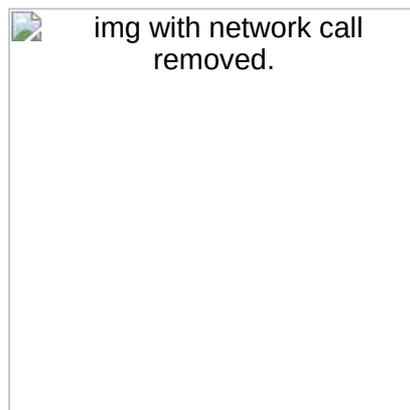


Finally, Dr MacIntyre refers to the bottlenecks that cause fish populations to collapse: He stated:

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When we're dealing with a collapse of a fish population it is important to identify the bottle neck in production - what is it that is causing the problem - all the evidence that has been collected from the Loch Maree fishery points towards sea lice from aquaculture being the problem – therefore if you remove the problem, you should allow the sea trout to recover.

Dr MacIntyre has moved on from Argyll and is now director at the Esk Salmon Fishery Board. What is interesting is that the River Esk used to be a really good sea trout river with a peak catch of around 3400 fish in 1996. Since then, catches have collapsed to 10,198 in 2020 with a ten-year average of 538 fish. This collapse of the South Esk sea trout fishery can be seen in the following graph:



Although I have looked at the limited information that is published about the River South Esk, there is no mention as to why this sea trout fishery has collapsed or what is being done to help the fish recover. What is clear is that this fishery does not seem to be on Salmon & Trout Conservation's radar. Certainly, S&TC have not made a video to explain this collapse nor have invited a TV personality to highlight it.

Canada: I just want to acknowledge the news from Canada regarding the outcome of the judicial review into the closure of 19 farms around the Discovery Island. The judge found that the Minister breached procedural fairness when she announced the closures in a press release and failed to explain the reason for her decision.

The judgement has been widely discussed in the industry media and is very welcome. However, the mainstream press has been slow to take up the story as observed by industry advisor Mary Ellen Walling. She said that its about being fair after all. The media is often quick to report stories that are negative yet drags it feet about good news stories. This is not just in Canada.

Meanwhile, chief anti-industry proponent Alexandra Morton initially wrote that the decision is not a great look for the salmon farm industry - sue your host country to force your industry into the world's biggest wild salmon migration route... and for what?

She then continues that it's like the movie Groundhog Day – all this means is that the minister has to make the decision over again.

However, its nothing like Groundhog Day because this time the Minister will have to consider the science and consult with others before making a decision rather than relying on the word of those opposed to farmed salmon. Equally, opting to sue for a just decision reflects a country that is a free democracy rather than some narrow-minded dictatorship. As it happens, the news just broke that Kellogg's is to sue the UK Government over its recent decision on retail sales.

Ms Morton subsequently released a short video in which she says that the judgement is confusing especially as the industry went to such an effort to achieve so little. She continues by implying that the previous minister was surrounded by staff who undermined her by withholding information from her in particular that the farms were infecting Fraser River sockeye with bacterial disease killing up to half of them. Together with an issue about licences, Ms Morton, claims that the Minister was thrown under the bus. All this means, as already stated, is that the next Minister must make the decision all over again.

Ms Morton says that the Fraser River salmon have collapsed and are now just 2% of what they were. She asks whether the Norwegian companies should be allowed to continue 'holding their grip' on the BC coast and infect the waters until the salmon in the pens are the only salmon left on the BC coast.

What Ms Morton continues to ignore is that there could be many other reasons why Fraser River salmon are a shadow of their former numbers and that whilst she continues to focus on salmon farming, she is simply deflecting attention away from understanding what is really causing the loss of these fish. She has repeatedly ignored the fact that salmon stocks in areas away from salmon farming are also in deep trouble. Currently, Ms Morton and her colleagues remain the biggest threat to the future of wild salmon in Canada.

Aviemore: It's the Scottish salmon farming exhibition at Aviemore next week and I will be there on the first day and look forward to saying hello to friends old and new.

Unfortunately, I will miss the opportunity to tackle salmon farming critic Don Staniford who some weeks ago said that he will be there too protesting against the industry. However, he has not mentioned his attendance since so perhaps, he has changed his mind. After all, it is one thing to skulk about on someone's property at dawn or dusk or even protest outside an isolated feed mill, but something else when everyone who passes by will be from the industry and ready to challenge him.

I guess we'll have to wait and see.

Meanwhile, no word from the handful of very vocal critics who hide behind social media. Here is their opportunity to have their voice heard in person but I doubt any of them have the 'bottle' to attend the exhibition.

A regular reader directed me to look at a Twitter exchange in which it was pointed out that one of the more vocal critics had tweeted over 8,000 times and that this level of activity could only be achieved by someone paid to tweet (because of the incredible time commitment). This critic ignored the question and deflected the thread towards something else. The critic was also offered the invitation to meet at Aviemore.

However, it struck me that this critic must be considered an amateur by comparison to someone who tweets as Salmon Scotland, although this has been one of many aliases used. This account has tweeted over 18,500 times about the 'evil salmon farming industry'. This must be a full-time job.

I would offer to meet these critics at Aviemore, but I doubt they will be there. I have previously offered to meet them face to face for an informal chat and they have all refused outright. This is because they have nothing to say except to repeat the same message that salmon farming is bad.

And what about those who are paid to campaign against the industry? For example, will Salmon & Trout Conservation be at the show? Surely, if they feel so strongly about the industry, then this is an opportunity to be at the heart of it and to make their views known.

I have found that it makes no difference as to whether it is a leading scientist from Norway or the most vocal critic, they all have one thing in common and that is their unwillingness to engage in a proper discussion about the issues. Seemingly, they all have their narrative, and nothing is going to persuade them otherwise.

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increased ocean acidification is impacting the species' food supply, such as *krill* and other small fish species. Similarly, the impacts of

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Poseidon Ocean Systems, a Canadian developer of *salmon farming* infrastructure and life support systems, has hired Mauricio Cerda as the

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treated "as resources to extract tiny pills of *fish oil*, and then to dry their bodies and create a *fishmeal* to then feed to something else."

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her decision to phase out *salmon farms* in the Discovery Islands — located along a critical migratory path for wild *salmon* — by July 2022.

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set about learning the *industry*, through *aquaculture* courses and a higher diploma in aquabusiness. My first *aquaculture* licence took nearly

[Maine Voices: Aquaculture project fits Maine's environmental goals](#)

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industry representatives tasked with making policy recommendations in the wake of the pandemic, endorses increased investment in *aquaculture*

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loads are impacting water quality and habitats in many inlets and bays where *forage fish* and juvenile salmon spawn and rear, and where adult

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bunkers. He said oily fish are filter feeders but are mainly harvested for *fish oil* and fertilizer. "They're incredibly bony," he said. "

[Mowi Scotland hits back at fish welfare abuse allegations](#)

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Mowi Scotland has responded to allegations made by Scottish anti- *salmon farming* campaigner Don Staniford earlier this week, who filed a

[Commentary: Making blue foods central to global food systems](#)

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market value, have been overfished. Meanwhile, some *aquaculture* systems, such as *salmon* cages in Chile's fjords and freshwater fish cages in

[Plant-based tuna maker Finless Foods names new strategy officer](#)

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. Mike Sutton, considered one of the architects of the *sustainable seafood* certification movement, joined the board last winter. Finless

[Evonik expands NIR services for insect, marine species meals and cattle feed](#)

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playing an increasing role in the feed **industry**. Marine products are most relevant for the **aqua feed industry**. The quality of these products

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[Opinion: The Chesapeake Bay's menhaden are in trouble](#)

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whales. **Omega Protein**, a Canadian-owned company located in Reedville, Va., is allocated more than 70 percent of total allowable **menhaden**

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." * * * For the moment, the **aquaculture industry** in Norway is hedging its bets. Historically, the **industry** has taken a hardline position

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for every other state with this plan." An industrial-sized **salmon farm** has been proposed for Frenchman Bay. This project will produce a

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will entail. The recent announcement of a new marine **industries** program, with an **aquaculture** specific program in the works, at Washington

[Fishing Report: New life for the federal fisheries management law](#)

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and reducing overfishing, enhanced protections for habitat and **forage fish**, and increasing accountability and transparency in fisheries

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[Ontario to establish new aquaculture innovation centre](#)

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our **industry** partners and the community." CIAP is advancing innovation in **aquaculture** through partnerships with members of the **industry** and

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said on Thursday that it plans to invest \$200 million to build a new **salmon farm** in Pioneer, Ohio. This will be the Maynard-based company's

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in the State of Mexico, as a result of the pandemic, **aquaculture** producers decided to change their strategy in on-farm production, until the ...

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invest \$200 million in a genetically modified **salmon farm** in Pioneer. The land-based **aquaculture** company is finishing designs for a 479,000

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Tierra del Fuego in Argentina is the first place in the world to ban open-net **salmon farming**.

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partners: companies in the **aquaculture industry** in general – both **salmon farmers** and service providers for **salmon farming**, including local

[Province asks Mowi for more details on its Newfoundland salmon hatchery plans in wake of court ruling](#)

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in May, 2020, regarding construction of the re-circulating **aquaculture** system (RAS) **hatchery** units 1 and 2 at the Stephenville facility. “

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In 2019, **hatchery**-produced **salmon** accounted for 25 percent of Alaska's total **salmon** harvest. Roughly 50 million **hatchery salmon** were caught

[Aquaculture can benefit local ecosystem](#)

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The **aquaculture industry** in Alaska has welcomed recent research showing that farmed shellfish and seaweed can have a positive impact on the

[New salmon farm to be built in Williams County by aquaculture company](#)

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Construction on the **salmon farm** is slated to start in late 2021. AquaBounty anticipates that commercial stocking of **salmon** will begin in

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the wide spectrum of: Commercial, recreational, **aquaculture**, and subsistence fisheries Seafood **industry**, including processing, marketing,

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where the **salmon farm** is proposed, are not confident the fish farm will not destroy their livelihood. “We are not allowed to use **salmon** as

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the development of new knowledge through joint research projects with the **aquaculture industry**," Sørensen said. Cermaq Chief Transformation

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Marubeni the exclusive distributor in Japan of Atlantic **salmon** produced by the recirculating **aquaculture** system (RAS) Proximar is building

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collected from naturally infected farmed Atlantic **salmon** held at the sea cage facilities of the **Aquaculture** Research Station in Tromsø (FCM

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One of Scotland's biggest **salmon farmers** has committed to help its employees cope with the cost of living crisis – by paying above the real

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of wild Atlantic salmon. The US \$300 million (£232.5m) **salmon farm** project, which was aiming to produce up to 30,000 tonnes, had attracted

[Atlantic Sapphire achieving 'major biological improvements'](#)

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Land-based **salmon farmer** Atlantic Sapphire has announced a significant improvement in biological performance at its US Florida site.

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Florida on-land **salmon farmer** Atlantic Sapphire made a pre-tax loss of \$133 million last year, compared to a pre-tax loss of \$55 m in 2020.

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's first **salmon** treatment vessel. The newly-commissioned Owurkan is the first vessel purpose built for treating common **aquaculture** pests

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of the group made it clear Thursday they are not against the **aquaculture industry** in Maine. They want the DMR to have different standards

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into was a big conflict around open-net fish farming, **salmon farming** in Ahousaht territory. There were several companies working at the time

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to the strains that can be used." Theoretically, **Cooke Aquaculture**, which has several **salmon farm** sites off the Maine coast, could have

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not indicate that state laws adequately protect Maine waters from potentially damaging **industrial-scale aquaculture**. "It's too bad that the

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[Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia make a significant investment in salmon research and restoration projects](#)

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and sustainable sourcing we will collaborate with **industry** partners and redefine traditional **aquaculture** feed ingredients. By 2030 50% of

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[Jala, Wittaya and Salmokine win Global Aquaculture Challenge awards](#)

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orwegian **salmon farmer** SalMar has reported a third-quarter harvest more than 40% above last year's production figures, according to its

[Scotland's Organic Sea Harvest denied new farm site off Skye](#)

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Young Scottish **salmon farmer** Organic Sea Harvest (OSH) has lost its appeal against a refusal of planning permission for a new fish farm in

[Samerhji makes two aquaculture hires, including former Brim exec](#)

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to its **aquaculture** division as it prepares to build a 40,000 metric ton capacity recirculating **aquaculture** system Atlantic **salmon farm** at a

[As land-based aquaculture grows in Norway, 'there's going to be a fight for power'](#)

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land-based **salmon** project Gaia **Salmon** believes it is in a strong position to win investment and compete on the future **salmon** market thanks

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than 90 **industry** partners, and Hatch, the world's first **aquaculture** accelerator. The country is home to the world capital of **aquaculture**

[Kendamil launches vegan and palm oil-free Ready to Feed formula](#)

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will go on sale on 12 October and is made from cows milk and sustainably sourced algal oil – a marine algae-based **fish oil** substitute

[Unibio starts shipping gas derived protein product to Danish Agro](#)

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used in animal feed. " **Fishmeal** is a limited resource. We sometimes experience a shortage in **fishmeal** supplies. Furthermore, Uniprotein has a

[Seven aquaculture startups make latest Ocean Supercluster cohort](#)

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develops innovative pharmaceutical products for the **aquaculture industry**, with a focus on improving **aquaculture** health sustainability. Their

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can prepare for a career in fisheries biology with a concentration on **aquaculture**. He noted that this was a good opportunity for local

[BioMar names chief for Vietnamese subsidiary](#)

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Franck Bodin is an established figure in the Vietnamese **aquaculture industry** as the founder of the **aquafeed** company Tomboy, which was later

['We need more brick and mortar': Scotland's rural housing crisis a significant hurdle to salmon farming industry's ambitions](#)

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Scotland wants to grow its **aquaculture** production 50 percent by 2030, but these ambitions

[Cooke Aquaculture's \\$663 Million Loan](#)

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Ferrere advised the banking syndicate on the financing **Cooke Aquaculture** secured a \$663 million credit facility. The transaction includes

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grown as well. **Aquaculture**—the production of fish, shellfish, or other species in an aquatic environment—is also an expanding **industry** and

[Nutreco Invests in AquaCon to bring Atlantic salmon to the East Coast of the United States](#)

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land-based **salmon farming** reduces the CO 2 footprint from transportation such as airfreight and secures high quality fresh **salmon** for the

[UK seafood innovation fund sends out third call for disruptive ideas](#)

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investigating the potential use of sea cucumbers as bioremediators in Scottish **salmon** pens, with initial work demonstrating that 70 percent

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primarily to subsistence, charter and direct-market fishermen. **Ocean Beauty Seafoods'** Petersburg salmon cannery. **Ocean Beauty Seafoods** photo.

