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14 October 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please Stop Certifying Scottish Salmon as "Responsibly Farmed"!

In view of the alarming death rates on salmon farms across Scotland how can RSPCA Assured and the Aquaculture Stewardship Council continue to profiteer from welfare abuse, unnecessary suffering and mass mortalities on fish feedlots? Please end torture and cruelty on salmon farms in Scotland and stop certifying Scottish salmon as “responsibly farmed/sourced”.



By certifying Scottish salmon as ‘farmed responsibly’, the credibility of both the RSPCA and the ASC is at stake. New mortality data [published last week \(6 October 2022\) by the Scottish Government’s Fish Health Inspectorate](#) should be required reading for the greenwashers responsible for certifying Scottish salmon as “responsible” via RSPCA Assured and the ASC.

Named & Shamed: The Most Deadly Salmon Farms in Scotland Since 2017

(as greenwashed by the RSPCA & Aquaculture Stewardship Council)!



Site Name	Business Name	Mort #s	# of Mort Events
Applecross Hatchery/Smolt Unit (Russel Burn)	The Scottish Salmon Company	2652412	23
Inchmore	Mowi	2307508	8
Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Mowi	1804208	3
Furnace Hatchery	Cooke Aquaculture	1330191	10
Cairndow Hatchery	Cooke Aquaculture	1171697	11
Druimyeon Bay	The Scottish Salmon Company	755183	44
Taranaish	The Scottish Salmon Company	748719	57
Seaforth	Mowi	734845	34
East Tarbert Bay	The Scottish Salmon Company	704918	25
Loch Greshornish	Mowi	614623	55
Loch Damp	The Scottish Salmon Company	590468	13
Ardintoul	Mowi	568886	35
Grey Horse Channel Outer (Greanem)	Mowi	562931	26
Geocrab Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	553687	11
Cole Deep	Grieg Seafood	549711	14
Cliff Site (Loch Cliff)	Cooke Aquaculture	534000	2
North Shore	Mowi	492216	21
Girlsta Hatchery	Grieg Seafood	487094	3
Caolas A Deas	Mowi	482770	29
Knock Hatchery	Scottish Sea Farms	477834	8
Stead of Aithness	Cooke Aquaculture	471027	25
Eilean Grianain (Carradale)	Mowi	469435	13
Vuia Mor	The Scottish Salmon Company	462051	42

Scotasay	The Scottish Salmon Company	457381	14
Kinlochmoidart Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	435115	13
Leinish	Grieg Seafood	434092	16
Strone Point	The Scottish Salmon Company	426665	24
Scadabay	The Scottish Salmon Company	422812	27
Sgian Dubh	The Scottish Salmon Company	422372	18
Raineach	Mowi	413551	2
Quoys Hatchery	Cooke Aquaculture	412050	3
Eughlam	The Scottish Salmon Company	409144	25
MacLean's Nose	Mowi	408038	22
Stulaigh	Mowi	398196	23
Bagh Dail Nan Cean	Mowi	392975	20
Reibinish	The Scottish Salmon Company	391824	30
Portree	The Scottish Salmon Company	388229	35
Maaey	The Scottish Salmon Company	363788	35
Loch Odhairn-Gravir	The Scottish Salmon Company	344493	24
Camas Glas	Mowi	343594	22
Muck	Mowi	342083	31
Rum	Mowi	339063	31
Ardgadden	The Scottish Salmon Company	337631	11
Grey Horse Channel	Mowi	332700	32
Colonsay	Mowi	327701	19
Kyles Vuia	The Scottish Salmon Company	306107	39
Loch Laxford	Loch Duart	304749	26
Loch Spelve B	Scottish Sea Farms	275883	31
Barvas Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	268971	7
Kishorn B	Scottish Sea Farms	257077	32
Strondoir Bay	The Scottish Salmon Company	248511	23
Calva Bay	Loch Duart	240802	47
Geasgill	The Scottish Salmon Company	236352	22
Loch Alsh (Sron)	Mowi	217571	23
Poll Na Gille	Mowi	207277	13
Trilleachan Mor	The Scottish Salmon Company/Mowi	206229	23
Aird	The Scottish Salmon Company	204501	21

