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20 July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Unnecessary Suffering & Cruel Operations at Mowi's at Bagh Dail nan Ceann salmon farm (Sound of Jura)

Further to [Scottish Salmon Watch's](#) email of 18 July (re-enclosed at the end of this letter and [online here](#)), video footage of dead and dying cleaner fish at Mowi's [Bagh Dail nan Ceann](#) (Bay of the Dead Heads) - a salmon farm [located within the Argyll Coast & Islands Hope Spot](#) in the Sound of Jura - is [now available online](#).



Dying a Slow Death at Mowi's 'Bay of the Dead Heads'  
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Dead in the Water - Mowi's Bad Movie from Bagh Dail n...  
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Dead Cleaner Fish at Mowi's 'Bay of the Dead Heads'  
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Mowi's 'Bay of the Dead Heads' (Bagh Dail nan Ceann)  
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The video footage, photos and other background information is published via:

[Shocking Video Footage from Mowi's 'Bay of the Dead Heads' \(Bagh Dail nan Ceann\)](#)

Here's [an edited summary of the dead and dying cleaner fish filmed during the evening of 2 July 2019.](#)



Unedited footage is available [online here](#)



Further unedited footage is available [online here](#)

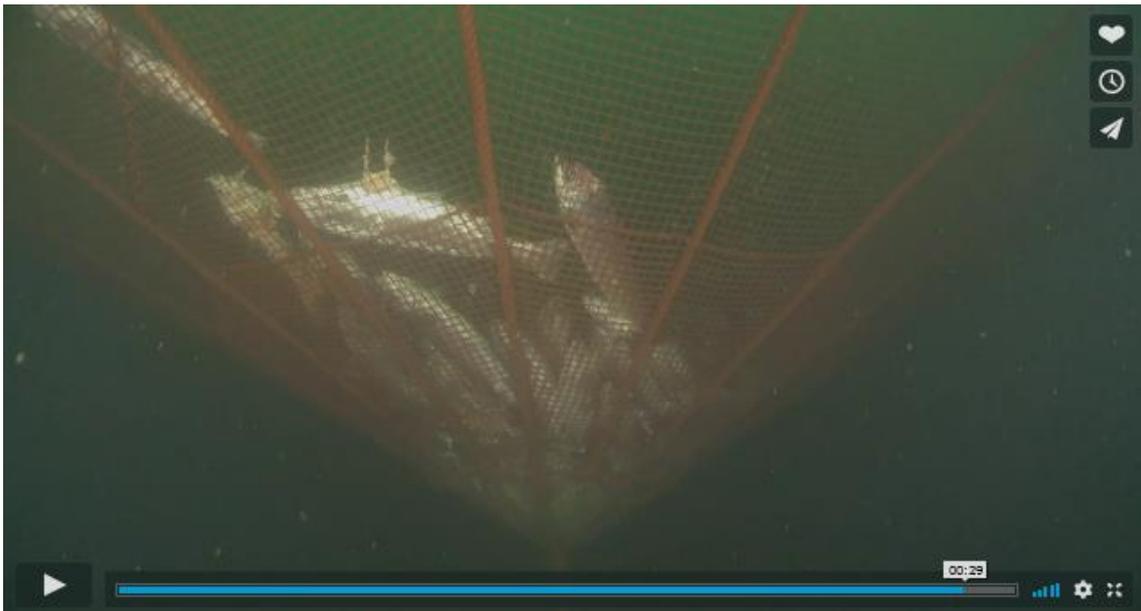


A summary video report of Scottish Salmon Watch's visit on 2 July is available [online here](#)



Scottish Salmon Watch maintains that Mowi is in breach of the [Animal Health & Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006](#) - specifically in relation to "[Unnecessary Suffering](#)", "[Cruel Operations](#)" and "[Ensuring Welfare of Animals](#)".