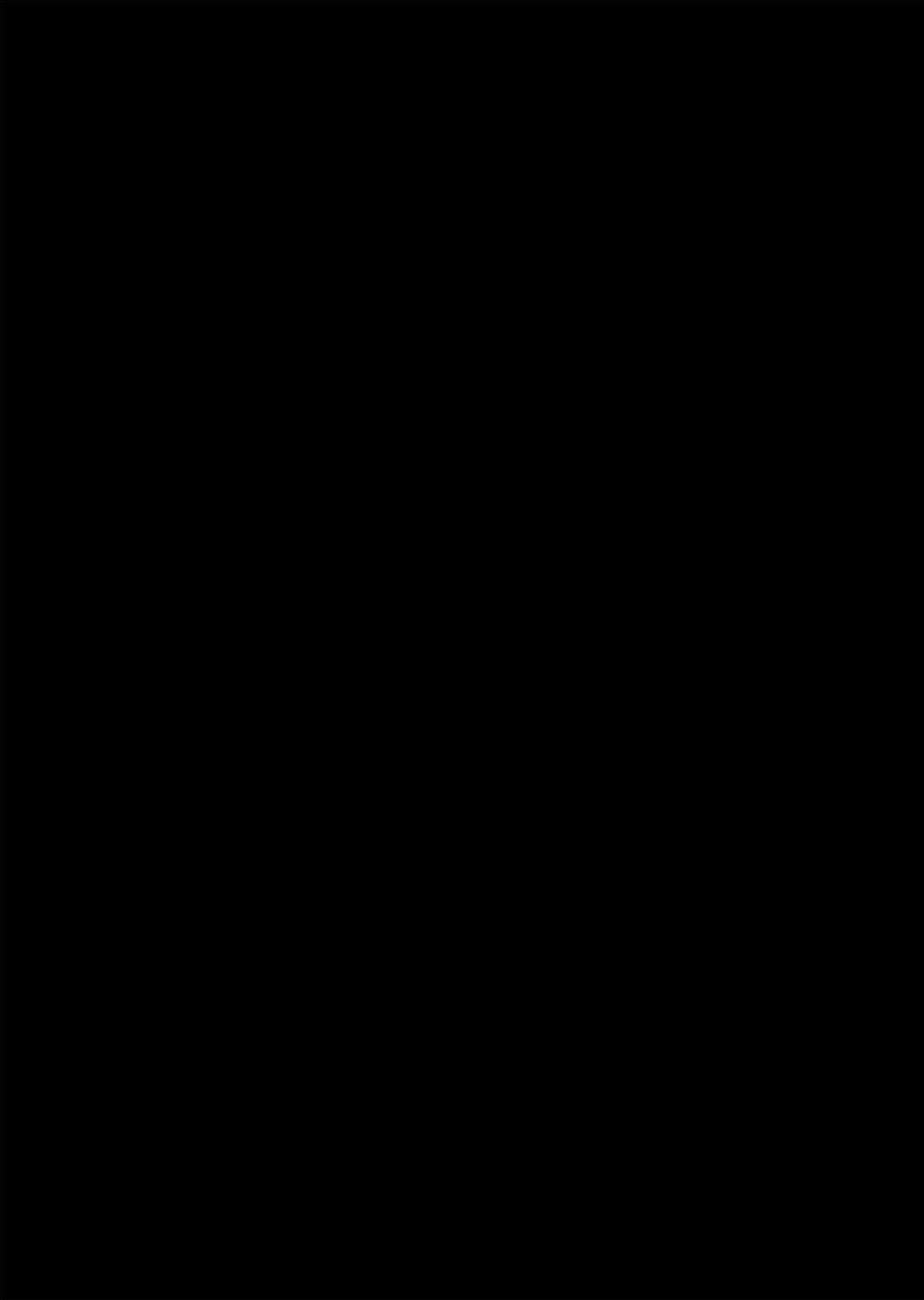
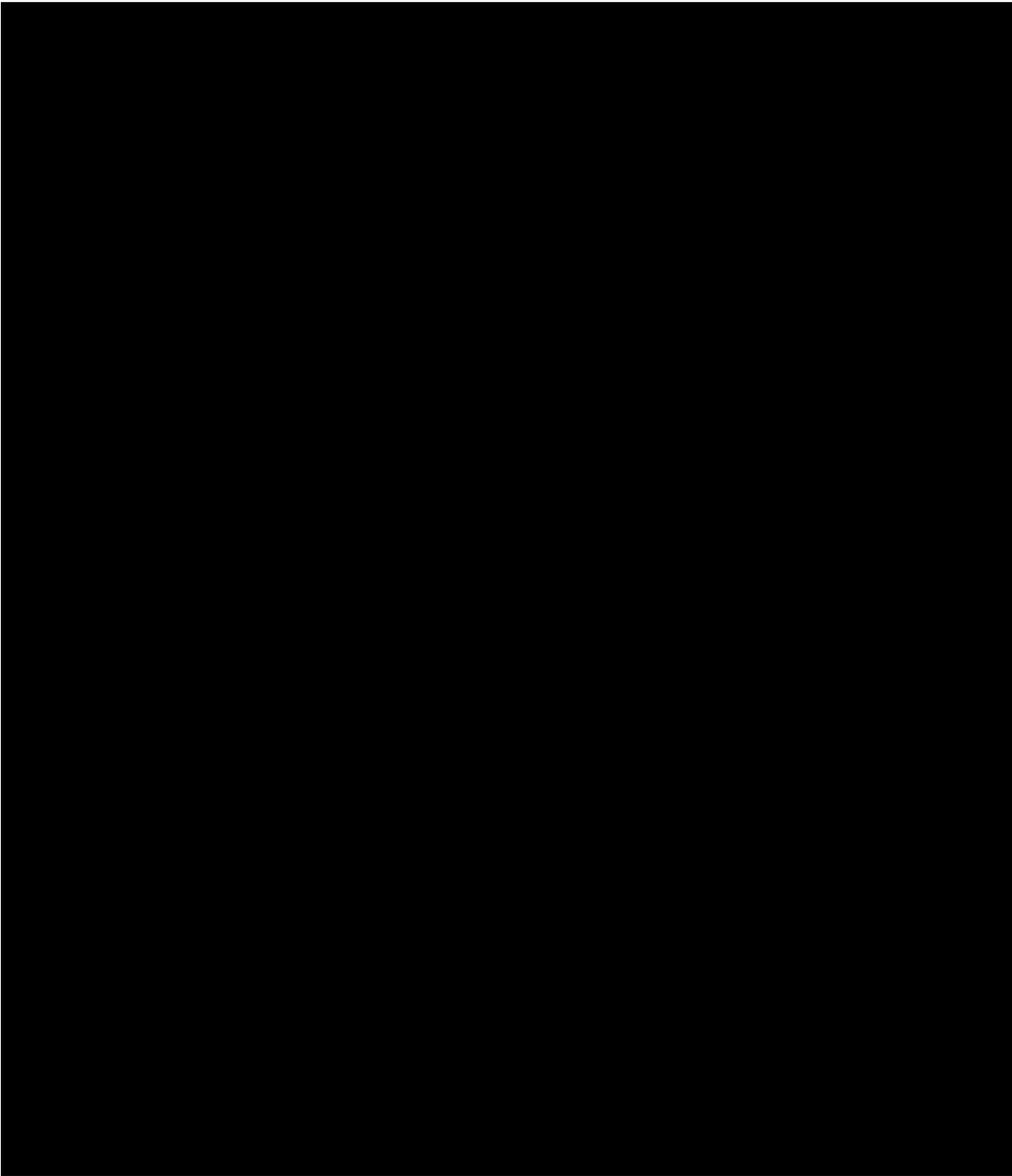
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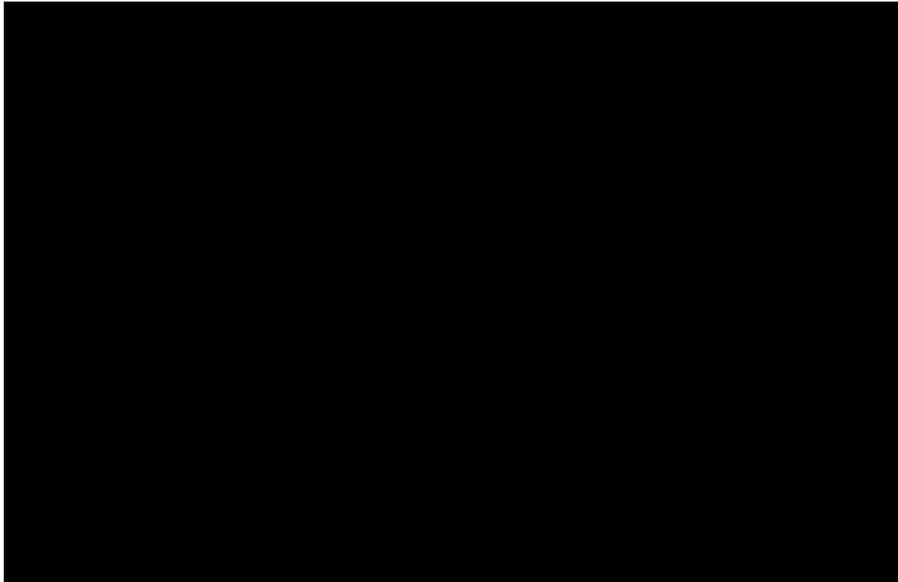
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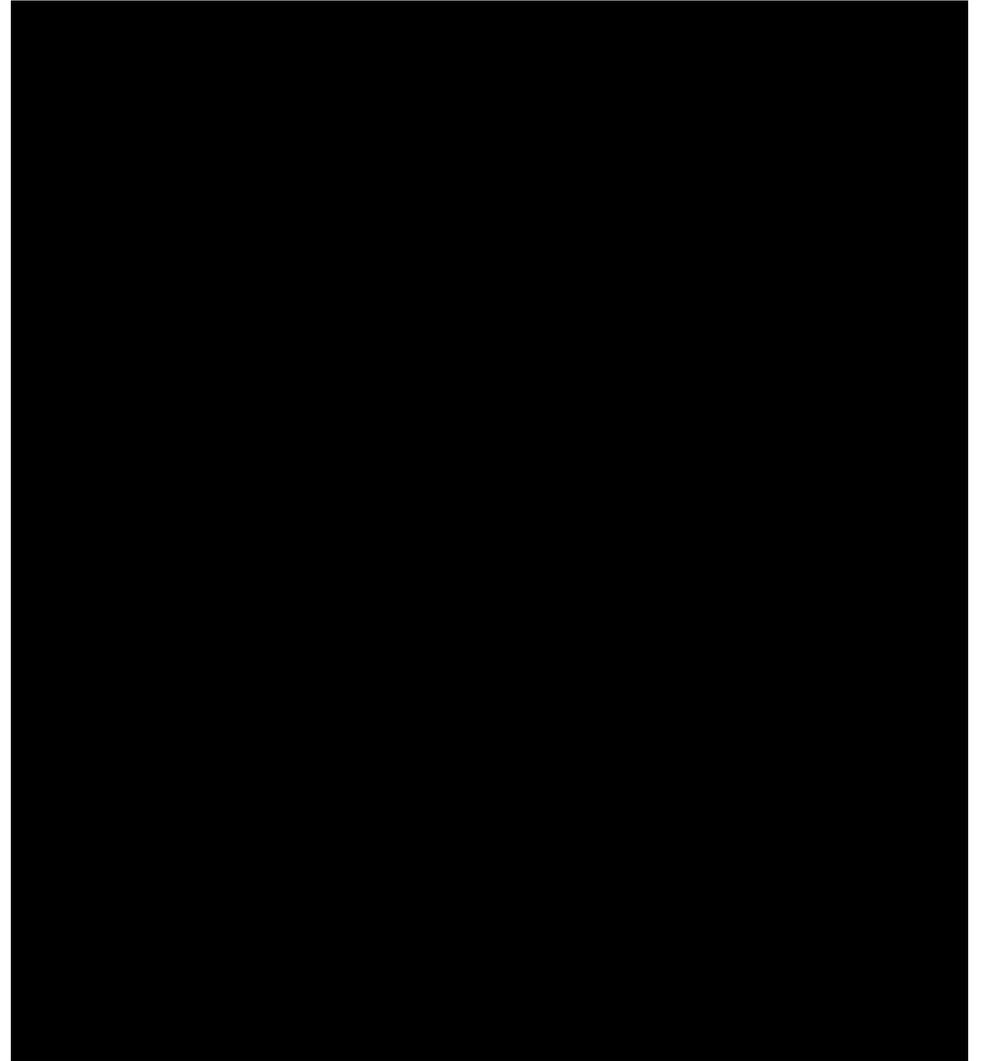
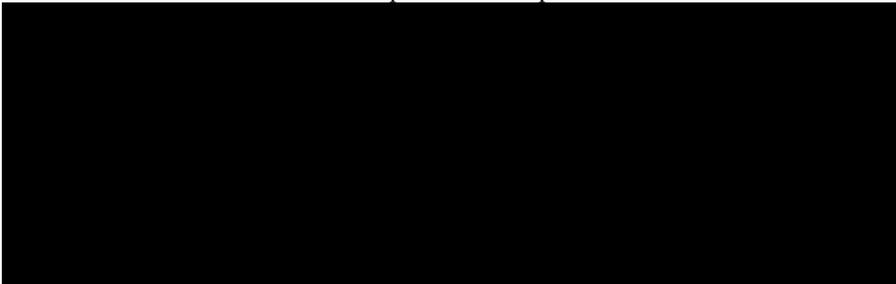




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STV covered Don Staniford's petition to Marine Scotland calling for unannounced visits. The SSPO provided a response.

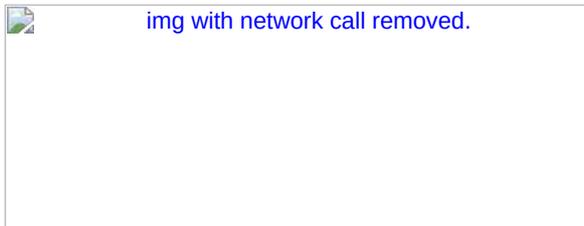




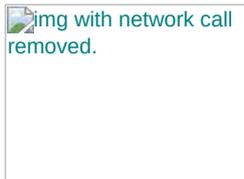
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[Norwegian, Scottish salmon prices tumble while Chilean hold firm](#)



An oversupply of salmon in Europe has seen prices continue to nosedive during week 31, while Chilean prices are standing firm at record summer highs

[Atlantic Sapphire: Land-based farms can learn from aircraft industry de-risking](#)

Recap UCN's latest webinar

UCN's latest webinar tackled the reinvention of the **fishmeal and oil sectors**. Check out what you missed [here](#).