If you rank the salmon farms by # of 'Mortality Event Reports' rather than # of total mortalities (as above), sea cage salmon farms become more prominent (hatcheries experience fewer but

bigger mortalities by number) – including at [ASC-certified Mowi salmon farms at Ardintoul, Grey Horse Channel, Caolas a Deas, Rum and Grey Horse Channel Outer \(Greanem\)](#):

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East Tarbert Bay	The Scottish Salmon Company	704918	25
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Read more via: [Named & Shamed: The Most Deadly Salmon Farms in Scotland \(as greenwashed as "responsible" via RSPCA Assured & the ASC\)!](#)

If you [pick out ASC-certified salmon farms](#) – including farms currently being audited with a view to ASC-certification – the devastating death rates are stomach-churning not appetising:

Abominable Salmon Certification - Death Rates At ASC-Certified Farms



Site Name	Company	Mort #s	# of Mort Events	ASC Status
Seaforth	Mowi	734845	34	Initial Audit
Ardintoul	Mowi	568886	35	Certified
Grey Horse Channel Outer (Greanem)	Mowi	562931	26	Certified
Caolas A Deas (East & West)	Mowi	482770	29	Certified
Eilean Grianain (Carradale)	Mowi	469435	13	Cancelled/Certified
MacLean's Nose	Mowi	408038	22	Certified
Stulaigh	Mowi	398196	23	Certified
Camas Glas	Mowi	343594	22	Certified
Muck	Mowi	342083	31	Initial Audit
Rum	Mowi	339063	31	Certified
Grey Horse Channel	Mowi	332700	32	Certified
Colonsay	Mowi	327701	19	Certified
Loch Alsh (Sron)	Mowi	217571	23	Certified
Sgeir Dughall	Bakkafrost	193312	28	Initial Audit
Glenan Bay	Bakkafrost	172872	16	Initial Audit
Nevis (A, B & C)	Scottish Sea Farms	170321	41	Initial Audit
Loch Ness	Mowi	167488	5	Certified
Invasion Bay	Mowi	155793	12	Certified
Groatay	Mowi	150361	16	Certified
Cairidh	Mowi	147752	17	Initial Audit
Westerbister	Scottish Sea Farms	116275	12	Certification Not Awarded
Toyness	Scottish Sea Farms	114855	8	Certification Not Awarded
Gob a Bharra	Bakkafrost	104558	17	Initial Audit
Torridon	Mowi	99318	7	Initial Audit
Linnhe (Ardgour)	Mowi	94756	8	Certified
An Camus	Mowi	91091	9	Initial Audit
Marulaig Bay	Mowi	84413	10	Certified
Loch Duich	Mowi	68704	6	Certified
Sconser Quarry	Mowi	62167	21	Initial Audit
Glenfinnan	Mowi	61188	1	Certified
Maol Ban	Mowi	55380	12	Initial Audit
Arkaig	Mowi	7753	1	Certified

Note that the RSPCA has long refused to publish a list of all salmon farms certified via RSPCA Assured but it seems that the vast majority are now accredited. Fish Farmer [reported in March 2021](#): “All Scottish salmon farmers are now signed up to the RSPCA Assured accreditation scheme apart from Organic Sea Harvest, which adheres to organic standards through the Soil Association”.



The Sunday Times [reported in February 2020](#) that: “The RSPCA has revealed it was paid more than £500,000 by Scottish salmon farmers for membership of an ethical food scheme. The charity admitted the money was received this year from 150 farms – about 60% of the industry – who have signed up to RSPCA Assured”. In fact, the [latest data published by the Scottish Government in September 2021](#) reported that of 232 registered salmon farms in Scotland in 2020 only 131 were active (i.e. 101 reported zero production) suggesting a much higher percentage accredited via RSPCA Assured (data for 2021 will be [published by the Scottish Government on 27 October 2022](#)).