Scottish Salmon Watch did not capture much video footage of farmed salmon - it was late evening (8.30pm to 9.15pm) by the time we filmed and our telescopic pole was not used at its full extension as we were pre-occupied by the dead and dying cleaner fish. Hence we only filmed in the top metre or so of one cage. [Video footage shot by diver David Ainsley at a nearby Mowi salmon farm at Poll na Gille](#) shows that dead farmed salmon sink to the bottom of the cage.



Scottish Salmon Watch did not see any dead salmon floating on the surface of the farm as we did when we [filmed at Mowi Ireland's Anny Point salmon farm in Lough Swilly \(6 July\)](#).



However, we only filmed at one cage and the few salmon that we did capture on the Go Pro camera did appear to be infested with lice:



And this farmed salmon did not look like a picture of good health.



Scottish Salmon Watch strongly recommends that Marine Scotland's Fish Health Inspectorate, the Animal & Plant Health Agency and Police Scotland's Wildlife Crime Unit conduct an immediate unannounced site inspection at Mowi's [Bagh Dail nan Ceann](#) salmon farm and monitors it closely as it reaches maximum biomass over the coming months.

Indeed, Scottish Salmon Watch [echoes the 42,000+ voices](#) calling on Marine Scotland to "conduct immediate, unannounced on-the-spot inspections of all Scottish salmon farms to assess fish welfare".



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**Stop salmon from suffering. Investigate Scottish fish farms right now!**

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**TO: Marine Scotland**  
Conduct immediate, unannounced on-the-spot inspections of all Scottish salmon farms to assess fish welfare.

42,568 signatures  
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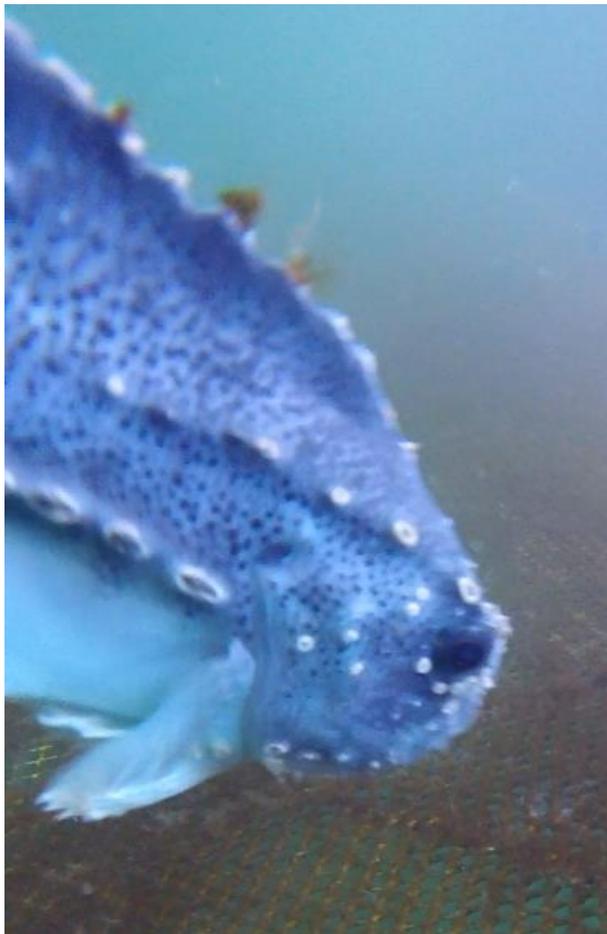
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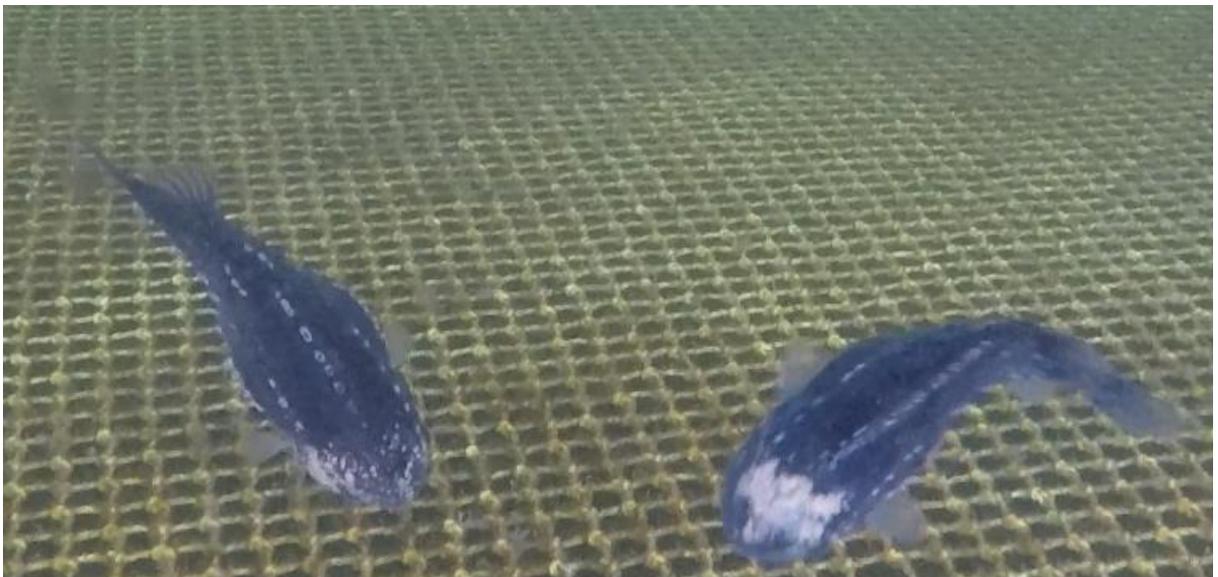
Another salmon farm certainly worth a spot-check is the nearby [Kames salmon farm at Rubh an Trilleachain in Shuna Sound](#) which Scottish Salmon Watch filmed at early on 3 July 2019.



