



AGREEMENT McLennan Government reveals deal on cladding

BY NEIL POORAN

AN AGREEMENT-in-principle has been reached with housing developers to remove unsafe cladding from buildings, the Scottish Government has said.

The deal, which includes the industry body Homes for Scotland, could lead to companies which built the properties paying for the cladding work to be fixed.

Fire safety regulation changes were made after the Grenfell tower fire in London in 2017, including a ban on combustible cladding for high-rise buildings.

Housing Minister Paul McLennan said: "We have reached an in-principle agreement with Homes for Scotland ... We will now move to agree the long-form, legally-binding contract to support the remediation of developer-linked buildings with unsafe cladding."



EX-PUPIL Humza Yousaf Union No4 to strike at FM's school

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ANOTHER union which represents teachers at the school once attended by the First Minister will today start the first of four planned days of strikes.

Members of the NASUWT at Hutchesons' Grammar in Glasgow will walk out over claims their pensions have been downgraded and they have been asked to sign "inferior" contracts.

Humza Yousaf and Labour leader Anas Sarwar attended the independent school, which charges fees of up to £16,177 a year.

Mike Corbett, the NASUWT's national official for Scotland, said: "Members at Hutchesons' have made the very difficult and brave decision to stand up for their rights in the face of immense pressure and hostility from their employer."

EXCLUSIVE CAMPAIGNERS BLAST 'RESPONSIBLY SOURCED' CLAIM DEAD IN THE WATER



HIGH STEAKS Scottish Sea Farms is exclusive supplier to M&S, left. Right, fish with wound on its flank



MASS MORTALITY Clockwise from top left, skip full of dead fish, body of seagull caught in net, gruesome images of disease ridden salmon, and fish swims with lesion visible on its side

Damning images of diseased salmon and grisly evidence of 'gruesome suffering' in the Scottish fish farm which supplies M&S raises questions about future of our biggest food export

IMAGES showing four tons of dead salmon burned in an incinerator at a fish farm which supplies M&S have sparked outrage among campaigners.

The graphic footage and pictures show diseased and lice-ridden fish at Shuna Point salmon farm in Loch Linnhe, near Oban in Argyll.

Animal welfare groups said the creatures had endured "gruesome suffering" at the facility run by Norwegian-owned firm Scottish Sea Farms.

The company is the exclusive supplier of Scottish salmon to retail giant M&S. Scottish Sea Farms said workers had followed best practice to dispose of the fish and accused activists of "hand-picking" certain images to "mislead the public".

The images shown to the Record appear to display mass mortalities at the farm, with piles of dead, lice-infested fish in skips.

Those involved in filming said they had witnessed at least four tons of so-called "morts" being uplifted and incinerated. Workers then burned the morts in a

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"masterburn" incinerator on a floating barge. Underwater footage also shows dead or diseased fish inside cages, with salmon affected by lesions, and missing eyes and flanks.

Campaigners have filed welfare abuse claims with police and the Scottish Government after filming covertly last week, accusing the farm of breaking laws against the "unnecessary suffering" of animals.

We told previously of concerns over "sky-high" mortality on salmon farms in Scotland - with deaths nearly doubling last year to 16.5million.

Activists claim overcrowding has allowed lice and disease to spread.

But industry insiders claim the reasons are more complex - citing unprecedented swarms of parasitic micro-jellyfish thought to be linked to climate change.

Farmed Scottish salmon is the UK's top food export with sales of £600million last year, supporting thousands of jobs.



DISPOSAL Workers spill dead salmon on to deck as they fill incinerator

Lex Rigby, head of investigations at animal welfare group Viva, said: "Once again, damning footage from inside a Scottish salmon farm - supplying one of Britain's leading household names - reveals gruesome suffering."

"One hundred per cent of Atlantic salmon on our supermarket shelves is factory farmed in Scotland, hidden behind false 'responsibly sourced' assurances. Promoted as a 'sustainable' solution to overfishing, modern aquaculture confines fish in fetid cages by their thousands, creating a breeding ground for disease and causing widespread devastation."

Scotland, added: "Disease-ridden Scottish salmon farming is dead in the water. The camera doesn't lie, unlike salmon farmers and RSPCA assured. "The shameless greenwashing and welfare washing of Scottish salmon must be stopped dead in its tracks."

Video filmed by Staniford and other campaigners shows workers using a crane to move skips full of morts to the incinerator.

One image shows dead salmon spilling on to the deck instead of the incinerator, with an employee holding a fish up revealing a huge lesion in its flank - a sign of disease.

Footage then later shows the activists on board Shuna Point, opening up the boxes to reveal piles of dead, lice-ridden salmon, and saying the incinerator is still hot to

the touch. Another snap, from nearby Dunstaffnage salmon farm - also run by Scottish Sea Farms - shows a dead seagull hanging from a net after getting caught in it.

Writing to Police Scotland last week to issue a complaint, Scamon Scotland said they believed practices at Shuna Point had breached the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006.

But Scottish Sea Farms hit back, accusing activists of pushing a misleading "anti-farming agenda".

The firm said Scottish Government inspectors had turned up at the site within 48 hours of the complaint by campaigners and found no fault.

Scottish Sea Farms head of fish welfare Dr Ralph Bickerdike said: "Within any animal population, there will always be a minority that don't fare as well as the majority, much to the distress of those caring for them."

"So, to have activists knowingly hand-pick images of individual fish which are not representative of the

general population out on farm, in order to mislead the public about welfare standards and promote their anti-farming agenda, makes matters even more upsetting.

"Reaffirming the cross-sector work that goes into ensuring high animal welfare, within 48 hours of the activist complaint being received the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate made an unannounced visit to our farm where they were given full access and found the team to have done everything expected of them."

M&S said: "We do not source from Shuna Point but we take any allegations seriously and will investigate with Scottish Sea Farms." A Scottish Government spokeswoman said: "We have robust legislation and policies in place to enforce sea lice management on Scottish farms, and the Fish Health Inspectorate will investigate high levels of mortality for the presence listed disease."

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