Data [published earlier this month by Salmon Scotland](#) adds weight to the alarming increase in mortality rates on salmon farms across Scotland – with RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon farms failing to escape the kiss of death:



Check out the new mortality data published @ScotlandSalmon for August 2022 - headed by 61.4% cumulative mortality at Bakkafrøst's Vuia Mor salmon farm in Loch Roag on the Isle of Lewis @Folketrygdfoond @WHFP1 @HebridesNews @rspcaassured @ciwf [salmonscotland.co.uk/sites/default/...](https://www.salmonscotland.co.uk/sites/default/)



Shout Out to @rspcaassured Loch Duart for leading the monthly mortality chart for August - a 27.4% death rate in Loch Laxford (a Special Area of Conservation) is way ahead of 18.2% at Wester Ross (Ardmair)! @LochDuartSalmon @WesterRossSalmo @MowiScotlandLtd @ScotlandSalmon

Company	Farm	Monthly mortality (%)	Notes	Cumulative mortality over full production cycle (%)
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Vuia Mor	0.0 (Farm followed in Aug.)		61.4
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Scadabay	0.0 (Farm followed in Aug.)		59.8
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Loch Creran (B)	14.6 (Farm followed in Aug.)	Bacterial disease	36.7
Mowi Scotland Limited	Colonsay	6.2 (Farm followed in Aug.)	Gill health related	34.2
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Collafirth 3	3.9 (Farm followed in Aug.)	Viral disease, Predation	22.6
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Lismore East (Walters)	12.0 (Farm followed in Aug.)	Bacterial disease	21.2
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Stoka Ronas Voe	13.3 (Farm followed in Aug.)	Gill health related	15.1
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Spian Dubh	0.0 (Farm followed in Aug.)		7.5

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8 **ALT** n farms harvested out in August 2022 with 28.4% average cumulative mortality

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Loch Duart Ltd	Loch Laxford	27.4	Viral disease, Gill health related	In production
Wester Ross Fisheries Ltd	Ardmair	18.2	Jellyfish / Plankton	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Scotasay	17.1	Gill Health related, Bacterial disease	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Loch Spelve (B)	14.7	Gill health related	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Ardcastle Bay	13.9	Viral Disease, Gill health related	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Reibinish	11.9	Gill Health related, Bacterial disease	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	East Tarbert Bay	11.7	Environment, Handling	In production
Wester Ross Fisheries Ltd	Ardessie A	10.4	Jellyfish / Plankton	In production
Mowi Scotland Limited	Trilleachan Mor	10.1	Viral disease	In production
Mowi Scotland Limited	Seaforth	9.4	Viral disease	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Gob a Bharra	8.9	Gill health related	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Collafirth 3	3.9	Viral disease, Predation	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Lismore East (Walters)	12.0	Bacterial disease	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Stoka Ronas Voe	13.3	Gill health related	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Spian Dubh	0.0		In production

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28 **ALT** salmon farms reporting in excess of 5% monthly mortality in August 2022

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Bakkafrøst Scotland	Reibinish	11.9	Gill Health related, Bacterial disease	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	East Tarbert Bay	11.7	Environment, Handling	In production
Wester Ross Fisheries Ltd	Ardessie A	10.4	Jellyfish / Plankton	In production
Mowi Scotland Limited	Trilleachan Mor	10.1	Viral disease	In production
Mowi Scotland Limited	Seaforth	9.4	Viral disease	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Gob a Bharra	8.9	Gill health related	In production

Mortality data [published by Salmon Scotland for June and July 2022](#) highlighted shocking levels of mortalities at RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon farms:



Fake News @ScotlandSalmon? - 59.5% mortality @MowiScotlandLtd in Loch Greshornish @rspcaassured; 57.8% at Bakkafrøst's Greanamul salmon farm @Folketrygdndfnd & 50% death rate at Mowi's @ASC_aqua Camus Glas How is half the fish dying "responsible"? @_KateForbes @Ianblackford_MP

Salmon SCOTLAND Monthly Mortality Rate: July 2022

Company	Farm	Monthly mortality (%)	Notes	Cumulative mortality over full production cycle (%)
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Ardcastle Bay	7.3	Gill health related, Viral disease	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	East Tarbert Bay	10.2	Environment, Sea lice management	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Geargill	0.0 (Farm followed in Jul.)		24.0
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Kyles Vuia	0.0 (Farm followed in Jul.)		57.8
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Reibinish	18.4	Gill health related	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Scadabay	11.3	Gill health related	In production
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Scotasay	10.8	Gill health related, Sea lice management	In production
Loch Duart Ltd	Loch Laiford	6.2	Viral disease	In production
Mowi Scotland Limited	Colonsay	4.3	Gill health related	In production
Mowi Scotland Limited	Camus Glas	0.9 (Farm followed in Jul.)		50.0
Mowi Scotland Limited	Greshornish	3.5 (Farm followed in Jul.)	Gill health related	59.5
Mowi Scotland Limited	Grey Horse Channel	4.9 (Farm followed in Jul.)	Gill health related	64.2
Mowi Scotland Limited	Groatay	8.5	Gill health related	In production
Organic Sea Harvest Ltd	Culnacnoc	2.9		In production
Organic Sea Harvest Ltd	Invertoe	5.6	Gill health related	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Flunary	2.1 (Farm followed in Jul.)		12.3
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Lizmore East (Walters)	7.6	Bacterial disease	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Loch Creran (B)	17.9	Bacterial disease	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Loch Spelve (B)	4.6	Gill health related	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Stocka Ronas Voe	4.1	Gill health related	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Tanera	4.7	Environment, Gill health related	In production

