

Data Analysis - Lethal Scottish Salmon: the Norwegian-owned companies killing seals in Scotland! (1,000 seals slaughtered between 2011 and 2020)



Summary:

Over 1,000 seals have been killed by salmon farms since 2011 according to official statistics [published online by the Scottish Government](#). Norwegian-owned company Scottish Sea Farms leads the slaughter with 235 seals killed followed by Norwegian giant Mowi (known as Marine Harvest until 2019) with 185 seals killed and The Scottish Salmon Company (the Norwegian Government is the largest shareholder) with 182 seals killed.

SEALS KILLED BY SALMON FARMS (2011 to 2020*) - as officially reported to the Scottish Government										
	Scottish Sea Farms	Mowi/Marine Harvest	The Scottish Salmon Co	Hjaltland/Grieg	Loch Duart	Cooke	Wester Ross	Kames	Others	TOTAL
2011	37	34	54	50	10		1	2	47	235
2012	45	16	39	50	20		1	2	33	206
2013	33	5	14	32	13		3	1	14	115
2014	33	7	14	7	13		4		10	88
2015	15	20	11		9	3	2	2	8	70
2016	14	26	2		12	8	2		1	65
2017	12	13	7	1	15	1				49
2018	11	24	6		2	9	2			54
2019	13	25	18		7	2				65
2020	22	15	17		5	1	2	1		63
TOTAL	235	185	182	140	106	24	17	8	113	1010

* Q4 2020 data missing

Download Excel spreadsheet summarizing the data [online here](#)

Norwegian-owned Grieg Seafood (Hjaltland) has not officially reported a dead seal since 2017 and only one since 2015 (up to Q3 2020) when [ITV News](#) exposed the lethal practice of shooting seals. Mowi killed 123 seals between 2015 and 2020 with 87 killed by Scottish Sea Farms, 61 killed by The Scottish Salmon Company and 50 by Loch Duart.



Campaign group Sea Shepherd claim footage shows a member of the salmon industry shooting a seal.
Credit: Sea Shepherd

Excel spreadsheets detailing seals killed by salmon farms in Scotland during 2020 (up to Q3 - data for Q4 is expected soon) was recently published by the Scottish Government [online here](#)



2020

Records of seal licenses granted across Scotland since the coming in to force of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.



Here's the 63 seals killed in 2020 by Scottish Sea Farms (22), The Scottish Salmon Company (17), Mowi (15), Loch Duart (5), Wester Ross Fisheries (2), Cooke (1) and Kames (1) during the first nine months of 2020 (Q4 data is not yet available):

2020 Returns Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site (date)	Quarter 1		Site (date)	Quarter 2		Site (date)	Quarter 3	
			Grey	Common		Grey	Common		Grey	Common
S01/2020/W	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland		0	0	Cloudin (14/05)	1	0		0	0
WS12/2020/W	Kames Fish Farming Ltd		0	0		0	0	Shuna SW (Rubhan Trille	0	1
WI11/2020/W	Loch Duart Ltd		0	0	Loch Carman (14/07, 23/07)	2	0		0	0
SW07/2020/W	MOWI (Scotland) Ltd	Eilean Grianain (12/02 - Com, 03/03 - Grey, 25/04 - Com)	1	2		0	0		0	0
WI14/2020/W	MOWI (Scotland) Ltd	Caolas A Deas (15/03)	0	1		0	0	Hellisay (12/10, 12/10)	3	0
WS16/2020/W	MOWI (Scotland) Ltd	Isle Ewe (30/04)	1	0		0	0	Ornish (15/10)	0	0
WS21/2020/W		Colonsay (09/04)	0	2	Sconser Quarry (20/05)	1	0	Sconser (17/08 - Com, 26/10 - Com)	1	3
	MOWI (Scotland) Ltd	Kingairloch (19/02)						Harport (16/09 - Com)		
								Sconser Quarry (18/09 - Grey)		
WS22/2020/D	Northern Salmon Management Group	NWSMG (04/04)	0	1	Loch A Chairn Bhain (09/05)	1	0	Loch A Chairn Bhain (17/10, 17/10)	0	4
S08/2020/W	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Vidlin North (28/02, 05/04, 21/04, 30/04)	6	0	Swarta Skerry Dury Voe (03/05, 17/05)	3	0	Wester Ross Fisheries (27/10, 27/10)	0	0
		Swarta Skerry Dury Voe (24/03, 25/03)			Vidlin North (05/05)					
WS13/2020/W	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Nevis A (09/03 - Grey)	1	2	Lismore West (05/05) - Com	1	3		0	0
		Shuna (28/03 - Com, 03/04 - Com)			Kishorn A (South) (08/05) - Com					
					Nevis A (11/06) - Grey					
					Kishorn B (North) (09/07) - Com					
ONC11/2020/W	Scottish Sea Farms Orkney and Eriboll	Wyre (02/02, 06/03, 13/03, 16/04)	4	0	Wyre (28/05)	1	0	Wyre (14/10)	1	0
SW08/2020/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	Tarbert South (05/02 - Grey, 02/03 - Grey)	3	4	Gob a Bharra (16/05 - grey)	1	1		0	0
		Strone (03/03 - Com)			Ardcastle (24/06 - com)					
		Ardgadden (13/03 - Com)								
		Glenan Bay (20/03 - Com)								
		Rubha Stallaig (31/03 - Com)								
		Ardcastle (23/04 - Grey)								
WI08/2020/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	Taranaish (12/03 - Grey)	2	1	Taranaish (02/07 - Grey, 22/07 - Com)	1	1	Taranaish (06/08)	2	0
		Kyles Vuia (03/04 - Com, 10/04 - Grey)						Vacasaay (23/09)		
WS19/2020/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	Gometra (05/03)	1	0		0	0		0	0