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'We know that RAS works; all we need to do is to learn how to operate them with the lowest possible risk,' - Atlantic Sapphire CEO Johan Andreassen



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AquaBounty picks small Ohio town for new GMO salmon RAS facility

AquaBounty said it is finalizing the design for the estimated 479,000 square foot facility and expects to invest over \$200 million in the project

How the US salmon supply chain has a highway bandit problem

In the worst incident so far, five armed men attacked five trucks carrying smolt in a convoy. The trucks were set on fire, the smolt destroyed, and the drivers injured

Typhoon In Fa sends salmon prices soaring in Shanghai

Wholesale prices of imported salmon jumped to CNY 135 per kilogram in Shanghai over the course of the weekend



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COVID prices hit Danish Salmon's bottom line, but RAS expansion on horizon

The land-based farmer has maintained its harvest levels at just over 1,000t during 2020, a year in which it was acquired by Japanese seafood giants Marubeni and Nissui

Norway's fresh salmon export volume rebounds, value keeps rising in week 29

The export volume of fresh Norwegian salmon increased in week 29 after three weeks of continuous fall, NSC data shows

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FARMING & FEED:

Alpha Aqua to build Arctic char farm for Sweden's Cold Lake

The farm is expected to be built next year, with eggs introduced to the facility in the final quarter of 2022

US investors back Scottish data communications startup with aquatech interests

The company says the funding will be used to expand its operations internationally

Deadline for final Huon Aquaculture bids extended

The delay could mean Brazilian beef giant JBS doesn't agree with the suggested price for the Tasmanian-based salmon farmer

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Atlantic Sapphire's land-based rivals will 'have their hands full' when own farms open

Water supply, concept and location will all be the defining line between those land-based fish farms that achieve a profit, and those that fall short

Chilean salmon farmer Camanchaca starts project to optimize harvests using AI

Chile's salmon farmer Salmenes Camanchaca has selected the Chilean startup Altum Lab to lead a project to optimize its harvest program based on artificial intelligence

Kvaroy Arctic unveils Women in Aquaculture scholarship award

The recipients receive funding plus work experience on the salmon company's Norwegian farms



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WILD SALMON:

Wild salmon off the menu for BC restaurants

Some restaurants in the Canadian province of British Columbia are taking salmon off the menu amid fears of stock depletion

FREE-READ

Fish Factor: Crab shell textile treatments; Seafood council scholarships; Bristol Bay's record

Undercurrent News presents 'Fish Factor', a weekly column featuring the reporting and perspectives of Alaska seafood journalist Laine Welch

Alaska salmon: Multiple buyers for pinks turn Norton Sound season around

The closely watched summer salmon fishing season in the US state of Alaska is underway. Keep checking back for live updates

DOWNSTREAM:

Chile salmon farmers' US sales arm now accepting cryptocurrency payments

The US sales arm of two Chilean salmon farmers has started allowing customers of its direct-to-consumer brand Oshen to buy fish using cryptocurrency.

Hilton's veteran seafood production director leaves under dark cloud

UK-based meatpacker Hilton Food Group's veteran seafood production chief has abruptly left the company formerly known as Seachill UK, several sources told Undercurrent News

US trout, steelhead grower Riverence adds Felsenthal to sales team

Stephen Felsenthal will take up his new role at Riverence on Aug. 1

What next for Hilton in seafood after Tesco bombshell?

Tesco shift will see Hilton cut costs, look to exports and could also pursue more fish business in other UK retailers, sources told Undercurrent News

DataSalmon: Chile salmon price to US rises, yet dips to Brazil

Spot prices for Chilean farmed salmon sold to the US ticked up marginally in week 28, but there was a small drop for salmon sold to Brazil

UK seafood body laments opaque, complex gov't self-isolation exemption plan

The UK government's plan to allow 500 food sector companies to avoid staff self-isolating from the 'pingdemic' via new testing centers came under fire from a seafood industry group

RSPCA clears Mowi of welfare abuse allegations on Scottish farm

The RSPCA say they did not find any of the problems highlighted by anti-salmon farming campaigner Don Staniford are satisfied that the fish are being properly cared for

Scottish university develops cleaner fish welfare tool

Researchers at the University of Stirling have established growth weight as the best indicator of lumpfish welfare, noting that they are often introduced to pens too early

More fishing groups express support for Democrats' MSA reauthorization bill

'The bill recognizes that climate change must become integral to ocean governance and expands protections for essential fish habitat...' -- Linda Behnken, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

Six conservation groups, Pacific fishermen pleased with Democrats' MSA bill

'Many of the topics important to us, and our long-term viability, are included in the text of the bill' -- Mike Conroy, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association

China's Joyvio eyes alternative foods in \$90m fund tie-up with SK Corp

The joint fund with one of South Korea's largest conglomerates will support alternative foods entry into China

Democrats introduce MSA bill with climate change focus

'We know that the MSA has worked well, but new approaches are needed in this era of climate change, new technologies, evolving science needs and increasing ocean use' -- representative Jared Huffman



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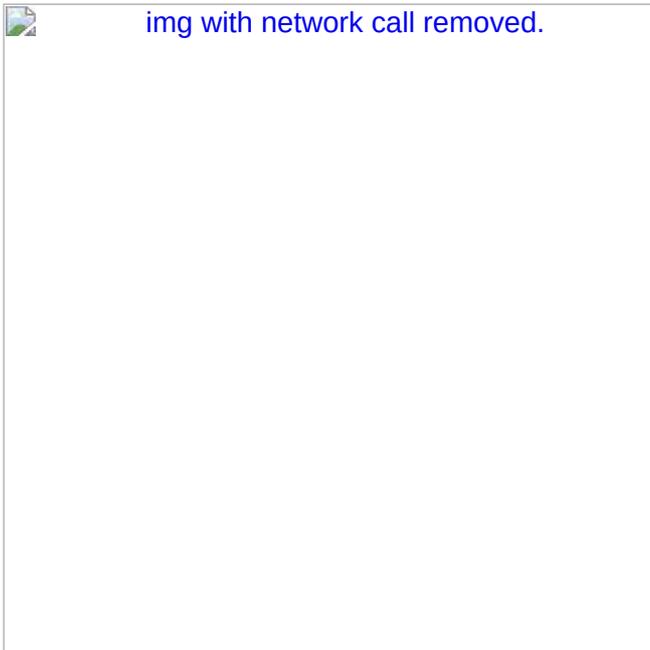
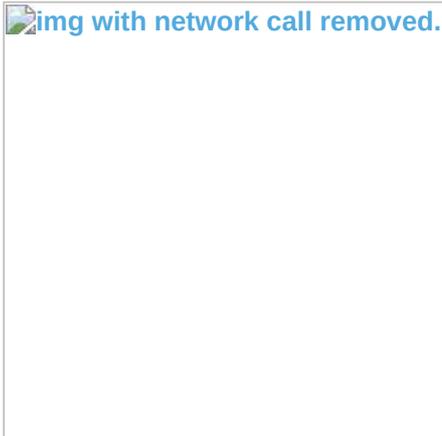
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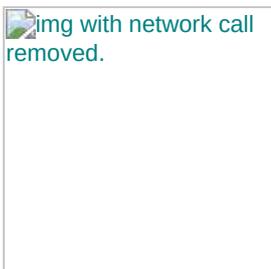
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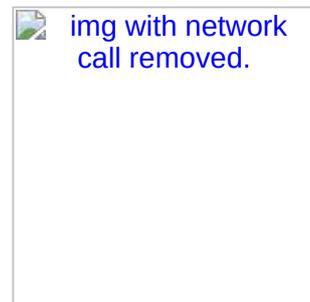
Samherji buying UK whitefish distributor



Icelandic fishing and processing giant Samherji is buying a UK whitefish distributor with a strong business selling FAS fillets to fish and chip trade

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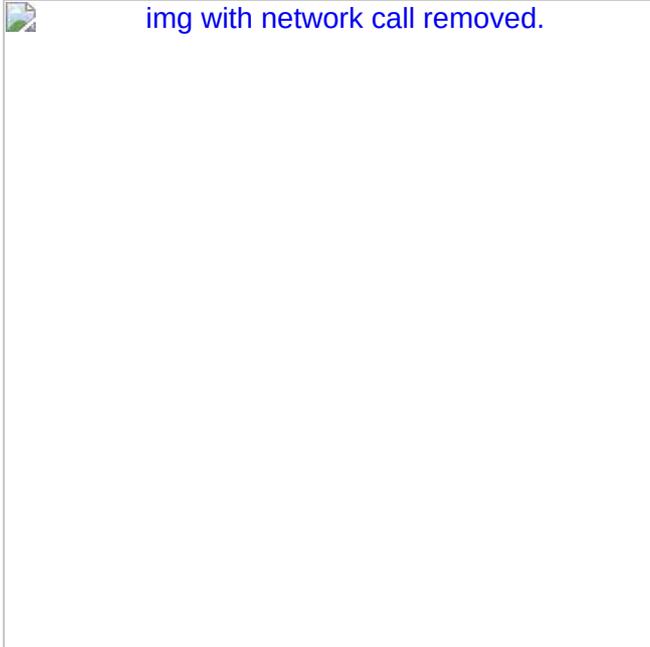
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FAO: State of world fisheries declining

The fraction of marine fish stocks fished within biologically sustainable levels has exhibited a decreasing trend, from 90% in 1974 to 66.9% in 2015



Iberconsa inks long-awaited deal for Spanish processing plant

Spanish fishing firm Iberconsa inked a deal to take over a new plant from Freiremar in Bouzas, near Vigo, Spain

Mazzetta accused in suit of accounting misdeeds, repacking old lobsters

Corey Thompson alleges that he was demoted from his job as the manager of a Maine lobster plant and then fired after he expressed his concerns directly to Tom Mazzetta

Tuna catches in the Eastern Pacific Ocean fall

Lower skipjack catches in the Eastern Pacific are supporting prices in the region, in spite of falling prices in Bangkok

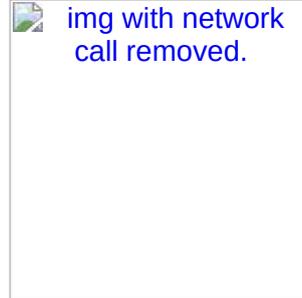


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Surveys finds perceived ‘pervasive gender-based discrimination’ in seafood industry

Women in Seafood surveyed 700 seafood professionals, looking at their perceptions of their industry; results offer a solid basis for progress, it said

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Don Staniford's Scottish Salmon Watch wants a ban on Thermolicer and Hydrolicer treatments, citing over 230,000 fish deaths following 'mechanical treatments' since 2016

US downgrades Ireland on its 2018 Trafficking in Persons report

Ireland had been a 'tier one' country since 2011, but has now slipped one place; the government has not obtained a trafficking conviction since the law was amended in 2013

AquaChile's shareholders to approve capital increase of up to \$340m

Chilean salmon farmer Empresas AquaChile said it will hold an extraordinary shareholders meeting on July 31 to approve a capital increase of up to \$340m

Indian farmers cut shrimp stocks, as prices fall below production cost

India's shrimp farmers pare stocks by 30% on price uncertainty

Bristol Bay catches strong but Alaska unlikely to meet sockeye forecast

Outside of Bristol Bay, sockeye salmon catches elsewhere in Alaska continue to disappoint

Animal welfare group pushes FAO to get behind net tagging

'A staggering 640,000 metric tons, the equivalent of 52,000 London double-decker buses, of ghost gear is left in our oceans each year' -- World Animal Protection

DOWNSTREAM:

Canadian harvesters use boats in protest against paper mill

A flotilla of about 200 fishing vessels were part of a demonstration Friday against a pulp mill in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia

Brazilian poultry, pork processor adds tilapia to its offerings

Aurora Cooperative Central Foods, in Sao Paulo, has partnered with C Vale Cooperativa Agroindustrial, an integrated production company

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WWF: Voluntary krill no-fishing zones good for Antarctica

Next step must be more protected areas, the NGO argued

Thailand to host SeaWeb summit 2019

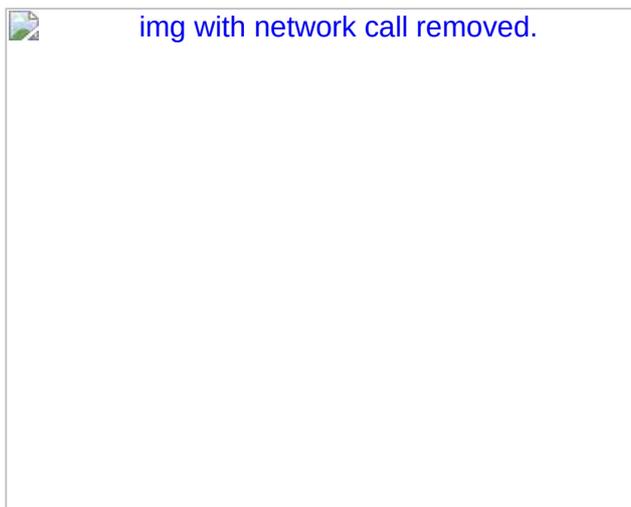
Thai government says it has 'exerted strenuous and continuous efforts to reform the fisheries sector since 2015'

Horseshoe crabs in demand, in danger, but ripe for aquaculture

In 2015, 559,903 horseshoe crabs were transported to biomedical facilities for the production of LAL, a substance used to test for bacteria

Nautic Rus tapped to design vessels for PrimCrab

Russian Fishery, of which PrimCrab is a division, earlier won six lots of quotas for blue, hairy quadrangular and opilio crabs worth a combined 10 billion rubles





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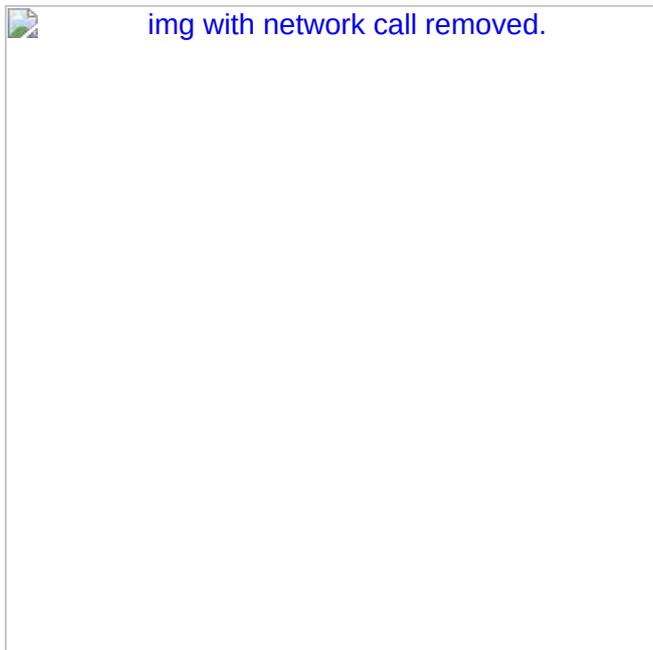
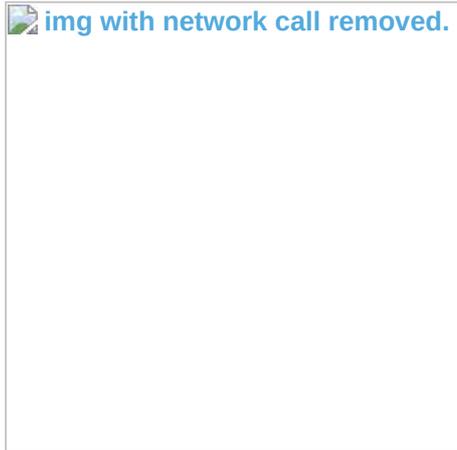
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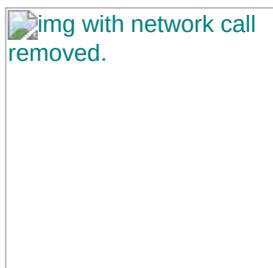
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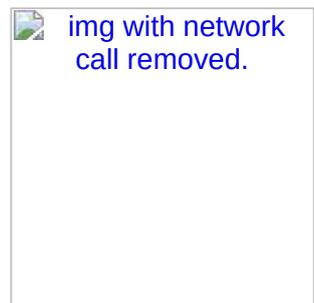
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Peruvian superprime fishmeal prices have slightly rebounded in June and July to \$1,600/t and above from \$1,550-1,600/t in May