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Monthly Mortality Rate: June 2022

Company	Farm	Monthly mortality (%)	Notes	Cumulative mortality over full production cycle (%)
Mowi Scotland Limited	Greanam	5.2 (Farm followed in Jun.)	Gill health related	55.9
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Foraness	1.7 (Farm followed in Jun.)		38.9
Mowi Scotland Limited	Ardnish	0.1 (Farm followed in Jun.)		32.9
Bakkafrøst Scotland	Portree	0.0 (Farm followed in Jun.)		30.6
Mowi Scotland Limited	Ardintoul	1.8 (Farm followed in Jun.)		27.1
Mowi Scotland Limited	Loch Alsh	8.8 (Farm followed in Jun.)	Gill health related	22.1

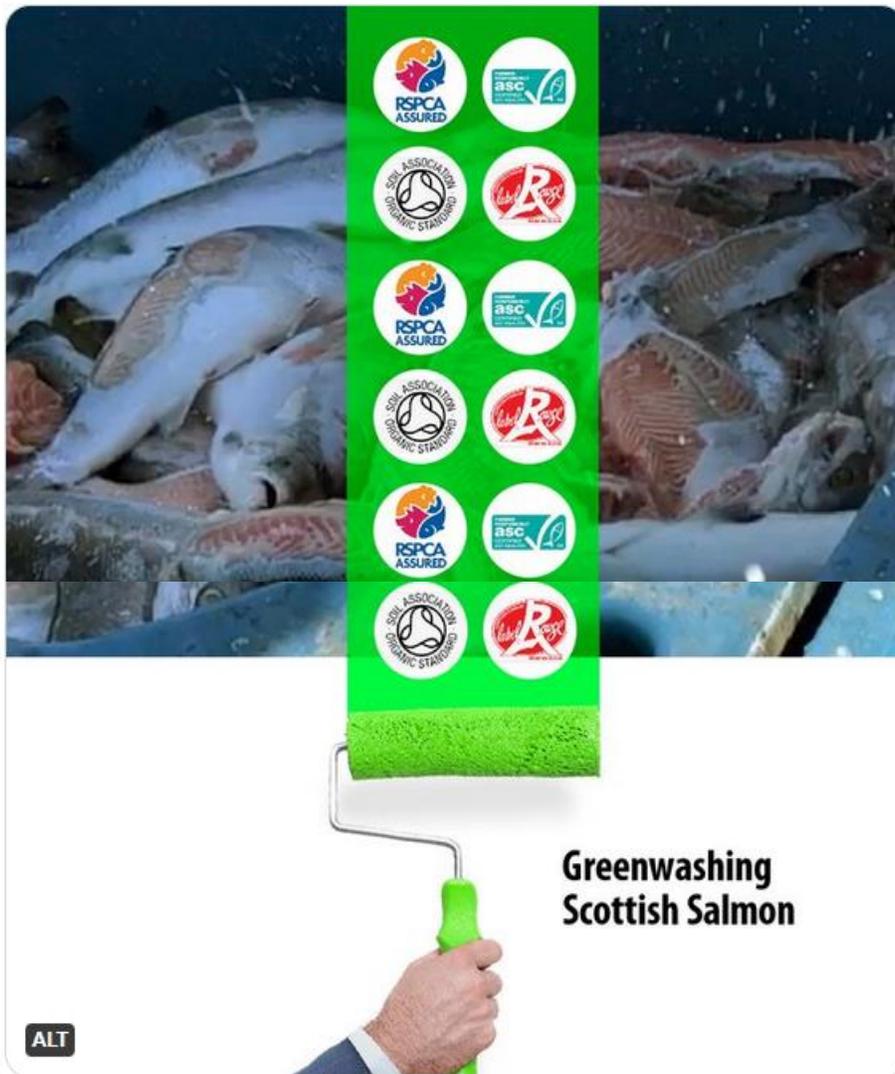
[How on earth](#) can rampant mortality and abject cruelty be condoned as “responsible” and marketed by retailers to consumers as “responsibly sourced” and ‘farmed responsibly’?