[Note that the Northern Salmon Management Group is a coalition of salmon farming and fisheries interests - the seals killed in Loch A Chairn Bhain are by Loch Duart and Wester Ross Fisheries operates salmon farms in Loch Broom, Little Loch Broom and Loch Kanaird]

Data for the years 2011 to 2019 is published by the Scottish Government [online here](#)



Marine licensing: seal license returns 2011-2019

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Download a summary analysis by Scottish Salmon Watch of the 1,010 seals officially reported as killed by salmon farms from 2011 to 2020 (data up to Q3 2020) [online here](#)

65 seals were officially killed by salmon farms in 2019 (Q4 2019 "missing" was only published by the Scottish Government on 15 February 2021) headed by Marine Harvest (Mowi) with 25, The Scottish Salmon Company (18), Scottish Sea Farms (13), Loch Duart (7) and Cooke (2):

2019 Returns Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site (date)	Quarter 1		Site (date)	Quarter 2		Site (date)	Quarter 3	
			Grey	Common		Grey	Common		Grey	Common
ONC10/2019/W	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland		0	0		0	0	Pegal Bay (02/08)	1	0
S01/2019/W	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland		0	0		0	0	Bow of Hascosay (05/09)	1	0
S08/2019/W	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Teisti Geo (05/03) Holms Geo (05/04)	2	0		0	0	Vidlin North (03/09, 27/09)	2	0
W108/2019/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	Vuia Mor (06/04) Vuia Mor (06/04)	2	0	Vuia Mor (02/07) Vuia Mor (11/07) Vuia Mor (11/07)	3	0	Kyles Vuia (23/08, 23/08) - Grey Vuia Mor (01/09, 03/09) - Grey Vuia Mor (05/09) - Common	4	1
W111/2019/W	Loch Duart Ltd		0	0	Sound of Harris (27/07)	1	0	Sound of Harris (12/08, 01/09)	2	0
		Tabhaigh (18/02) - grey Tabhaigh (19/02) - grey North Shore (15/03) - com North Shore (16/03) - com North Shore (15/03) - grey North Shore (17/03) - com								
W114/2019/W	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd		3	3	North Shore (07/06)	0	1		0	0
WS06/2019/W	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	BDNC (11/03)	0	1		0	0		0	0
WS08/2019/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0	Portree Outer (01/05)	1	0		0	0
WS13/2019/W	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		0	0		0	0	Fiunary (09/10) Kishom West (12/10)	0	2
WS16/2019/W	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd		0	0		0	0	Isle Ewe (04/09)	1	0
WS21/2019/W	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Ardintoul (06/02) - grey Sconser (05/03) - grey Maol Ban (11/03) - com Muck (26/03) - grey NWSMG (25/04) - grey	3	1	Ardintoul (05/06) Greshomish (09/06)	2	0	Greshomish (01/10) Colonsay (18/10) Muck (30/10)	0	3
WS22/2019/D	Northern Salmon Management Group	Calbha (30/04) - com	1	1		0	0		0	0

[Note re. the Northern Salmon Management Group - the seal killed at Calbha is by Loch Duart and the seal killed by NWSMG on 25 April 2019 is presumed to be killed by fisheries interests]

Here's the 54 seals killed in 2018 headed by Marine Harvest (Mowi) with 24 followed by Scottish Sea Farms (11) Cooke (9), The Scottish Salmon Company (6), Loch Duart (2) and Wester Ross Fisheries (2).