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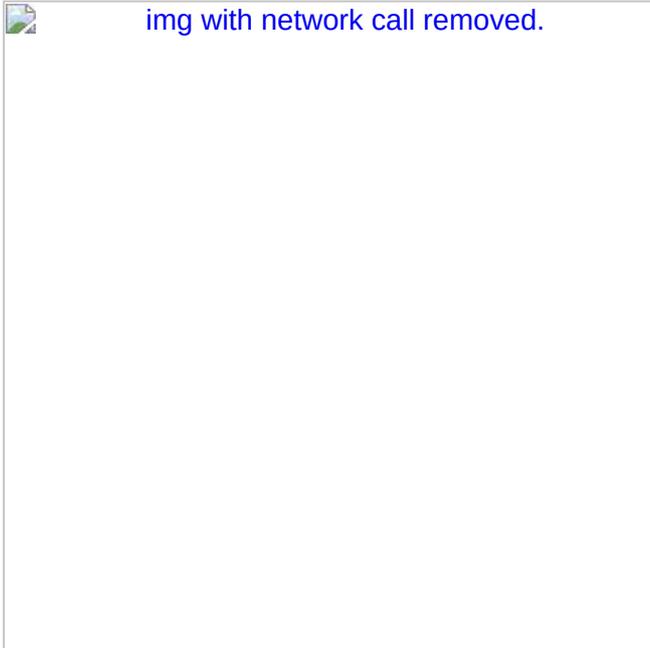
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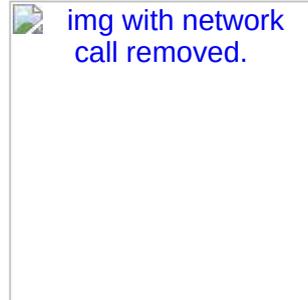
The tariffs come at a relatively fortuitous moment for the feed industry, with global soybean prices at a 10-year low, said Steve Hart, vice president of the Global Aquaculture Alliance



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Dyer Aqua plans to double Florida pompano output from Panama farm

Mark Twain once said the Florida pompano fish is "as delicious as the less criminal forms of sin". Pompano en papillote is a big-hitter among Cajun cuisine dishes

Camanchaca targets 80% salmon harvest growth, CEO Garcia Holtz says

Salmones Camanchaca made a decision several years ago to rent out their Chilean salmon farming concessions during a prolonged downturn, instead of leaving them fallow

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Editor's recap: US, China trade war; Mazzetta's in hot water; Samherji inks UK whitefish deal

The headlines on Undercurrent News last week were dominated by updates on the escalating trade war between the US and China

Small increase to US anti-dumping fee is big bite on India shrimp imports

Starting as soon as Monday, US importers of Indian frozen warmwater shrimp will confront an additional \$0.06/lb charge

Skretting: Opportunities for suite of shrimp health management tools 'exciting'

Having just invested in oral vaccine delivery researcher ViAqua, the feed group's management feels greater health stability in shrimp can have a big impact down the road

COMPANIES:

Storm causes damage at Aquachile coho salmon farm

A storm damaged a salmon farm owned by AquaChile in Quellon, Chile, on July 13

A storm damaged a salmon farm, owned by AquaChile in Quilón, Chile, on July 19. Concerns of fish escape will be investigated by Chilean authorities

Philippines pushing for country's first tuna farms

A regional director within the bureau of fisheries and aquatic resources said his department has been in talks with Japanese yellowfin culture experts

Estonian farmer, processor plans 2,000t offshore farm

PRFoods -- which owns Scottish firms John Ross Jr and Coln Valley -- has submitted a building application for an offshore complex near Hiiumaa and Saaremaa, Estonia

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FEED:

Marine Harvest to build visitor center next to new Scottish feed plant

Marine Harvest aims to wow (and probably reassure) Scots with a new visitor center all about the country's salmon farming industry

Pelagia takes over struggling Shetland fishmeal plant

Norwegian pelagics giant has taken on 100% of the shares in Shetland Fish Products, previously owned by a collection of local firms

TRACEABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY:

Thai Union brings shrimp from 'Asian seafood improvement' group to US

The first shrimp verified by the Asian Seafood Improvement Collaborative is hitting US markets via True Food Kitchen

FAO calls for rapid planning with climate change poised to hit ecosystems

The livelihoods of millions of fishery-dependent people at risk; FAO director-general urges governments to resolve adaptation funding disputes

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Indonesia launches modern shrimp farming hub

Plans are underway for a \$7,000 investment in shrimp farming, which it is thought can produce 150t per hectare, per season

Research paves way for new lobster aquaculture in Tasmania

Researchers in Tasmania, Australia, have found a way to farm commercially flathead lobster, *Thenus orientalis*

Scottish salmon price 'slumps', as Norwegian remains stable

One source suggests Scottish prices spent too long at too high a price, hurting demand; Norwegian salmon prices are said to be flat or softening in week 29

Vietnamese farmers forecast shrimp price rise in August

Vietnamese producers expect a rise in shrimp prices to take hold in the coming months as dwindling supplies in neighboring countries have led to more big orders

DataSalmon: Chile salmon prices soften in Brazil, US

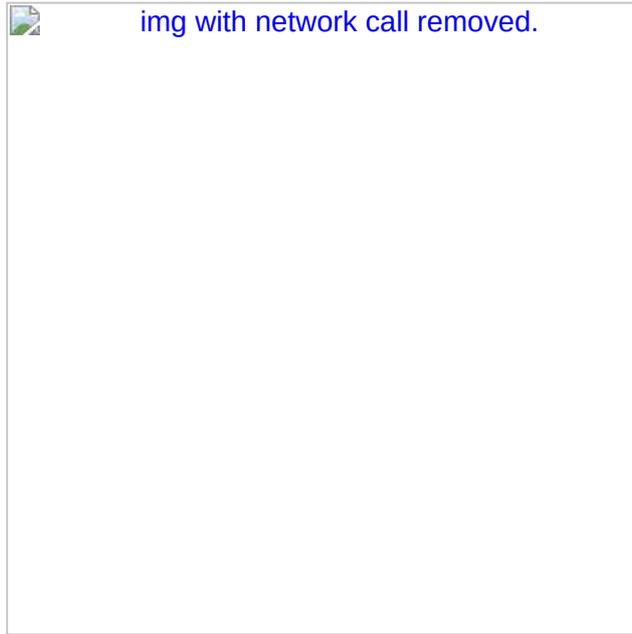
The prices of Chilean Atlantic salmon in the Brazil market softened in week 27, while prices in the US marginally ticked down

Paal Frisvold becomes Norway's new fisheries delegate in France

Norwegian Seafood Council has appointed Paal J. Frisvold as the new fisheries delegate in France, starting in the fall

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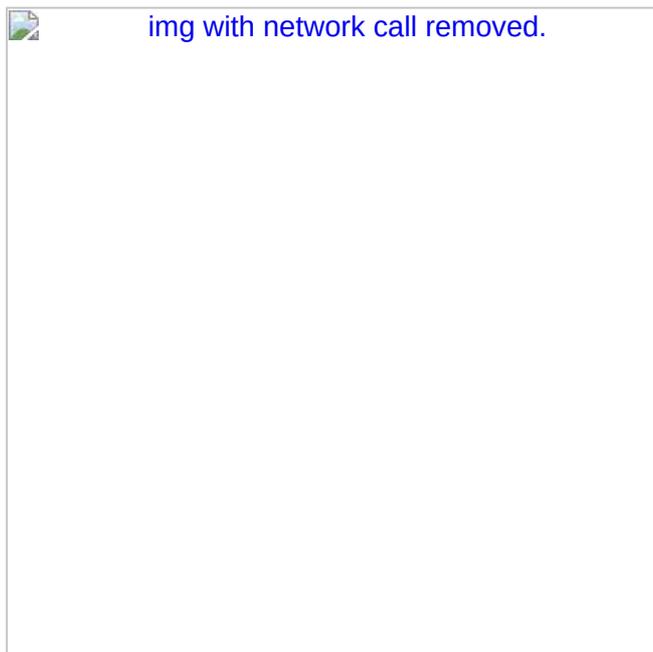
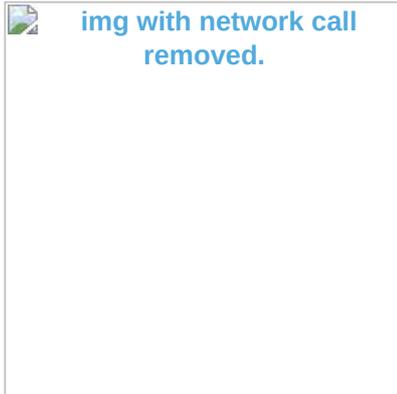
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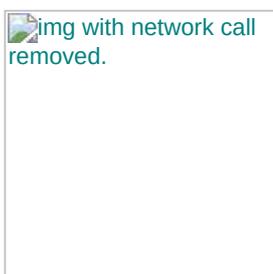


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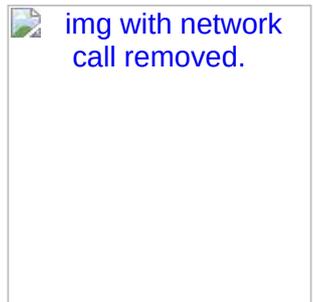
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Scottish salmon price 'slumps', as Norwegian remains stable



One source suggests Scottish prices spent too long at too high a price, hurting demand; Norwegian salmon prices are said to be flat or softening in week 29



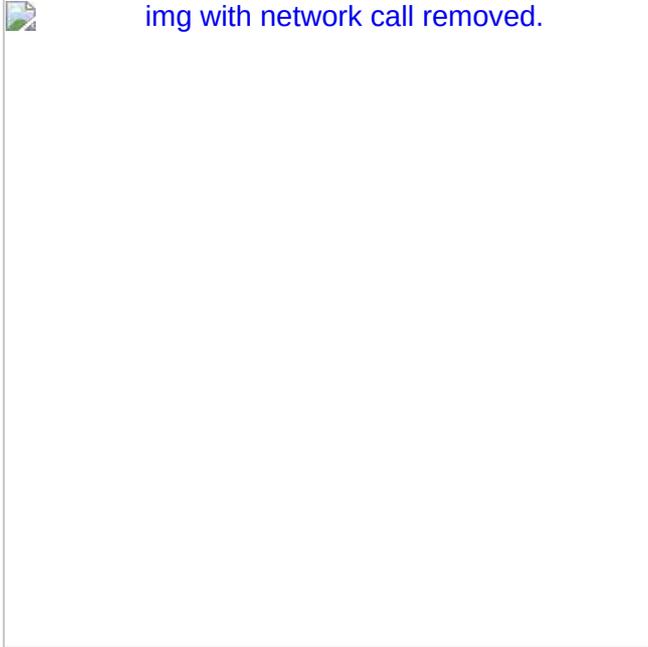
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Bristol Bay catches strong but Alaska unlikely to meet sockeye forecast

Outside of Bristol Bay, sockeye salmon catches elsewhere in Alaska continue to disappoint



Is deal-hungry CapVest eyeing £1bn bacon, fish sandwich with Karro, Young's combo?

Could CapVest, said by Undercurrent News sources to be in the running for Young's, be eyeing a combination with pork processor Karro?

Trump's new 10% tariff threat would lead to bankruptcies, Chinese processors warn

China's re-processing sector reacted strongly to Trump administration's proposed 10% tariffs on \$200bn worth of imports, including seafood, saying it will result in bankruptcies

AquaBounty in talks for royalty deal as FDA approval clears pathway to growth

AquaBounty, having obtained key FDA approval for its genetically modified salmon, is speaking to potential partners to fast-track the growth of the fish around the world

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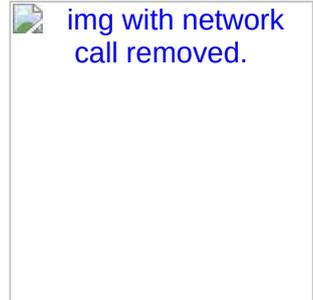
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US House approves Young's Magnuson-Stevens update after sticky provision cut

'Every time Mr. Young agreed to a change, another issue would come up. It is a perfect example of Lucy pulling the ball out from under Charlie Brown' -- representative Rob Bishop

US proposes new tariffs on Chinese tilapia, shrimp, reprocessed fish, as trade war escalates

As many in industry had feared, Chinese tilapia and shrimp are on the US White House's latest list of tariff targets along with most of the country's seafood products

Camanchaca targets 80% salmon harvest growth, CEO Garcia Holtz says

Salmones Camanchaca made a decision several years ago to rent out their Chilean salmon farming concessions during a prolonged downturn, instead of leaving them fallow

Some 680,000 salmon missing from Marine Harvest Chile site

The firm has been able to enter the stricken site on Isla Huar, Puerto Montt, and said that while 250,000 fish had been recaptured, around 680,000 were still missing

FARMING & FEED:

Sekkingstad sees drop in European sales, dip in profit

The Norwegian salmon exporter saw total sales dip in 2017, though it maintained a relatively stable bottom line

Estonian farmer, processor plans 2,000t offshore farm

PRFoods -- which owns Scottish firms John Ross Jr and Coln Valley -- has submitted a building application for an offshore complex near Hiiumaa and Saaremaa, Estonia

AquaChile's shareholders to approve capital increase of up to \$340m

Chilean salmon farmer Empresas AquaChile said it will hold an extraordinary shareholders meeting on July 31 to approve a capital increase of up to \$340m

WILD SALMON:

NFI's Connelly suggests Trump, China read Dr. Seuss

'The Dr. Seuss story of Two Zax who stand forever facing each other without compromise is not where this dispute should end' -- NFI president John Connelly

UN members to discuss fisheries governance at COFI

EU members to discuss enhanced governance at COP meeting this week

Pew recommendations cover issues ranging from illegal fishing and recording catch to high seas protection and safety at sea

DOWNSTREAM:

Norway could triple China salmon trade by year's end

The Norwegian Seafood Council believes that the country's salmon exports to China are poised to triple by year's end as restrictions are lifted

DataSalmon: Chile salmon prices soften in Brazil, US

The prices of Chilean Atlantic salmon in the Brazil market softened in week 27, while prices in the US marginally ticked down

ASMI eyes Ukraine as market for Alaska seafood

The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute is sending a group of Ukrainian seafood buyers to the US state hoping to increase trade

Norwegian salmon prices soften, as harvest volume increases

The price of farmed Norwegian salmon is set to fall during week 28 as volume increases

Audit findings: 72% of British Columbia fish processors violate permits

George Heyman, the environmental minister, said his agency's next step is to inspect the Canadian province's highest-volume fish processing facilities

TRACEABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY:

Another Magnuson-Stevens update heads to crucial vote

To quote American baseball great Yogi Berra, Wednesday's vote on HR 200, Alaska representative Don Young's update to Magnuson-Stevens is 'deja vu all over again'

Campaign group to file legal challenge against Scottish salmon farms' use of Thermolicer

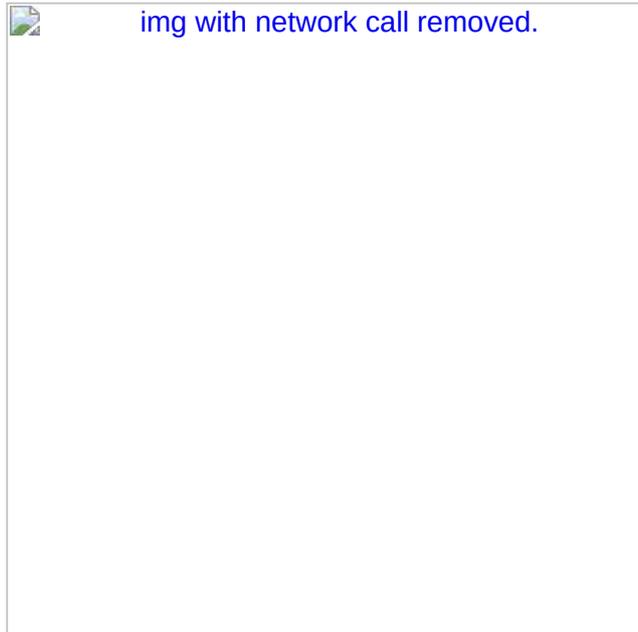
Don Staniford's Scottish Salmon Watch wants a ban on Thermolicer and Hydrolicer treatments, citing over 230,000 fish deaths following 'mechanical treatments' since 2016

Huon rivals win lawsuit aimed at stopping Australian salmon farming expansion

A judge's ruling allows the expansion plans of Tassal Group and Petuna Seafoods Tasmania, which were first permitted in 2012, to move forward.