The cleaner fish do not look particularly healthy.







Nor would you say the farmed salmon on display oozed healthfulness.





Another salmon farm which screams out for an inspection is the [Scottish Sea Farms site at Shuna in the Sound of Shuna \(Loch Linnhe\)](#).

Receiving Water : Loch Linnhe



[Drone footage](#) shows farmed salmon leaping into the side of the cages.



Please note that [previous Scottish Government Fish Health Inspectorate visits](#) have recorded "physical damage" due to leaping and [scientific research has reported how leaping behaviour can be related to lice infestation](#).

When Scottish Salmon Watch visited the area on 3 July we were [ordered by Police Scotland to leave the area](#) (we were not even inside the lease area at the time) and seek permission of the privately owned Norwegian company Scottish Sea Farms to be in public waters.



Scottish Salmon Watch will pass on any further video evidence.

Yours sincerely,

Don Staniford

[Director, Scottish Salmon Watch](#)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Don Staniford** <salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 18, 2019 at 8:42 PM

Subject: Mowi Scotland - Breach of Animal Health & Welfare Act (Scotland) Act 2006

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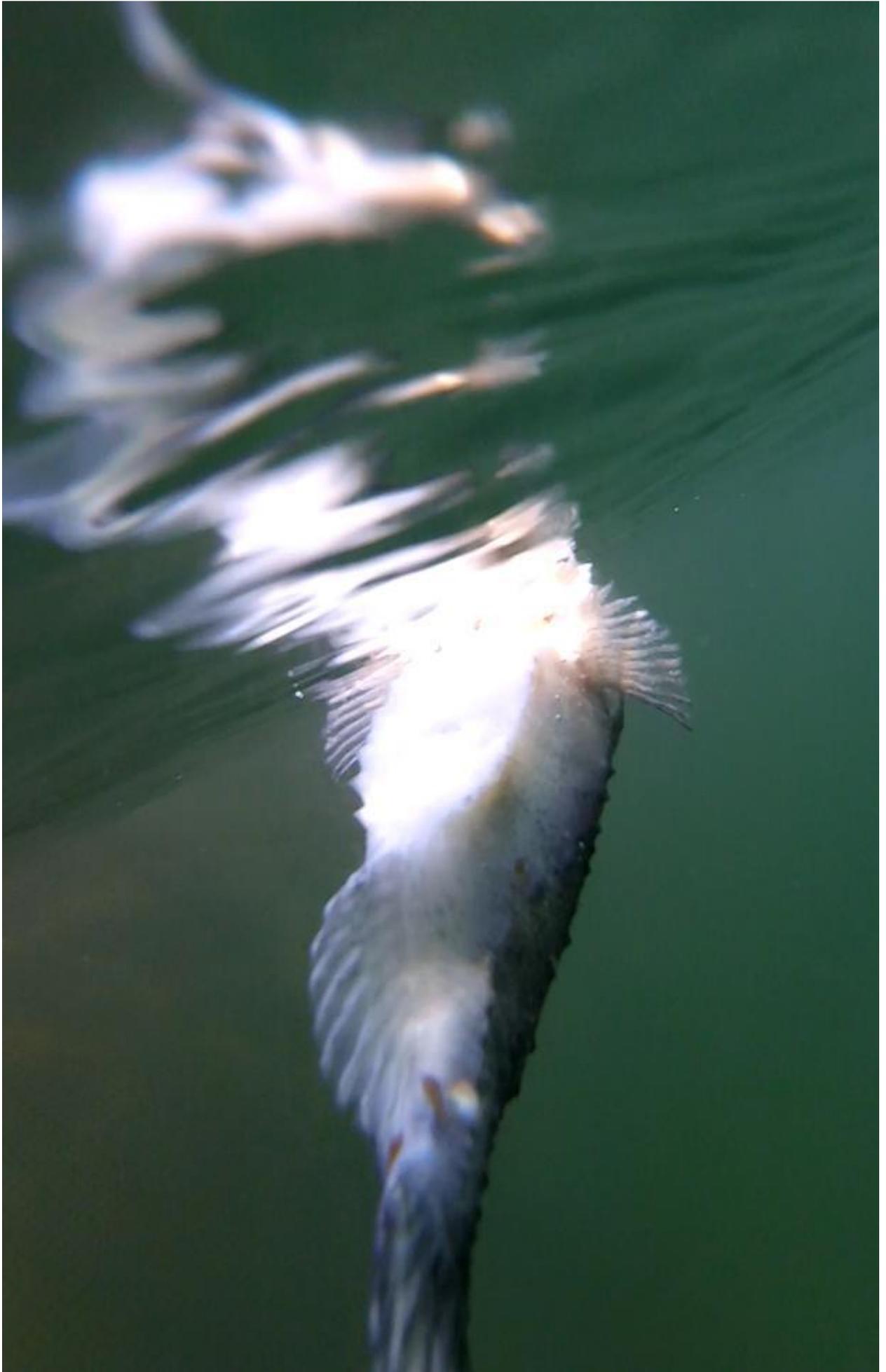
Scottish Salmon Watch suspects Mowi Scotland has breached the [Animal Health & Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006](#) - specifically in relation to "[Unnecessary Suffering](#)", "[Cruel Operations](#)" and "[Ensuring Welfare of Animals](#)" - at their salmon farm at [Bagh Dail nan Cearn](#) (Bay of the Dead Heads) in the Sound of Jura.