Don Staniford
@TheGAAIA



In what world can a food product which suffers 50%+ mortality be marketed as "responsibly sourced" & "farmed responsibly"? Shame on supermarkets and certifiers for greenwashing disease-ridden toxic Scottish salmon! @ASA_UK @CMAgovUK @ScotlandSalmon @rspcaassured @MowiScotlandLtd



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\$camon \$cotland [wrote to the Scottish Parliament last month \(30 September 2022\)](#) raising the issue of the alarming increase in mortalities on salmon farms.

Scottish Farmed Fish* Mortalities (2010 to 2021)

Year	Mortalities (tonnes)**	Mortalities (#s)***	Estimated Mortalities (#s)****
2021	29,959	commercially damaging so not disclosed	19.7 million to 22 million
2020	27,369	commercially damaging so not disclosed	18 million to 20.1 million
2019	25,772	commercially damaging so not disclosed	16.9 million to 18.8 million
2018	16,573	commercially damaging so not disclosed	10.9 million to 12.2 million
2017	25,444	commercially damaging so not disclosed	16.7 million to 18.7 million
2016	22,240	commercially damaging so not disclosed	14.6 million to 16.3 million
2015	18,295	commercially damaging so not disclosed	12 million to 13.4 million
2014	16,005	commercially damaging so not disclosed	10.5 million to 11.7 million
2013	10,325	commercially damaging so not disclosed	6.8 million to 7.6 million
2012	12,925	8.5 million	
2011	9,489	6.8 million	
2010	7,502	5.5 million	

* The vast majority are farmed salmon but there are some farmed rainbow trout & steelhead

** Sourced from SEPA via

http://aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk/data/fish_farms_monthly_biomass_and_treatment_reports.aspx

*** The SSPO lobbied SEPA in 2013 not to disclose farmed salmon mortalities

<https://www.robedwards.com/2013/10/scottish-watchdog-labelled-lapdog-after-agreeing-to-keep-fish-farm-deaths-secret.html>

**** Based on known mortality ratios of tonnes to #s published by SEPA from 2010 to 2012

<https://www.robedwards.com/2013/02/farmed-salmon-killed-by-disease-leaps-to-85-million.html>

Last month (26 September 2022), \$camon \$cotland [summarised the shocking nature of mass mortalities on salmon farms in Scotland – with ASC-certified and RSPCA Assured salmon farms named and shamed amongst some of the worst death rates over the last year.](#)

The Year of the Dead Salmon (Scamon Scotland, September 2022)

Cumulative Mortality Rates at Scottish Salmon Farms (August 2021 to July 2022)

– sourced from monthly data published by Salmon Scotland via

<https://www.salmonscotland.co.uk/reports>

The Twenty Worst Salmon Farms in Scotland (ranked by cumulative mortality over the last twelve month period*)



Mortality Rate

Company	Farm	Monthly mortality (%)	Notes	Cumulative mortality over full production cycle (%)
Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	Druimyeon Bay	0.0 (Farm followed in Dec.)		82.1
Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	East Tarbert Bay	0.0 (Farm followed in Jan.)		80.2
Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	Vacasay	0.0 (Farm followed in Dec.)		66.2
Mowi Scotland Limited	Greshornish	3.5 (Farm followed in Jul.)	Gill health related	59.5
Bakkafrost Scotland	Kyles Vuia	0.0 (Farm followed in Jul.)		57.8
Mowi Scotland Limited	Greanem	5.2 (Farm followed in Jan.)	Gill health related	55.9
Loch Duart Ltd	Sound of Harris	1.4 (Farm followed in Dec.)		50.3
Mowi Scotland Limited	Camas Glas	0.9 (Farm followed in Jul.)		50.0
Mowi Scotland Limited	Grey Horse Channel	4.9 (Farm followed in Jul.)	Gill health related	44.2

Data [published monthly by Salmon Scotland](#) (sourced from reports submitted by salmon farming companies) reveals that salmon farming companies accredited via RSPCA Assured and salmon farms certified via the ASC have [reported unacceptably high mortality rates since 2018](#):

Summary Data:

The Worst Salmon Farms In Scotland Since 2018
(as judged by cumulative mortality rates [published by Salmon Scotland](#)!)