Storm damages Marine Harvest farm in Chile, causes escape

A severe storm has damaged a Marine Harvest farm in Chile's Los Lagos region leading to the escape of an unknown number of fish



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To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 13 Oct 2021 at 12:00 (UTC Z)
Subject: The quest for a supermarket-grown salmon - 13th October 2021

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13th October 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Aquaponics may be more highly regarded in popular science publications than in the aquaculture trade press, but *The Fish Site* was taken by Agtira's plans to [grow salmon, tomatoes and cucumbers outside a Swedish supermarket](#). While ambitious, Agtira recognises the hazards of attempting to upscale production too far and 10 tonnes of salmon seems a more realistic goal than some of the targets set by the larger land-based aquaculture firms. However, I'm particularly intrigued to see if the system really can be efficiently operated from a remote location or whether a trained technician will need to be onsite more often than planned.

Elsewhere I'd highly recommend Gregg Yan and Jonah van Beijnen's new [overview of nanobubble technology](#) and at least a glimpse of the latest [Seafood Stewardship Index](#), in which leading aquaculture companies are met with mixed reviews.

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Salmon grown in a supermarket near you

Following a €3.7 million deal, Agtira is poised to produce salmon, cucumbers, tomatoes and herbs in an aquaponics facility beside the Östersund branch of Sweden's largest supermarket chain, Maxi ICA.

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A breath of fresh air: how nanobubbles can make aquaculture more sustainable

Devices that produce nanobubbles are becoming increasingly popular in a range of aquaculture operations, with a growing number of studies supporting their value – both in improving production and in r...

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Can IMTA be commercially successful in the West?

Three advocates of integrated multi-trophic aquaculture (IMTA) are using research in a bid to back up their beliefs in the values of the concept.

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Aquafeed investors: funding the future of food

The F3 – Future of Fish Feed* will convene a panel of aquaculture investors who will discuss their areas of interest, investing approaches, and favourite up-and-coming alternative ingredients.

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Meet the farmer: Hasanuddin Atjo

Indonesian aquaculture veteran Hasanuddin Atjo has always been on the leading edge of aquaculture innovation. Now he is on a mission to design and build sustainable, industrial level shrimp farms in I...

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In case you missed it

Mowi praised, Cooke lambasted in seafood sustainability rankings

Regal Springs adopts novel tilapia traceability system

Fish farm monitoring startup raises \$4.1m

Application lodged for Scotland's first semi-closed salmon farm

Tackling pathogens in Australia's tiger prawn farms

Hiddenfjord slashes CO2 emissions

Singapore's aquaculture production not spared from Covid-19

UK's Seafood Innovation Fund opens for aquaculture innovators

Nestle to launch plant-based shrimp as it taps into vegan market

Mowi Scotland seeks court order against Don Staniford

Jala, Wittaya and Salmokine win Global Aquaculture Challenge awards

Campaign launched against fledgling octopus aquaculture industry

Seven aquaculture startups make latest Ocean Supercluster cohort

Weed for feed: hemp and algae projects land \$10 million grants

BioMar names new Vietnam MD

Newsan targets 13,000-tonne trout production in Argentina

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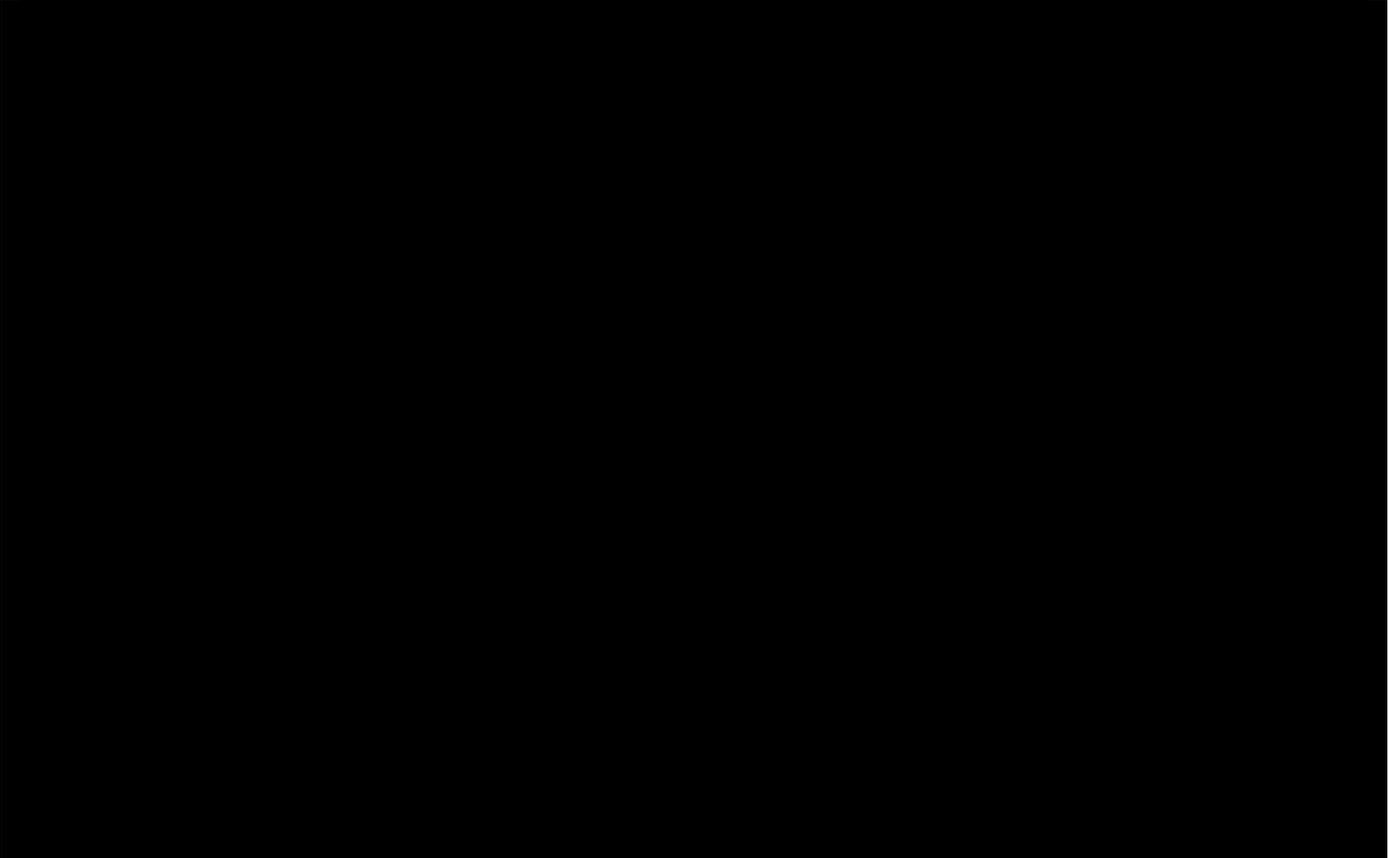
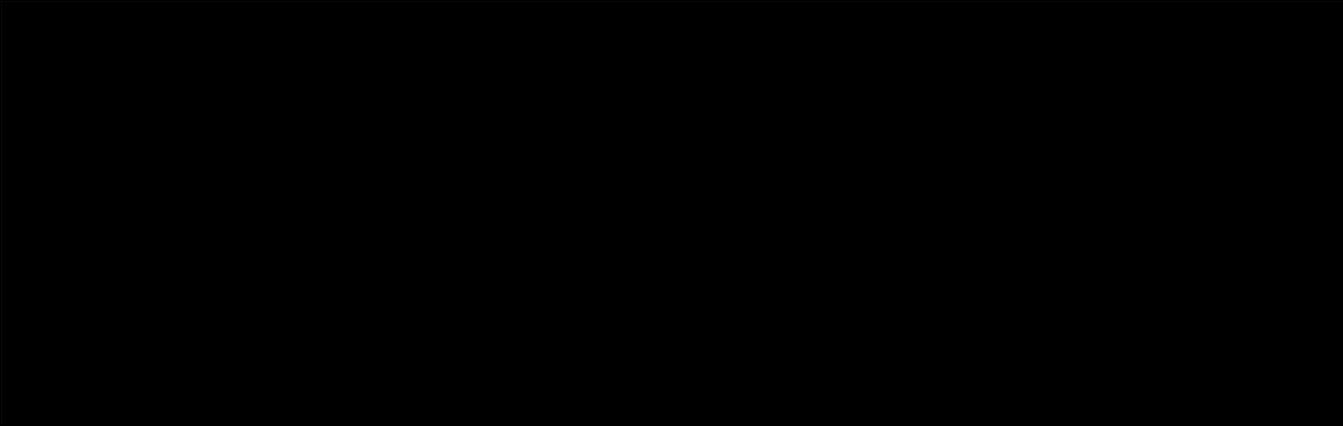
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Sent: 29 January 2018 15:40
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[REDACTED] That was the year Don Staniford et al either FOI'd or Hacked SEPA and globally published my name, email address and contact details on their global alliance against aquaculture site...!



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Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 06 Jun 2022 at 15:14 (UTC Z)
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Makes me think there's truth to rumours of Don Staniford having been up there as well a month or two ago.

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From: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@cookeaqua.com](mailto:[Redacted]@cookeaqua.com)>

Sent: 13 September 2022 11:50

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: [Redacted]

Hi [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

OIC still hasn't put the audio recording on the website - but Don Staniford of all people has recordings of the objectors on his typepad website.

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To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 07 Jun 2022 at 08:28 (UTC Z)
Subject: (No subject)

[REDACTED]

This whole Don Staniford/Greenpeace thing makes me bitty nervous we're going to be pranked/exposed in some way.

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Dear All

Please find attached a brief note from yesterday's first comms call.

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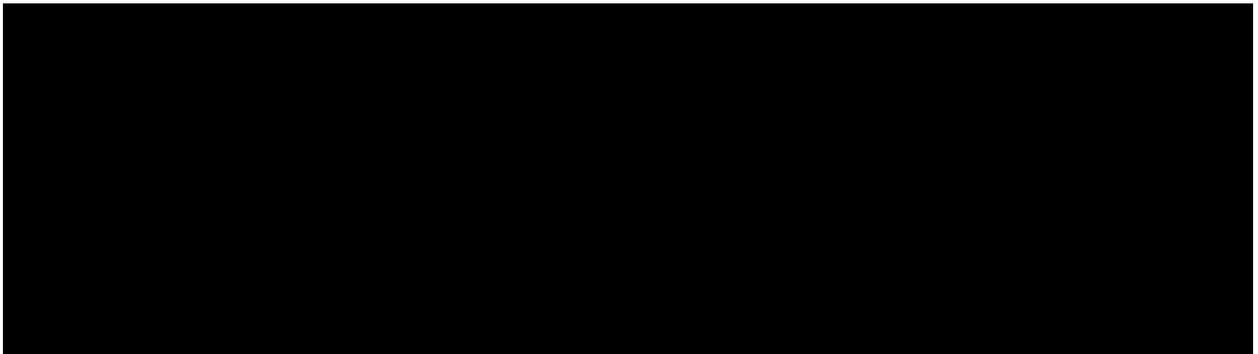
Notes from [REDACTED] Call – Monday 17th September



3. Update on current media issues –



Noted that **Don Staniford** and others now openly visiting sites by kayak and filming for posting online.



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Let us know if you need an official answer but most of the people involved are no longer in charge, except Don Staniford.

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Dear All

You may not be aware of two BBC programmes this week which will feature the recent Environment Committee report on salmon farming. The first is tonight (THURSDAY) on The One Show and the second is on tomorrow, Friday, on Radio 4 You and Yours (programme runs 12.15 to 1pm).

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The You and Yours programme will be broadly similar but with a ghillie and Don Staniford pre-recorded for an introductory package [REDACTED]

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Kind regards

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Sent: 12 November 2018 09:08
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Dear All

A film-maker making a documentary about "Oceans and Sustainability" for Netflix will be in Scotland this week and is planning to film a segment on salmon farming. He is interviewing [Redacted] and possibly Don Staniford. [Redacted]





<https://theferret.scot/pictures-diseases-farmed-fish>

Horror photos of farmed salmon spark legal threat

[Rob Edwards](#) on [June 27, 2018](#)

The diseases, damage and infestations suffered by hundreds of thousands of caged salmon in Scotland have been exposed by more than 300 graphic photos released by the Scottish Government.

Pictures taken since 2015 by fish health inspectors investigating mass deaths at salmon farms along the west coast and on islands reveal eight diseases, bloody lesions, eye damage, deformed organs, plagues of flesh-eating sea lice and much else.

The images – released under freedom of information law and published exclusively by The Ferret – have appalled animal welfare campaigners. They said the abuse was “shocking and stomach-churning”, and have called for a consumer boycott while threatening legal action.

But the Scottish Government stressed the importance of putting the photos into context, insisting they were not representative of the entire farmed fish population. The fish farming industry said that most of its salmon were healthy and it strived “to constantly maximise our fish health.”



Salmon farming, which earns £600 million a year as Scotland's biggest food export, has been hit by a raft of problems with disease and lice in recent years. After decades of expansion, production [dropped](#) by around five per cent in both 2015 and 2016, and is [forecast to fall](#) by 11 per cent in 2018.

The industry has been strongly criticised by one committee of MSPs at Holyrood, and is under investigation by another. But it remains committed – backed by the Scottish Government – to [double its business](#) from £1.8 billion in 2016 to £3.6 billion by 2030.

The photos from 30 investigations by the Scottish Government's [Fish Health Inspectorate](#) in Aberdeen over the last four years, were released to an anti-fish-farming campaigner on 15th June. Officials previously refused to hand them over twice since March, quoting exemptions to freedom of information legislation.

The investigations were into outbreaks of disease and other issues at 27 fish farms run by six companies. The majority – 15 – were at farms operated by [Marine Harvest](#), along with four run by [The Scottish Salmon Company](#), three by [Scottish Sea Farms](#), three by [Cooke Aquaculture](#), two by [Greig Seafood](#), two by [Loch Duart](#) and one not known.

The farms were along the west coast at Loch Linnhe, Loch Torridon, Loch Kishorn, Loch Fyne and elsewhere, as well as on Mull, Skye, Lewis, Harris and Shetland. Amongst the eight diseases found were amoebic gill disease, poxvirus, pancreas disease, bacterial kidney disease, cardiomyopathy syndrome and pasteurilla skyensis.