Receiving Water : Sound of Jura



Here's photo stills from video footage taken between 8.30pm and 9.15pm on 2 July 2019:













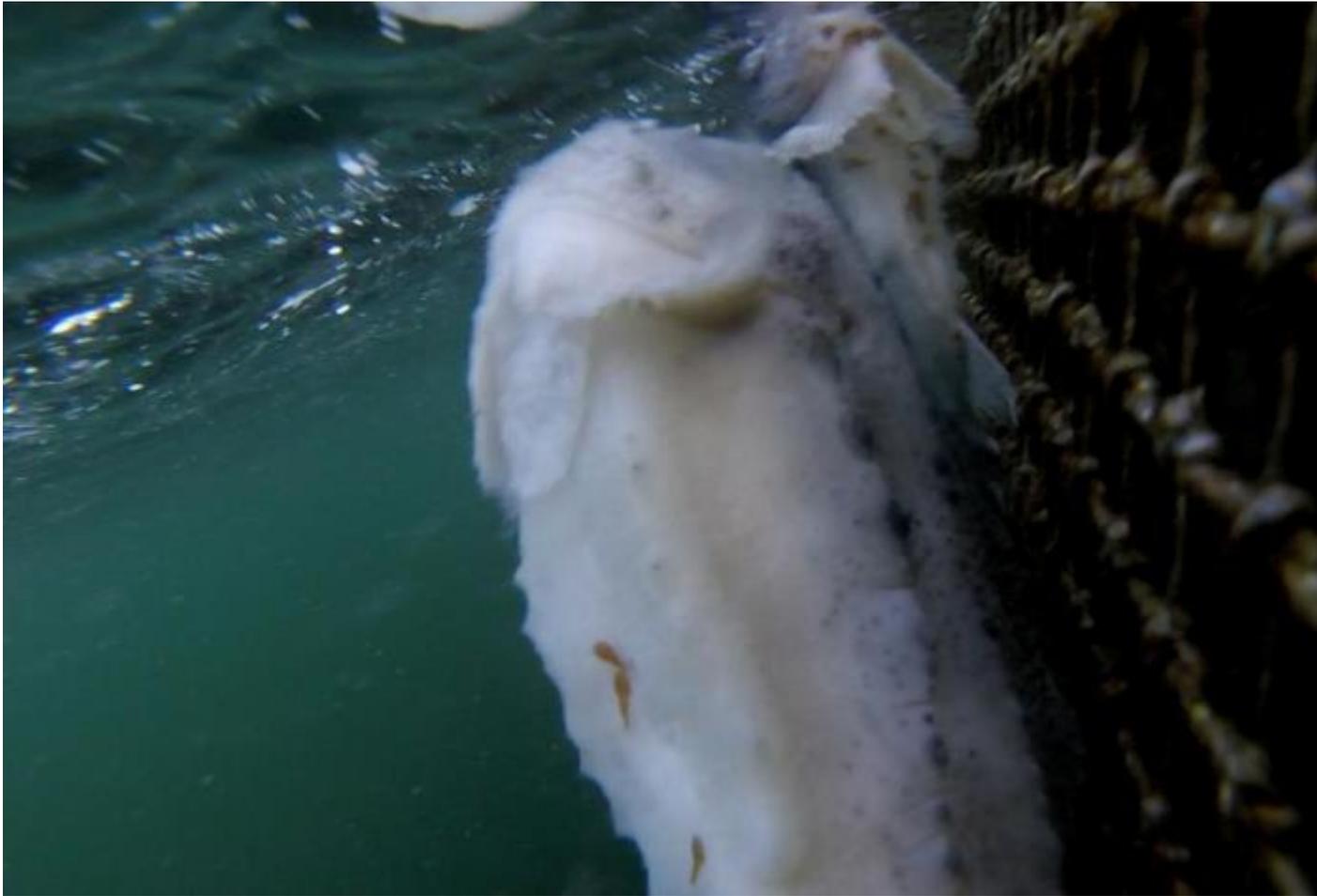