- 82.1%: Druimyeon Bay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – December 2021
- 80.2%: East Tarbert Bay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – January 2022
- 78.3%: Leinish (Grieg Seafood) – September 2020
- 66.2%: Vacasay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – December 2021
- 65.7%: Ardessie A (Wester Ross Fisheries) – February 2019
- 59.5%: Greshornish (Mowi) – July 2022
- 58.2%: Inch Kenneth (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – February 2018
- 57.7%: Kyles Vuia (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – July 2022
- 56.2%: Plocrapool (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – February 2021
- 55.9%: Greanem (Mowi) – June 2022
- 52.9%: Maaey (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – December 2019
- 51.3%: Corlarach (Grieg Seafood) – September 2020
- 50.5%: Ardessie B (Wester Ross Fisheries) – April 2019
- 50.3%: Sound of Harris (Loch Duart) – December 2021
- 50%: Camas Glas (Mowi) - July 2022

SCOTTISH SALMON'S 50%+ MORTALITY CLUB!



The [mortality data published by Salmon Scotland](#) reveals that Bakkafrost Scotland (formerly known as The Scottish Salmon Company) – a company certified via RSPCA Assured – has reported mortality rates in excess of 80% (Bakkafrost’s Sgier Dughall and Glenan Bay salmon farms are [currently being audited by the ASC](#) even though mortality is 32% and 33.6% respectively):

Bakkafrost: Scottish Salmon’s King of Death
– 31 sites with cumulative mortality at 30% or higher since 2018!



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- 58.2%: Inch Kenneth (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – February 2018**
- 57.7%: Kyles Vuia (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – July 2022**
- 56.2%: Plocrapool (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – February 2021**
- 52.9%: Maaey (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – December 2019**
- 47.6%: Gravir Outer (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – March 2018**
- 45.4%: Reibinish (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – May 2021**
- 42.3%: Gravir Outer (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – April 2022**
- 41.5%: Strone (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – September 2020**
- 39.8%: Vacasay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – October 2018**
- 39.4%: Taranaish (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – October 2018**
- 39.4%: Sgian Dubh (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – September 2020**
- 39.1%: West Strome (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – February 2022**
- 38.9%: Grimsay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – March 2020**
- 36.8%: Eport Outer (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – December 2021**
- 36.3%: Kyles Vuia (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – July 2020**
- 34.6%: Strone (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – September 2018**
- 33.6%: Glenan Bay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – June 2021**
- 34.2%: Eughlam (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – October 2018**
- 33.5%: Taranaish (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – October 2020**
- 33.3%: Vuia Mor (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – August 2018**
- 32.7%: Grimsay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – August 2019**
- 32.6%: Vacasay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – October 2020**
- 32.6%: Treanay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – February 2019**
- 32%: Treanay (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – July 2018**
- 32%: Sgeir Dughall (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – July 2021**
- 31%: Vuia Beag (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – October 2018**
- 30.6%: Portree (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – June 2022**
- 30%: Maaev (Bakkafrost Scotland/Scottish Salmon Company) – October 2021**

The [mortality data published by Salmon Scotland](#) reveals mortality rates at [RSPCA Assured Mowi](#) – including 55.9% at ASC-certified Greanem (Grey Horse Channel Outer); 50% at ASC-certified Camas Glas, 44.2% at ASC-certified Grey Horse Channel, 39.2% at ASC-certified Loch Alsh, 36.8% at ASC-certified Stulaigh and 34.8% at ASC-certified MacLean’s Nose:

Mowi’s Mortality Nightmare: sponsored via RSPCA Assured, the ASC, Tesco, Sainsburys, Lidl & Aldi as “responsibly sourced” & “farmed responsibly”!