More than 120 salmon were sampled from farms where hundreds of thousands fish had died, at rates of up to 19 per cent of total stock a week. [Post-mortems carried out and published](#) by inspectors reported “moribund and lethargic fish with large lesions”, “large numbers of lethargic fish with physical damage” and “physical damage attributed to handling”.

The inspectors highlighted widespread problems with sea lice infestations, saying that sampled fish had “severe lice damage to their heads” and a “high lice burden”. They also found “no eyes”, “gross haemorrhaging”, “deformed hearts”, “enlarged spleens”, “anorexia”, “necrotic” gills and “yellow pseudo faeces”.

Don Staniford, a veteran campaigner from [Scottish Salmon Watch](#), obtained the photos. “The ugly truth is that Scottish salmon is diseased, deformed and comes from farms where welfare abuse is shocking and stomach-churning,” he said.

“People buying Scottish salmon should seriously question supporting such a cruel form of food production. Shame on Scottish salmon farmers and shame on supermarkets for supporting such an ethically bankrupt form of farming.”

Staniford promised to file a legal challenge against Scottish salmon farms for breaches of the [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006](#), citing violations of provisions on “unnecessary suffering” and “cruel operations”. He pointed out that a salmon farmer in Norway had [recently been fined](#) £460,000 (five million NOK) for breaches of Norwegian animal welfare law.

“Cheap farmed salmon comes at a huge cost to fish welfare as well as environmental costs,” he added. “Consumers really must take into account the shocking abuses on salmon farms when making purchasing decisions. Anyone with a morsel of morals seeing such gruesome images would surely boycott Scottish salmon.”

The Scottish animal welfare charity, [OneKind](#), described the photos as a “grim catalogue of horrors”. It was more evidence that suffering and disease had become “endemic” on salmon farms, said director Harry Huyton.

“Whoever is responsible for allowing these poor fish to suffer in this way should be held accountable, and relevant animal welfare legislation should be applied just as it would be for any other farmed animal,” he told *The Ferret*.

“We’re calling for an urgent and comprehensive review of welfare on fish farms, and in the meantime the Scottish Government’s ambition to grow the industry must be put on hold.”

Dr Krzysztof Wojtas, head of fish policy at [Compassion in World Farming](#), urged salmon farmers to take animal welfare more seriously. “The high level of disease and mortalities we see in the salmon farming sector make it clear that this industry is operating beyond its limits, with very little respect for animal welfare,” he said,

“Salmon are kept in very high densities where sea lice can thrive and cause major welfare problems. They are subject to painful, stressful treatments to rid them of these lice, and high fish death rates become an accepted result.”

John Robins from [Animal Concern](#) called on the Scottish Government to control the fish farming industry instead of promoting it. “Filthy floating factory fish farms cause terrible suffering to the salmon imprisoned in them and they expose wild salmon and sea trout to a huge risk from numerous diseases and parasites,” he said.

When releasing the photos, the Scottish Government stressed that they must be seen in context. They were taken as part of statutory inspection programme by the [Fish Health Inspectorate \(FHI\)](#).

“FHI’s mission is to support the Scottish Government’s vision of a sustainable, growing and diverse aquaculture industry whilst maintaining the high health status of farmed and wild fish and shellfish stocks in Scotland by preventing the introduction and spread of listed and emerging disease,” said the director of [Marine Scotland](#), Graham Black.

“The FHI do this by undertaking statutory inspection and sampling programmes, providing advice to stakeholders and implementing regulatory functions in accordance with the current aquaculture and aquatic animal health regulations.”

The photos were part of a “risk based [surveillance](#) programme” which involved 160 fish farm inspections in 2017. “Photographs are taken as they are a useful tool in the analytical process,” he added.

“Fish are subject to a number of pressures in the environment, particularly naturally present pathogens and other environmental parameters, with farmed fish being no exception. It can therefore be expected that some fish will experience challenges to good health.”

Black pointed out that in many cases FHI inspections had been undertaken in support of company investigations. “Those fish which have been removed by the FHI represent a very small proportion of the total number of fish on an aquaculture site – for example five fish from sites holding between 250,000 to 1.8 million fish,” he said.

“The images do not present any human health concerns and are not a representation of the entire fish population on site.”

The Scottish Government also pointed out that circumstances differed for each inspection. “In May we published [a framework for farmed fish health](#), co-produced with the aquaculture industry, to ensure a strategic approach to fish health and welfare in Scotland,” added a government spokesperson.

The [Scottish Salmon Producers’ Organisation](#), which represents fish farming companies, argued

that maintaining good health and welfare was at the heart of a successful industry. “We strive to constantly maximise our fish health,” said the organisation’s chief executive, Julie Hesketh-Laird.

“Occasionally fish health issues do arise, though the overwhelming majority of salmon grown in Scotland are healthy, and that is down to the skill and good farming practice of those who rear salmon.”

She added: “The photos released are not representative of an industry which produces millions of high quality salmon each year and invests heavily in research and development into new measures to protect fish health and welfare.”

[Marine Harvest](#) also emphasised the importance of animal welfare and survival for farmers.

“However, over a three-year lifespan, some salmon will die for a variety of reasons, including challenges created by global warming and the resulting increase in sea water temperatures,” said the company’s head of fish health, Dr Meritxell Diez Padrisa.

“We work closely with animal welfare groups and all our farms are audited as part of the [RSPCA assured scheme](#), which also provides additional checks and balances to ensure we are raising our fish in a safe and responsible way.”

The [Scottish Salmon Company](#) said it adopted a “best practice approach” to animal husbandry. “Like any farming there can be occasional health issues,” stated a company spokesperson. “These are diagnostic images and are not representative of our operations.”

According to [Scottish Sea Farms](#), its inspections were due to an “isolated incident” in 2017. “No-one regrets any incidence of disease or ill-health more than our own farmers,” said the company’s head of fish health, Ralph Bickerdike.

“Given the low number of wild salmon to survive the marine environment, some level of mortality amongst farmed salmon, whilst regrettable, is to be expected. We’re happy to report that Scottish Sea Farms has had a really positive first half of 2018, with high survivability and low sea lice levels across all our farms.”

[Grieg Seafood](#) in Shetland and Skye stressed it was a responsible farmer. “We are committed to ensuring the highest standards of fish health and welfare are met across all our farms, which extends to a population of hundreds of thousands,” said managing director, Grant Cumming.

“Our focus is to first prevent disease from occurring and then, if it does occur, to ensure the welfare of the fish through responsible and effective treatment. While we do our utmost to avoid and minimise fish mortality, if it does occur we act quickly to ensure they are disposed of safely and in a legal and environmentally responsible manner.”

[Loch Duart](#) was proud of its reputation for producing high quality farmed salmon with the “very best” fish welfare. “This is achieved by giving them only high quality feed with a high marine content, along with low stocking rates which produces healthier fish,” said the company’s managing director, Alban Denton.

“Currently our salmon are virtually free from sea lice, as evidenced by the published data, and we have had no need for sea lice medicinal treatment on any of our farms for over 11 months.”

[Cooke Aquaculture](#) has not responded to a request to comment.

All the photos of farmed fish released by Marine Scotland

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Yes got it 😞 man is an idiot! XX

Sent from my iPhone

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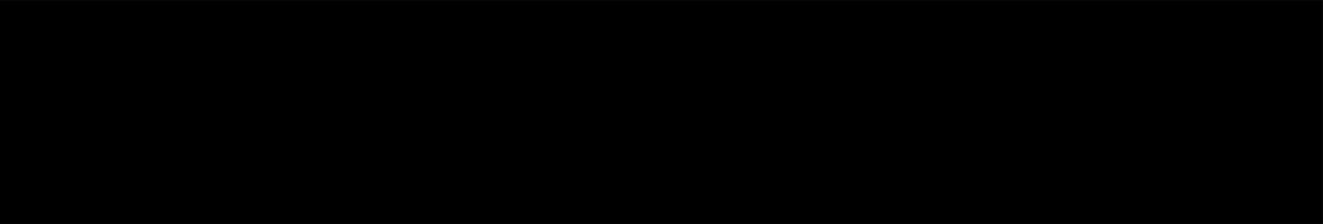
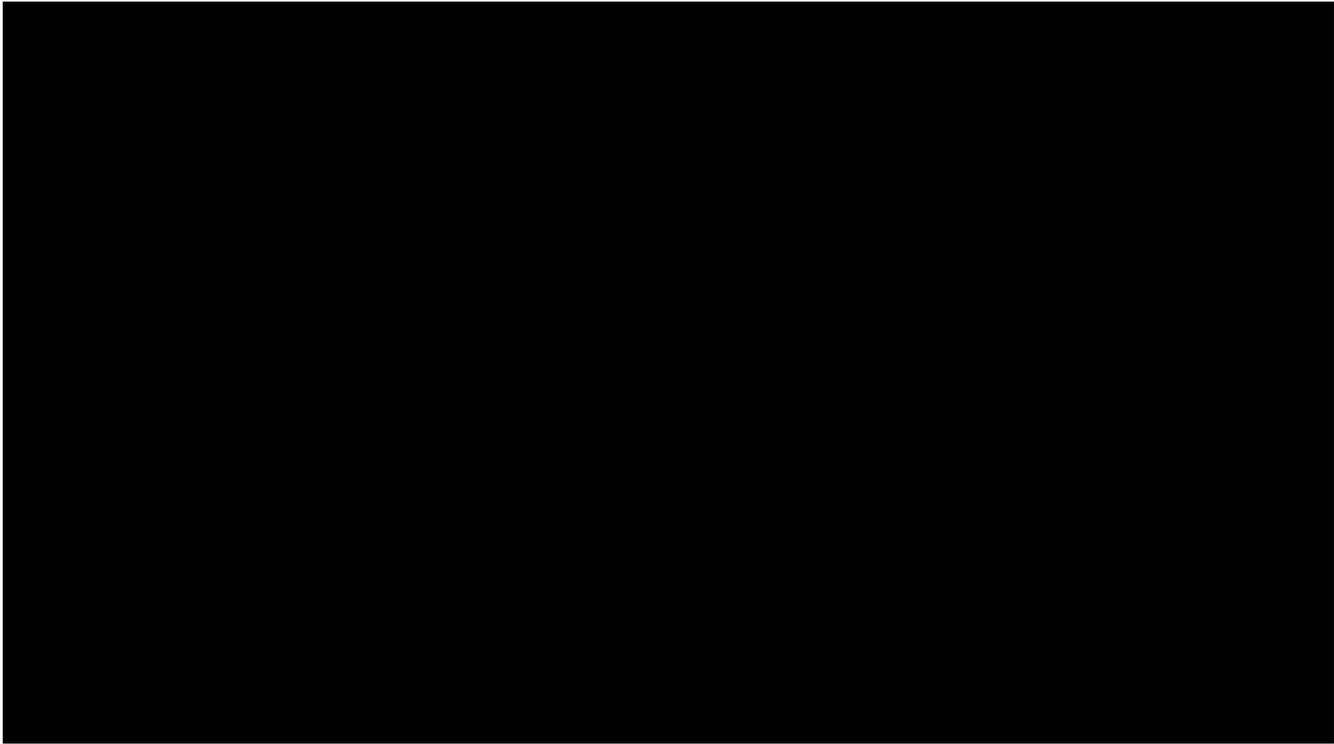
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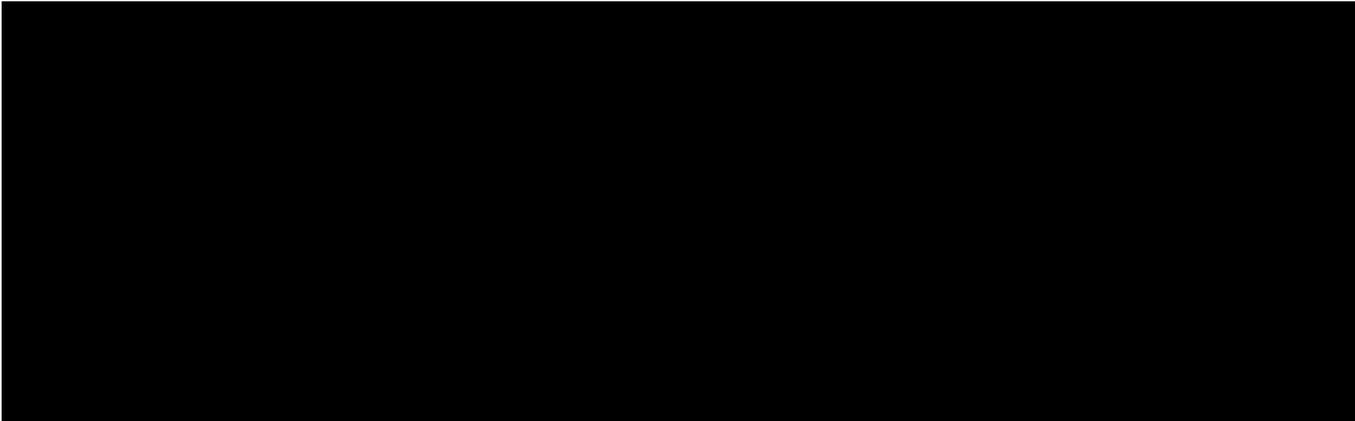
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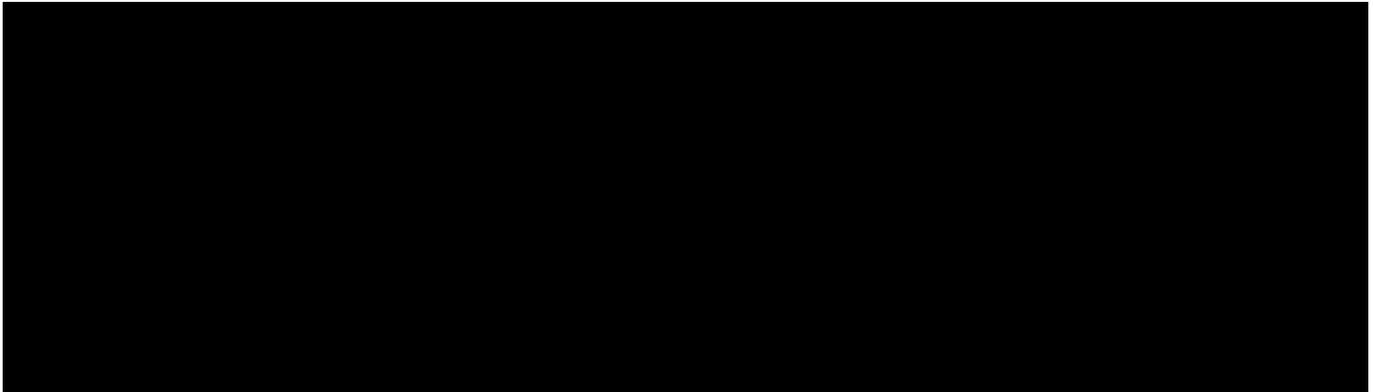


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Do you know what Dan Staniford looks like?

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By Dr Martin Jaffa

no 956

15th February 2020

Time to fight back: Last weekend, the Sunday Times carried not one but two anti-salmon farming stories. Neither was actually anything new or newsworthy but one of them should represent a massive wake-up call to salmon industry representatives.