2018 Returns		Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site (date)	Grey	Common	Site (date)	Grey	Common	Site (date)	Grey	Common
ONC10/2018/W	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland		0	0		0	0	Lyrava Bay (23/11)	1	0
ONC11/2018/W	Scottish Sea Farms Orkney and Eriboll		0	0	Sian Bay (30/07)	1	0		0	0
S01/2018/W	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland	Cloudin (09/04)	1	0		0	0	Djubavick (02/08) Djubavick (02/08) Djubavick (05/08) Djubavick (05/08)	4	0
S08/2018/W	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Slocka Ronas Voe (16/02) Slocka Ronas Voe (22/02) South Sound (26/02) Vidlin North (23/03)	4	0		0	0		0	0
SW08/2018/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	Quarry Point (19/02) Ardgadden (08/03)	0	2		0	0		0	0
W08/2018/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	Taranaish (15/02) Taranaish (04/04) Taranaish (30/04)	3	0		0	0		0	0
W14/2018/W	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Groatay (19/03)	1	0		0	0	Tabhaigh (22/09) Tabhaigh (18/10)	2	0
WS13/2018/W	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Furnary (07/02) Loch Spelve(B) (16/02)	0	2		0	0	Nevis C (Ardintigh) (13/09) Kishorn B (North) (28/10) Kishorn B (North) (28/10)	0	3
WS16/2018/W	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Isle Ewe (05/03)	1	0		0	0		0	0
WS19/2018/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	Geasgill (26/03)	1	0		0	0		0	0
WS21/2018/W	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Ardintoul (07/03)	1	0	Camas Glas (10/05) - Com Camas Glas (17/05) - Grey Ardnish (20/07) - Grey	2	1	Linnhe (10/08) - Com Maol Ban (10/08) - Grey Gorsten (25/06) - Com Leven (04/06) - Com Gorsten (13/09) - Com Maol Ban (21/09) - Grey Linnhe (24/09) - Com	2	5
WS22/2018/D	Northern Salmon Management Group		0	0		0	0	Wester Ross (31/10)	0	1
								Kingailoch (22/11) - Com Maol Ban (10/08) - Grey Camas Glas (06/12) - Com Soonser (19/12) - Grey Muck (20/12) - Grey Soonser (28/01) - Com Wester Ross (07/11) - Com Calbha (12/12) - Com Oldany (20/12) - Grey	2	3
									1	2

[Note re. the Northern Salmon Management Group - the seals killed at Calbha and Oldany are by Loch Duart and Wester Ross Fisheries operates salmon farms in Loch Broom, Little Loch Broom and Loch Kanaird]

Here's the 49 seals killed in 2017 headed by Loch Duart (15) followed by Marine Harvest/Mowi (13), Scottish Sea Farms (12), The Scottish Salmon Company (7), Cooke (1) and Hjaltland/Grieg Seafood (1).

2017 Returns		Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey
ONC10/2017	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland		0	0		0	0	West fara	0	1
S07/2017	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd		0	0		0	0		0	0
W11/2017	Loch Duart Ltd	Loch Carnan	0	3		0	0	Loch Carnon	0	3
W11/2017	Loch Duart Ltd		0	0		0	0	Lochmaddy	0	1
W14/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd		0	0		0	0	Scotasay	1	0
SW07/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd		0	0		0	0		0	0
WS06/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Polle na Gille	1	0		0	0		0	0
WS06/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Bagh dail nan Cean	0	1		0	0		0	0
WS16/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd		0	0		0	0	Isle Ewe	0	1
WS21/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Ardnish	0	1	Soonser	0	1	Cairidh	0	1
WS21/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Camas Glas	0	1		0	0	Greshomish	0	2
WS21/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd					0	0	Maol Ban	0	1
WS21/2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd					0	0	Maclean's Nose	1	0
WS22/2017	North and North West Salmon Management Group	Badcall Bay	1	0		0	0	Calbha	0	1
WS22/2017	North and North West Salmon Management Group	Outer Bay	1	0		0	0	Loch A Chain bain	2	0
WS22/2017	North and North West Salmon Management Group	NWSMG	0	1		0	0		0	0
ONC11/2017	Scottish Sea Farms		0	0		0	0		0	0
WS13/2017	Scottish Sea Farms	Bloody Bay	3	0		0	0	Loch Spelve	1	0
S08/2017	Scottish Seafarms Ltd Shetland	Dury Voe FS1274	0	4		0	0	Slocka Ronas Voe	0	2
S08/2017	Scottish Seafarms Ltd Shetland	Teisti Geo	0	1		0	0		0	0
W08/2017	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0		0	0
W110/2017	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0	Loch Roag	0	6
WS19/2017	The Scottish Salmon Company	Inch Kenneth	1	0		0	0		0	0