- 36 RSPCA Assured salmon farms with 25%+ mortality rates since 2018



- 59.5%: Greshornish (Mowi) – July 2022**
- 55.9%: Greanem/Grey Horse Outer* (Mowi) – June 2022**
- 50%: Camas Glas* (Mowi) - July 2022**
- 44.2%: Grey Horse Channel* (Mowi) – July 2022**
- 40.7%: Bagh Dail Nan Cean (Mowi) – October 2019**
- 39.2%: Loch Alsh* (Mowi) – August 2018**
- 39%: Muck** (Mowi) – February 2020**
- 38.4%: Greshornish (Mowi) – August 2018**
- 36.8%: Stulaigh* (Mowi) – September 2020**
- 35.3%: North Shore (Mowi) – March 2018**
- 35.2%: North Shore (Mowi) – February 2020**
- 35.2%: North Shore East (Mowi) – February 2020**
- 34.8%: Isle Ewe* (Mowi) – November 2018**
- 34.6%: Macleans Nose* (Mowi) – August 2018**
- 32.9%: Ardnish* (Mowi) – June 2022**
- 31.6%: Carradale North** (Mowi) – October 2020**
- 31.5%: Tabhaigh (Mowi) – November 2019**
- 31.4%: Caolas a Deas East* (Mowi) – October 2020**
- 31.3%: North Shore East (Mowi) – March 2018**

The [mortality data published by Salmon Scotland](#) reveals irresponsibly high mortality rates at [RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms](#) including 40.9% at Nevis C (a [site currently being audited by the ASC](#)) and 32.1% at Toyness (a [site where the ASC recently did not award certification](#)):

RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms (Norskott Havbruk) – as sold exclusively by Marks & Spencer & being certified as “farmed responsibly” via the ASC!



- 41.3%: Kishorn B North (Scottish Sea Farms) – October 2021
- 41.2%: Lismore North (Scottish Sea Farms) – June 2019
- 41.1%: Laura Voe (Scottish Sea Farms) – August 2019
- 40.9%: Nevis C* (Scottish Sea Farms) – September 2019
- 40.6%: Spelve B (Scottish Sea Farms) – October 2019
- 38.9%: Foraness (Scottish Sea Farms) – June 2022
- 36.6%: Lismore East/Walters (Scottish Sea Farms) – November 2020
- 34.6%: Loch Creran B (Scottish Sea Farms) – May 2021
- 32.8%: Spelve B (Scottish Sea Farms) – October 2021
- 32.1%: Toyness* (Scottish Sea Farms) – May 2021
- 31.8%: Kishorn B North (Scottish Sea Farms) – October 2019
- 31.8%: Holms Geo (Scottish Sea Farms) – September 2019
- 27.7%: Teisti Geo (Scottish Sea Farms) – October 2019
- 27.2%: Mangaster (Scottish Sea Farms) – May 2020
- 26.7%: Nevis C* (Scottish Sea Farms) – February 2018



The [mortality data published by Salmon Scotland](#) reveals mortality rates in excess of 75% at RSPCA Assured Grieg Seafood ([bought in December 2021 by Scottish Sea Farms](#)):

Grieg Seafood's RSPCA Assured Gruesomeness (owned by Norskott Havbruk/Scottish Sea Farms since late 2021)!



- 78.3%: Leinish (Grieg Seafood) – September 2020
- 51.3%: Corlarach (Grieg Seafood) – September 2020
- 40.7%: North Voe (Grieg Seafood) – February 2018
- 40.1%: Cole Deep (Grieg Seafood) – January 2020
- 37.2%: Langa (Grieg Seafood) – September 2019
- 35.8%: West of Burwick (Grieg Seafood) – September 2019
- 35.3%: North Papa (Grieg Seafood) – August 2019
- 34.5%: North Voe (Grieg Seafood) – November 2020
- 29.5%: Score Holms (Grieg Seafood) – July 2019
- 28.7%: Swining 3 (Grieg Seafood) – September 2020
- 25.8%: Snizort East (Grieg Seafood) – December 2020



The [mortality data published by Salmon Scotland](#) reveals unacceptably high mortality rates at [RSPCA Assured Wester Ross Fisheries](#) (bought by Mowi in July 2022) and [RSPCA Assured Loch Duart](#):

Welfare Abuse at RSPCA Assured Wester Ross (now owned by Mowi)!



- 65.7%: Ardessie A (Wester Ross Fisheries) – February 2019
- 50.5%: Ardessie B (Wester Ross Fisheries) – April 2019
- 34.6: Ardessie B (Wester Ross Fisheries) – May 2022
- 34.1%: Ardessie A (Wester Ross Fisheries) – April 2022

Lousy RSPCA Assured Loch Duart – the Not Sustainable Salmon Company (as corrected by the Advertising Standards Authority)!