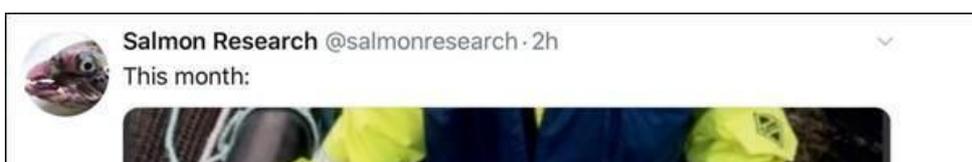
Social media is awash with negative comments about salmon farming, but those Tweeting have few followers. Most of the messages are tweeted and retweeted by the same small group of critics. However, over the last week, one of them has persuaded TV naturalist Chris Packham in his position as an RSPCA VIP to investigate salmon farming. He tweeted in response that he will work with RSPCA officials towards a renewed position from their point of view. This tweet led to the publication of one of stories in the Sunday Times. This claims that the RSPCA have received £500,000 in fees from the salmon farming industry towards certification. The critics argue that an animal welfare charity should not be supporting an industry that imposes so much cruelty. I could write here about how misleading the article was but the RSPCA have subsequently issued a response, which of course the critics have all ignored. I will however mention that Chris Packham was also in the news last week as OneKind have made him their patron. Mr Packham is probably unaware that whilst OneKind have joined with angling organisation Salmon & Trout Conservation to highlight cruelty in salmon farming is cruel, they have turned a blind eye to the cruelty imposed on wild fish by anglers.

Why the Times story is a gamechanger is that whilst critics like Corin Smith have 400 followers on Twitter, Chris Packham has 368,000, who will read his views. Fortunately, Mr Packham has not yet made any further comment about salmon farming.

Whilst, it is easy to ignore the misinformed views of a handful of keyboard warrior critics, negative stories that might go mainstream should not be. The problem is that the industry has largely dismissed the vocal minority as irrelevant and therefore not bothered to counter their increasingly outrageous claims. Without any rebuttal, the critics have become more emboldened and are upping their game. Corin Smith has reinvented himself as an 'organisation' with a new website and plans to bring a mass protest to the Aviemore exhibition. He is even laying on free transport from a number of Scottish towns and cities. Approaches have been made to Channel 4 TV to feature the cruelty of raising salmon in pens. The TV programme has been offered an extensive scientific dossier. Salmon & Trout Conservation are planning to make another film about salmon farming and as the Sunday Times highlight, Kate Winslet is to narrate a film showing the negative impacts of salmon farming. Another anti-salmon farming film was also recently posted on the internet.

This sort of activity can no longer be ignored. The time has come for the industry to stand up and defend itself by countering this ever-increasing misinformation by providing accurate and up to date facts. This does not mean that the industry has to engage directly with these critics - they won't engage anyway except on social media where they can hide often anonymously behind their keyboard and computer screen - but they can start by issuing fact sheets about any of the misleading claims made and unfortunately there are many. One example is a claim made by long standing campaigner Don Staniford. He posted a question that 'if you genuinely care about fish welfare then why do you use a heated torture chamber called Thermolicer. Listen to the science and stop welfare abuse on salmon farms.' He attached a link to two scientific papers that have appeared in the journal Veterinary and Animal Science. One is titled 'Thermal injuries in Atlantic salmon in a pilot laboratory trial' and the other is 'Sudden exposure to warm water causes instant behavioural responses indicative of nociception or pain in Atlantic salmon'. The problem is that the experimentation in these papers bears little resemblance to what happens in a Thermolicer. The researchers of the second paper held fish at varying temperatures up to 38⁰c for five minutes. It's not surprising that the fish showed behavioural responses. The fish are exposed to warm water in a Thermolicer for less than 30 seconds and at a lower temperature.

What is interesting is that when these critics are faced with facts, they never respond. Although I have made many comments about interactions between salmon farming and wild fish, not one of these critics has ever highlighted anything I have said as being incorrect. Instead, their usual response is to attack me personally. This week's examples can be seen below:





Interestingly, this says that I hate anglers. This is untrue. I don't have a problem with angling. My objections are to an angling sector that blames the salmon farming industry for the decline of wild salmon and sea trout stocks. Even the REC Committee report which the wild fish sector continually refers to accepts that there is no evidence to show that salmon farms are the cause of the declines.

Sadly, there is clearly a battle going on with the anti-salmon farming campaigns and the wild fish sector on one side and the salmon farming industry on the other. The critics think they are winning the battle, but this is only because the salmon farming industry has so far failed to turn up.

The news this week that salmon farming has generated exports valued at £618 million during 2019 is a good news story but it doesn't matter how good this news is if someone is standing behind you digging a massive hole for you to fall in. The salmon industry is a great news story but unless the industry addresses, and corrects the criticism, then the negative stories will get prominence.

Surely, with sales abroad worth £618 million, the industry could bear the added cost of countering the negative stories. The time has come to fight back and correct the misinformation that starts on social media and escalates into major press stories.

By coincidence, Canadian Sea West News has this week published a long article titled 'Fact checking the falsehoods by anti-fish farm activist group.' The article starts by saying the mantra of those wanting to spread falsehoods and fear has been that if you tell lies big enough and keep repeating them the people will eventually come to believe it. The article continues that judging by its recent report – Going Viral – the Tofino based anti-fish farm activist group – Clayoquot Action seems to have adopted this as a pillar for their campaign to oust fish farms from BC waters.

Sea West News says that this science deficit report that has been snapped up by the media for sensational headlines claimed that the Norwegian strain of PRV has infected 14 fish farms in Tofino. They continue that there is a need to look past the spin, hype controversy, myths and fears and inform all with science not activism. The Scottish salmon farming industry should adopt a similar policy as a matter of urgency.

The full article can be found at <https://seawestnews.com/fact-checking-the-falsehoods-by-an-anti-fish-farm-activist-group/>

Red rag: Fish health company chief Jim-Roger Nordly has responded to the recent news about the Traffic Light controls on salmon production. The Norwegian authorities have classified two areas as 'red' dictating a reduction in capacity.

Mr Nordly told iLAKS that the Traffic Light Scheme is a rather hopeless tool based on adopted misconceptions about the impact of salmon lice on wild salmon. He adds that it is tragic that the Government are using this method to try to regulate the industry because the focus is very narrow.

I would argue that it is not only narrow but extremely flawed. I discussed the Traffic Light Scheme during the initial negotiations. I wasn't convinced then and I remain unconvinced. The scheme has three different levels of risk. Green is applied if the risk of sea lice induced mortality is below 10%. Yellow is applied if the risk is between 10-30%, whilst red is for a risk in excess of 30%.

The problem I have with the scheme is that we knew then that 95% of all migrating smolts die at sea with only 5% returning to the rivers to breed. This level of mortality applies regardless of whether salmon farming is present or not. If 95% of smolts die due to other factors how can a

...whether salmon farming is present or not in areas of smolts are due to other factors than sea lice. further 30% die due to sea lice. This would make a mortality of 125% which is nonsense.

It could be argued that the 30% is included in the 95% of mortalities due to other factors but if this is the case then why would the overall mortality be the same in areas where there is no farming? Norway has one long coast line which may be difficult to break down in to salmon farming areas and those without but in Scotland, salmon farming is carried out on one coast whereas the bulk of wild fish can be found along a totally different coast where there is no salmon farming at all. The same problem arises in Scotland as in Norway when calculating salmon mortality due to salmon farms. 95% of salmon die before they return to the river so claims of high mortality due to sea lice don't add up.

I have often referred to the work of Jackson and colleagues in Ireland who conducted a smolt release trial with over 385,000 smolts. They found that the typical mortality from sea lice was around 1%. A more recent study conducted by Marine Scotland Science found no impact from sea lice, but this was because they failed to catch even one fish returning to a west coast river. It might be suggested that the mortality levels of up to 30% identified in Norway actually relate to the 1-2% of fish that die due to sea lice. This would mean that with a 30% mortality, the total impact would be about 0.3% of the stock. Compared to the massive mortality suffered at sea, mortality from sea lice is insignificant.

Jan Arve Gjøvik who writes Aquablogg commented in iLAKS about the basis for the new Traffic Light regulation. The Norwegian Government took advice on which zones were allocated which colour of the Traffic Light from the 'Expert Committee'. According to Mr Gjøvik, and using Expert Committee data he calculates that combining the data from all the zones, 855,300 fish would be expected to die as a result of sea lice. However, Mr Gjøvik argues that as these smolts migrate, they would be exposed to the same 95% marine mortality as any other fish. This means that 43,000 fewer fish would return to Norwegian rivers.

However, VRL, the wild salmon advisory group have calculated that sea lice have reduced the wild salmon stocks by 10,000 fish or a quarter of the number calculated by the Expert Group. They can't both be right.

Mr Gjøvik points out that although these are two very different groups, Bengt Finstad, a senior researcher at the Norwegian Institute for Natural Research (NINA) is a member of both groups. He surely cannot agree with both sets of findings. Something is clearly very wrong.

In the latest Aquablogg posting, Mr Gjøvik highlights another factor in the relationship between salmon farms and wild salmon. A four-year study in the Hardanger Fjord has shown that 94% of the migrating wild smolts have left the fjord before any salmon farms show signs of sea lice infestation. This means that almost all the smolts have not picked up any sea lice and thus any subsequent mortality cannot be due to the presence of salmon farming (<https://www.aquablogg.no/gront-luselys-i-hardanger/>).

I can understand that the Norwegian Government are keen to be seen to be introducing the new measures but if the data on which they are based is incorrect then the new regulations are flawed.

The Scottish Government's Interactions Working Group considered the Norwegian system during their deliberations. It is not yet clear what conclusion was arrived at. Perhaps, considering this new data, they ought to be more cautious as to their recommendations.

There is an additional concern about this advice that Mr Gjøvik did not raise and that is neither VRL nor the Expert Group appear to include any representation from the salmon farming industry. It appears to me that the groups consist of people whose view I would consider may not be as objective as it might be, based on the wider views of the organisations they work for. The inclusion of salmon farming representatives might provide a more balanced judgement.

Closed minds: The Argyll Advertiser reports that a Coastal Communities Network (CCN) refused an invitation from the Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation (SSPO) to attend a workshop intended to help create a blueprint for the industry's sustainable future. CCN say that the SSPO has ignored the REC Committee's recommendations and should move production to closed containment. They say that closed containment is commercially viable but that the industry appears unwilling to move to such production. They will only talk to the SSPO if the discussion relates to moving salmon farms to closed containment.

The problem is that CCN have heard that closed containment is the solution so many times that they now believe that it is a reality. They are mistaken in believing that closed containment for harvest size salmon is commercially viable. There is not a single closed containment farm producing harvest sized salmon on a regular basis and that is making money.

By coincidence, Drew Cherry of Intrafish has recently reviewed the current state of the closed containment sector and describes a recurring scenario – an unknown company issues a gushing press release about a new land based operation with outlandish projections of production and an eager market to pay a premium price for locally grown fish. Often the press release is issued by a single guy with a mobile phone. The expectation is to make money on the idea not on real production.

Mr Cherry points out that Atlantic Sapphire is now worth \$1 billion on the stock exchange which he says is a high price for a company that has shown nothing but losses, minimal revenue and hasn't even proved it can produce a product want to eat. The share price is simply a reflection of the exuberance of investors.

Closed containment has been hyped up and is the darling of wild fish and environmental campaigners. Yet, the benefits are few and far between. The main argument, and one put forward by CCN is that they prevent sea lice and capture waste. The view seems to be that if salmon farming is isolated from the nature environment, the sea's bounties will magically reappear. Sadly, those with such a view will be sadly disappointed.

Equally, those who expect to make a fortune through closed containment expecting consumers to pay a premium price will also be disappointed. The costs and risks outweigh all else and whilst one pioneering farm might be able to obtain a higher price for their fish, others will not. In addition, the technology for large scale production is still unproven and there are other problems to resolve. Sea lice may not be an issue, but other diseases can spread quickly, especially in the higher stocking densities required to make such system pay. Any small error can result in a total wipe-out because water quality is quickly compromised, when things go wrong.

Mr Cherry's colleague Rachel Slapin also raised another issue which she calls Land based farms dirty little secret, although it is not a secret to those in the industry. Salmon grown in tanks can develop a notable off-flavour, especially when grown in the type of low salinity system which are often promoted. This is not unique to salmon, but it can be removed by purging the fish in clean freshwater whilst starving the fish.

The Conservation Fund Freshwater Institute in West Virginia have been at the forefront of promoting closed containment, but they admit that the fish develop earthy and musty flavours during production. The Institute want to show that fish welfare is not compromised during this depuration although it could be questionable that the welfare of the fish at higher stocking levels is of much greater concern.

It was interesting to see that anti-salmon farm campaigner Corin Smith highlighted the Intrafish article on his Twitter feed. He wrote that the battle lines between land based and open cage farmer are beginning to emerge and to expect this to ramp up over coming years. He continues that one is claiming it is environmentally friendly whilst the other undermine its quality. What this self-proclaimed expert on salmon farming fails to realise is that the Intrafish article is about how the Freshwater Institute have raised the issue of off-flavours and are trying to show that they can be addressed. Mr Smith assumes that it is traditional pen farmers who have highlighted off-flavours whereas it is those that are promoting closed containment who have drawn attention to the issue rather than dismiss it.

Mr Smith is also incorrect to suggest that closed containment is environmentally friendly because it isn't. Mr Smith's reference to environmentally friendly ultimately relates to his view that if salmon farms are removed from the sea then wild fish will not be plagued by sea lice and thus wild stocks will recover so he can go out and catch and kill them for sport.