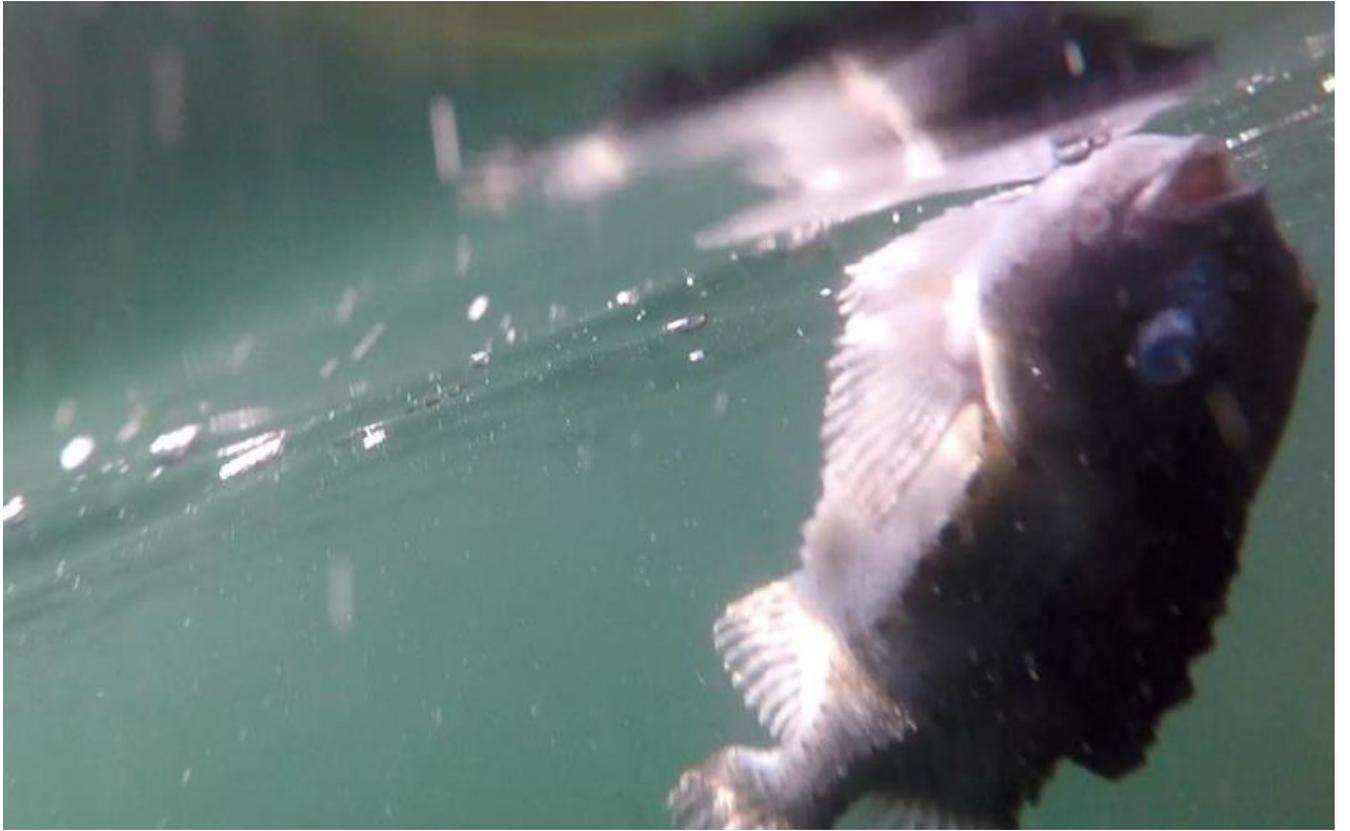








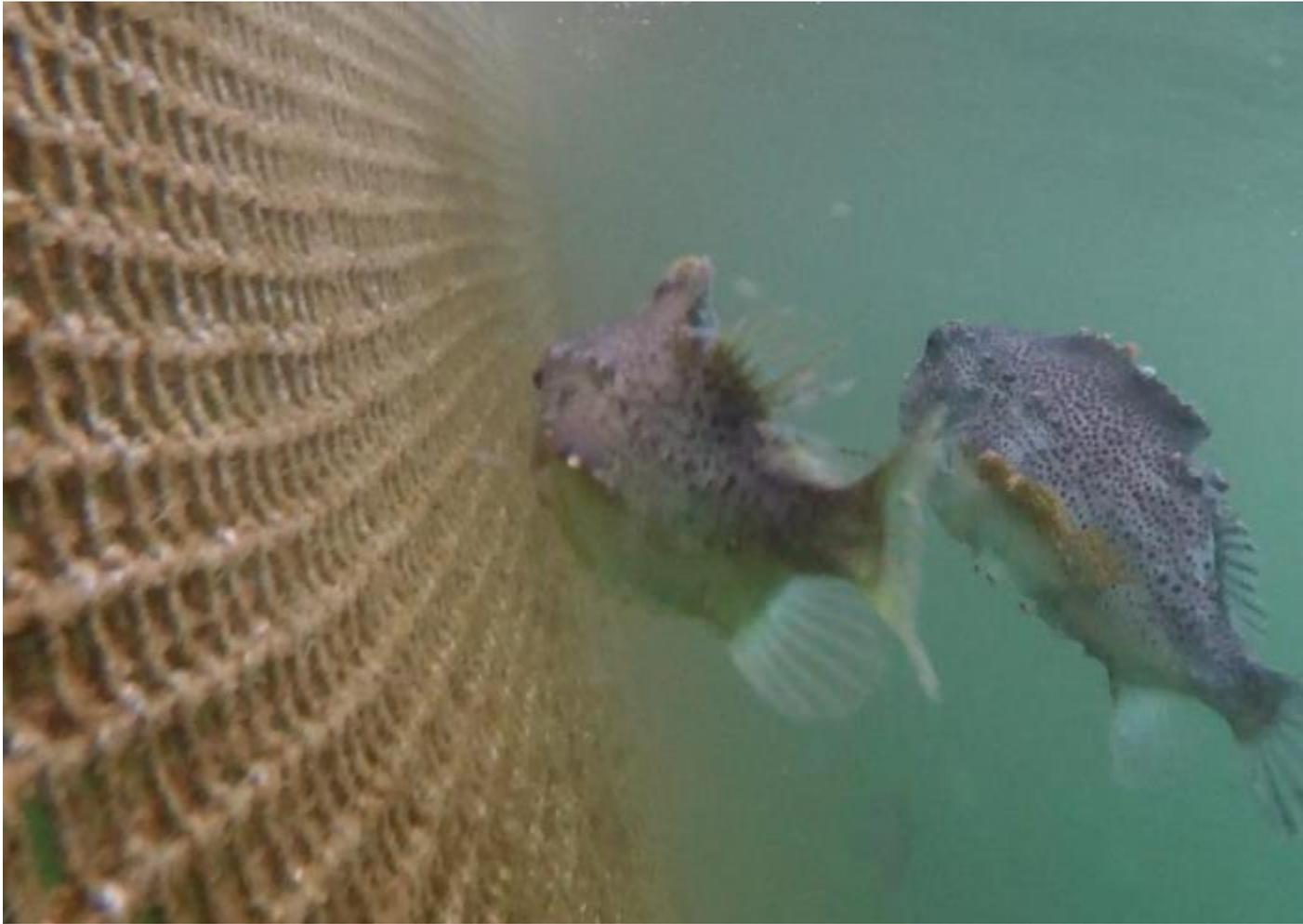




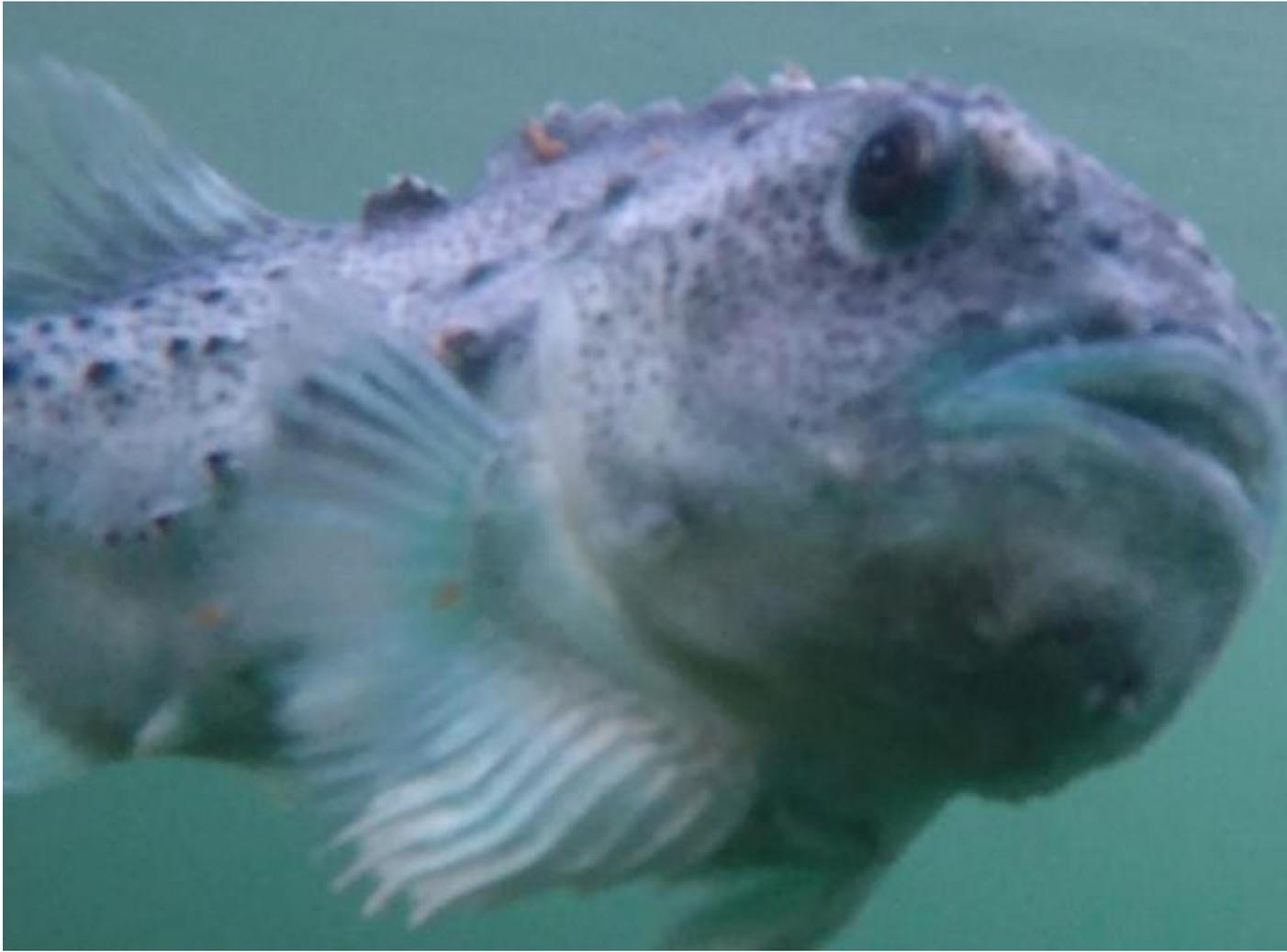














A fuller report is available [online here](#)

Video footage will be available soon. Apologies not to contact you sooner but I've only just had access to the SD cards with the video footage and am still waiting on a video editor to go through the files.

I am on 07771 541826 if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Don

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