WS22/2012/D	N & NWSMG			FS/0068 (LD)		1	FS/0057 (WR)		1	FS/0487 (LD)		1
WS22/2012/D	N & NWSMG						FS/0671(LD)	1		FS/0065 (LD)	1	
WS22/2012/D	N & NWSMG						FS/0068 (LD)	1		FS/0671(LD)	1	
WS22/2012/D	N & NWSMG						FS/0067 (LD)		1			
WS22/2012/D	N & NWSMG						FS/0065 (LD)	1				
ONC10/2012/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/0597	3	FS/0908		1	FS/1209		1	FS/308		1
ONC10/2012/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/0908	2	FS/1020		1	FS/1017		2	FS/393		2
ONC10/2012/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/0031	2									
ONC10/2012/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/1080	1									
ONC11/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0860	5	FS/0359		1	FS/0813		2	FS/1023		2
ONC11/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/1023	4				FS/1024		2	FS/1024		1
ONC11/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms						FS/0823		2	FS/0813		2
ONC11/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms						FS/1023		2	FS/0860		2
WS13/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0549	2				FS/0426	2		FS/0858		1
WS13/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0694	1							FS/0549		1
WS13/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0634	2									
WS13/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0253	1									
S08/2012/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd	FS/0033	1	FS/0699		1				Grunna Voe (Dury area)		1
S08/2012/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd	FS/0699	1							Inshore Site Ronas Voe		1
S08/2012/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd									FS/0639		2
S08/2012/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd									Outer Site (Ronas Voe)		1
S08/2012/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd									Crooie		1
S08/2012/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd									FS/1016		1
W103/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						FS/1256		1	FS/1256		2
W104/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company											
W108/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0752	2	FS/0752		3				FS/0752		4
W108/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0998	1	FS/0998		1						
W108/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0411	2									
W109/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/1118	1									
W110/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0242	2									
SW08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0767	6									
SW08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0818	2									
SW08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0698	1									
SW08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0851	2									
WS07/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/1010	1				FS/0336		2			
WS07/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS0336	1									
WS08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						FS/0708	3		FS/0708		1
WS09/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company											
WS09/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						FS/1112	1				
WS18/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company											
WS19/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company											
S06/2012/W	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd											

[Note re. the North and North West Salmon Management Group - the codes starting FS relate to salmon farms operated by Loch Duart and Wester Ross Fisheries]

Here's the 235 seals killed in 2011 headed by The Scottish Salmon Company with 54 followed by Hjaltland/Grieg (50), Scottish Sea Farms (37), Marine Harvest/Mowi (34), Loch Duart (10) and other companies.

2011 Returns												
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Quarter 1 Site	Commor Grey	Quarter 2 Site	Commor Grey	Quarter 3 Site	Commor Grey	Quarter 4 Site	Commor Grey	Commor Grey	Commor Grey	Commor Grey
ONC10/2011/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/0390	6					1	FS/0645			6
ONC10/2011/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/1209	4			FS/1020			FS/0597			2
ONC10/2011/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/0645	2									
ONC11/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0361	2			FS/1023		2	FS/1023			4
ONC11/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0359	1						FS/0860			9
ONC11/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/1023	1									
S1/2011/W	Lakeland Unst Ltd - Hoganeess Salmon Ltd - Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/0666	1									
S3/2011/W	Boundaries Seafoods Ltd			FS/0439		1	FS/0439		1	FS/0310		1
S2/2011/W	Boundaries Seafoods Ltd						FS/0310					
S3/2011/W	Uyeasound Salmon Company											
S5/2011/W	Balta Island Seafare Ltd			Site no not provided		2	FS/0717		3	FS/0717		1
S6/2011/W	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd											
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0937	1	FS/0515		1	FS/0292		1	FS/1027		1
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0433	1	FS/0333		3	FS/1114		3	FS/0333	1	2
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0447	1	FS/0764		4	FS/0715		1	FS/1099		2
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0978	2				FS0386		1	FS/0501		1
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0386	1				FS/0377		1	FS/0140		1
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0140	4				FS/0140		2			
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0333	6				FS/1099		1			
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/1045	1				FS/0333		2			
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd						FS/0501		3			
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd						FS/0378		1			
S7/2011/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd						FS/0764		1			
S8/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms			FS/0033		2	FS/0032		2	FS/0608	1	1
S8/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms						FS/0699		2	FS/0699		1
S8/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms						Site no not provided (Mangester)		1			
SW7/2011/W	Lakeland Marine Farm			FS/1176		1						
SW8/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company	FS/1019	1	FS/0423		1	FS/1019		1	FS/0199		4

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