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Remote site connectivity provider raises £3.1m for expansion

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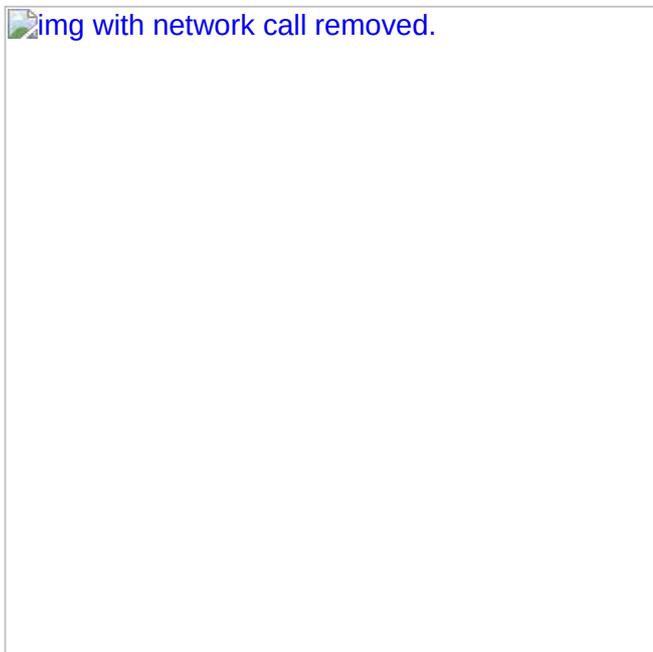
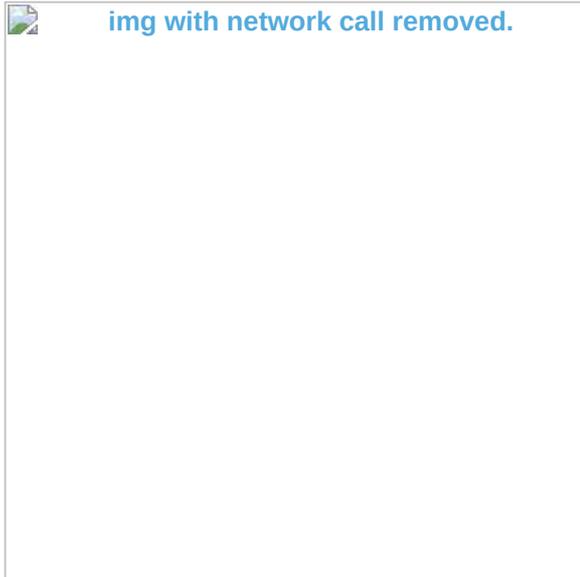
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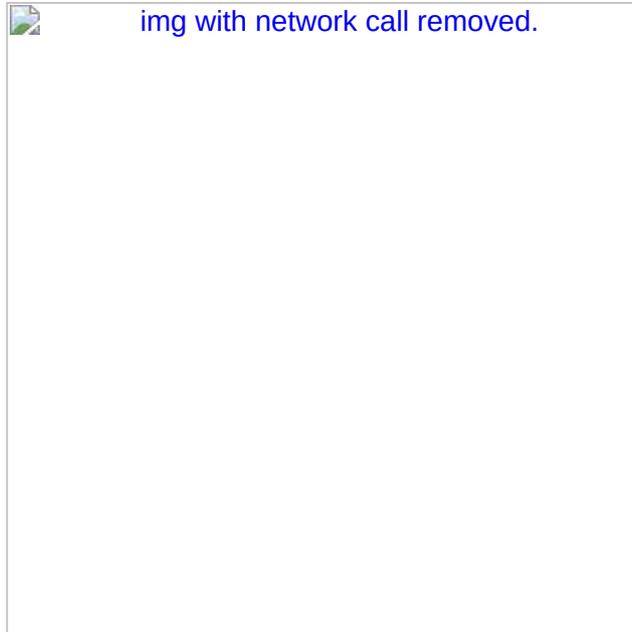
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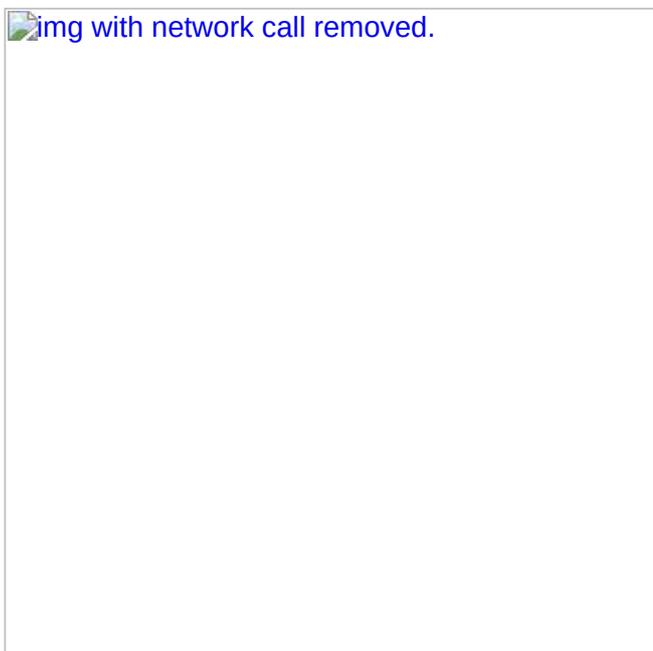
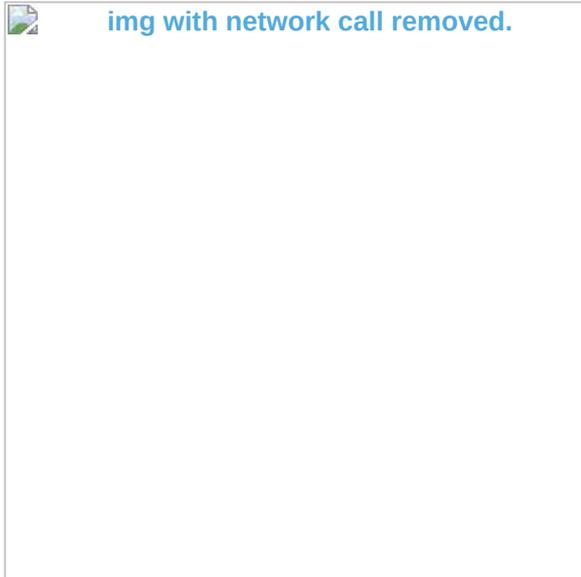
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ISA finding in Newfoundland leads Grieg to cancel 1m salmon smolt transfers



'We have said from the beginning that we will develop our farming operations in Placentia Bay



gradually, responsibly and sustainably' -- Knut Skeidsvoll, Grieg Seafood Newfoundland

Maine lobster harvester group staffs up for whale, wind fights

Maine lobster harvesters might be enjoying record high prices but new trap rope rules are coming that, they fear, could shut down the fishery

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RSPCA clears Mowi of welfare abuse allegations on Scottish farm

The RSPCA say they did not find any of the problems highlighted by anti-salmon farming campaigner Don Staniford are satisfied that the fish are being properly cared for

Study: Warming waters could cost Pacific nations \$140m annually in lost tuna catches

Catch reductions of this magnitude could result in a collective loss of \$140m per year by 2050 and cost some island nations and territories up to 17% of their government revenue

Peru sets temporary closures, catch limits for tuna fishing

Peru's ministry of production, Produce, has established new tuna conservation measures in compliance with resolutions of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission



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Chilean plant-based firm wins famous backers, will target salmon

NotCo said Tiger Global, tennis player Roger Federer, and Formula-1 driver Lewis Hamilton were among investors in the company's \$235 million D round funding

UK shellfish association stresses industry's need for nephrops FIP

The SAGB Nephrops Processors Group has pointed to the success of the certified Swedish and Danish fishery at broadening the nephrops market, which it sees as being vital in years to come

More fishing groups express support for Democrats' MSA reauthorization bill

'The bill recognizes that climate change must become integral to ocean governance and expands protections for essential fish habitat...' -- Linda Behnken, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

Biden administration studying compensation of harvesters for offshore wind

Discussions have been prompted in part by a letter sent June 4 to the White House by nine Atlantic Coast states

MORE NEWS:

Spain launches first Tuna Awards to highlight innovations, sustainability initiatives

Spain's National Association of Canned Fish Manufacturers has launched the first edition of the Tuna Awards to highlight the industry's most innovative companies

UK's Benchmark deploys first CleanTreat vessel into Norwegian waters

UK-based aquaculture services firm Benchmark Holdings has welcomed its first vessel with its CleanTreat water purification system into Norwegian waters.

Wildtype plans to launch cell-based, sushi-grade salmon in US this year

Wildtype recently began operations at its new pilot production plant, which has a capacity to produce around 50,000 lbs. of cell-based seafood per year

China, Russia, US plan Arctic research to regulate fishing

US, China, Japan and Russia are among the countries planning to conduct joint research on fishing in the Arctic Ocean in a step toward setting forth international rules, Nikkei reports

Race is on to complete review of North Carolina offshore wind project

The Kitty Hawk offshore wind farm would involve 69 turbines sitting roughly 27 miles from North Carolina shores and 40 miles from Virginia Beach

Aussie seafood body cries foul over alternative protein labeling

Seafood Industry Australia has commended the Australian senate for looking into the naming of plant-based and synthetic seafood products, often a source of controversy

Wild salmon off the menu for BC restaurants

Some restaurants in the Canadian province of British Columbia are taking salmon off the menu amid fears of stock depletion

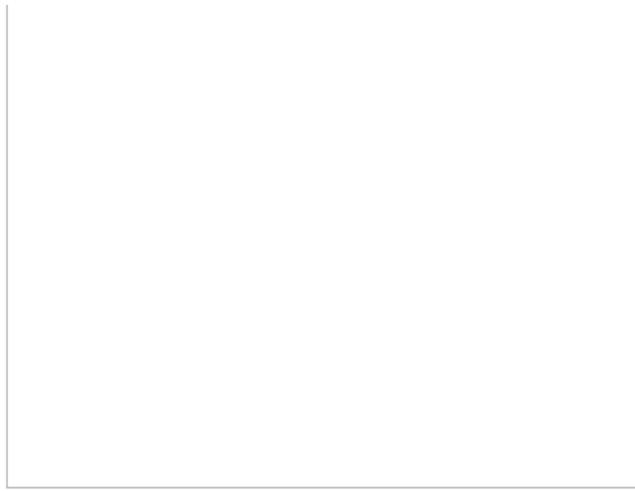
Irish firm launches seaweed burger

Irish company Plantraption has developed a seaweed burger made with seaweed harvested on Ireland's Atlantic coast

Global Tuna Alliance supports MSC drive to improve Pacific tuna management

Earlier this week, the MSC warned 22 tuna fisheries in the Western & Central Pacific they could face suspension of their certification from 2023





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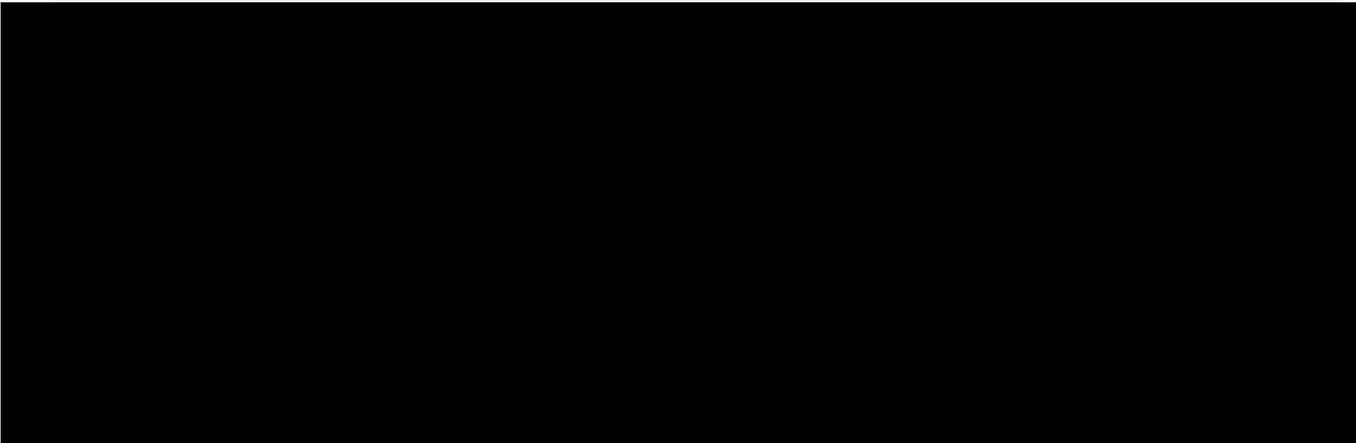
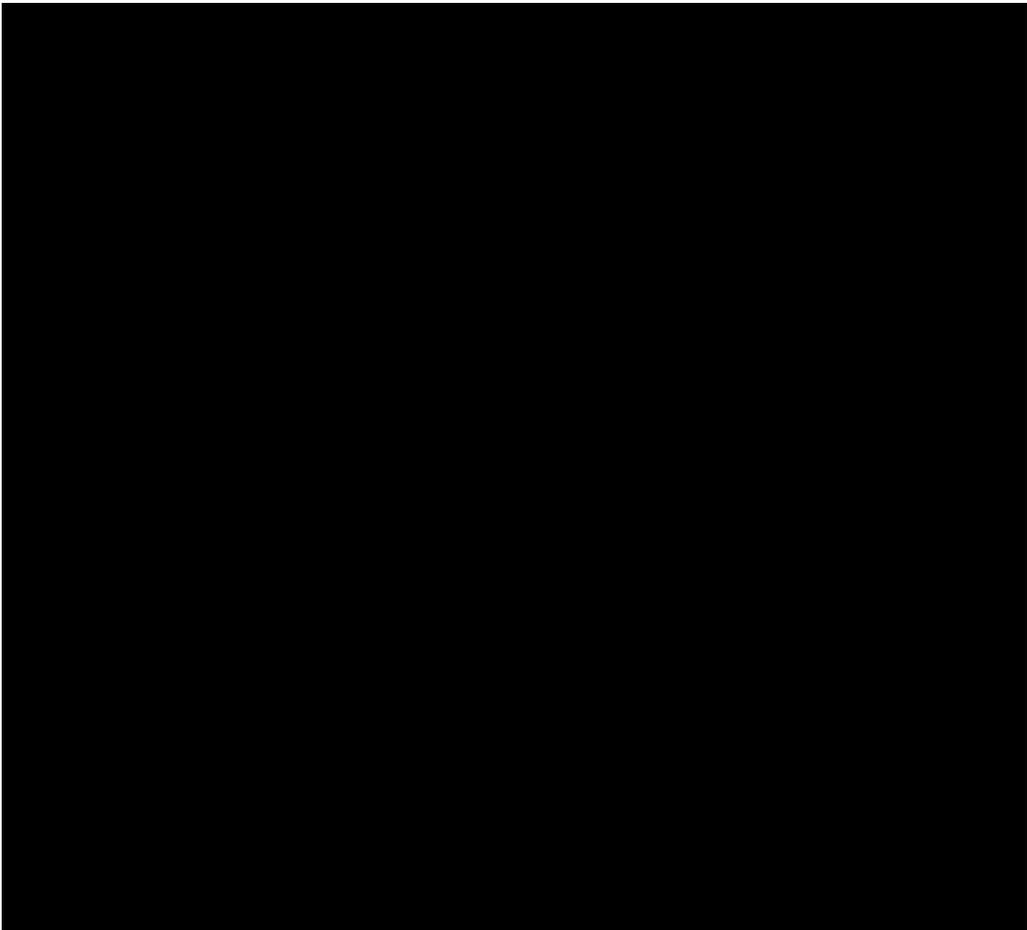
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To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Date: 08 Sep 2020 at 13:25 (UTC Z)
Subject: FW: Don is around

Don Staniford is an activist after dirt on Salmon farmers. If he is seen or anyone acting suspiciously please tell me and do not let them on the premises.

Cheers.





From: [Redacted]

Sent: 08 September 2020 13:31

To: [Redacted]

[Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@cookeagua.com](mailto:[Redacted]@cookeagua.com)>; [Redacted]

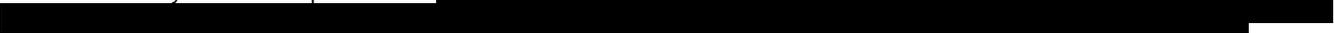
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Subject: Don is around

This message originated from outside your organization.

Hi All,

Just want to notify you that Don is traveling around Scotland. He has been at Kames facilities last Saturday, he has been to Quarry Point and today he showed up at our site.



Yours,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Date: 27 Apr 2022 at 12:20 (UTC Z)
Subject: RE: Don staniford

Great, wonder what that tattie is up too. He'll maybe appear out on sites or have a drone with him. Neap that he is.

From: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>
Sent: 27 April 2022 13:16
To: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]
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Subject: Don staniford

Hi all Don Staniford is in Orkney [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>; [REDACTED]@cookeaqua.com>

Subject: Urgent - Don Staniford - See in Lochgilphead

Hi all,

Tried phoning each of you individually just to give you a heads up that Don Staniford was see in Lochgilphead this morning. Just to ask you to remain vigilant and to report anything back to me if he's seen at any of our sites.

Cheers,