- 50.3%: Sound of Harris (Loch Duart) – December 2021
- 41.2%: Calbha Bay (Loch Duart) – May 2020
- 40.6%: Loch Laxford (Loch Duart) – July 2019
- 39.6%: Calbha Bay (Loch Duart) – April 2018
- 37.1%: Loch a Chairn Bhain (Loch Duart) – January 2019
- 36.1%: Lochmaddy (Loch Duart) – October 2020
- 28%: Loch Carnan (Loch Duart) – January 2018
- 27.6%: Lochmaddy (Loch Duart) – January 2019
- 25.6%: Loch Laxford (Loch Duart) – July 2021

The [mortality data published by Salmon Scotland](#) reveals mortality rates at [RSPCA Assured Cooke Aquaculture](#) – a company which has focussed more on ‘organic’ certification via the [Soil Association](#) – of nearly 50%:

Cooke Aquaculture – certified as ‘organic’ by the Soil Association & “responsibly sourced” via RSPCA Assured!



- 48.8%: Bay of Vady (Cooke Aquaculture) – September 2018
- 37.8%: Djubawick (Cooke Aquaculture) – September 2018
- 34.3%: Burkwel (Cooke Aquaculture) – May 2018
- 32.5%: Winna Ness (Cooke Aquaculture) – March 2018
- 31.1%: Djubawick (Cooke Aquaculture) – November 2019
- 27.2%: Fara West (Cooke Aquaculture) – April 2019
- 26.7%: Djubawick (Cooke Aquaculture) – January 2018
- 26.2%: Kirkabister (Cooke Aquaculture) – September 2018
- 25.7%: Bow of Hascosay (Cooke Aquaculture) – August 2018
- 25.7%: Burkwel (Cooke Aquaculture) – June 2019

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

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The [Scotland's Aquaculture database](#) – sourced from monthly returns submitted by salmon farming companies to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency – also makes for grim reading for ASC-certified and RSPCA Assured salmon farms. Here's the worst salmon farms judged by the weight of mortalities since January 2019 ([data up to December 2021 – 2022 is still not published](#)) – featuring [ASC-certified Stulaigh, Rum, Camus Glas and Carradale](#):

Date	Site Name	Company	Mortalities (kg)
01-Oct-21	Druimyeon Bay	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	1109905.9
01-Aug-20	Sgian Dubh	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	682688.7
01-Aug-20	Strone Point	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	569941.5
01-Oct-21	East Tarbert Bay	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	535944.3
01-Oct-19	Bagh Dail nan Ceann North and South	Mowi Scotland Ltd	518370.892
01-Sep-19	Bagh Dail nan Ceann North and South	Mowi Scotland Ltd	502069.0465
01-Apr-19	Quarry Point	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	490418
01-Aug-20	Leinish Bay	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	455516
01-Nov-21	Taranaish	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	455083.4
01-Aug-20	Stulaigh Island	Mowi Scotland Ltd	369218.0415
01-Jul-20	Stulaigh Island	Mowi Scotland Ltd	368589.6613
01-Sep-21	East Tarbert Bay	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	366166.8
01-Nov-20	Achnacroish (Walters,Lismore East)	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	351494
01-Sep-21	Allt a Chois (Kishorn North Shore)	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	350543.9
01-Oct-19	Camus Glas	Mowi Scotland Ltd	345563.4887
01-Oct-21	Toy Ness	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	323509
01-Sep-21	Isle of Rum	Mowi Scotland Ltd	319382.7
01-Sep-21	West Strome	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	317947.1
01-Oct-20	Creran B	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	304798
01-Sep-20	Leinish Bay	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	301865
01-Jun-19	Maaey (East of Loch Uiskevagh)	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	287858
01-Sep-19	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	278670.1991
01-Oct-19	Poll na Gille	Mowi Scotland Ltd	271455.0295
01-Oct-20	Plocrapol	The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd	269113
01-Sep-21	Oldany	Loch Duart Ltd	266049.8
01-Sep-20	Carradale (South)	Mowi Scotland Ltd	259265.0886



ASC-certified and RSPCA Assured salmon farms also feature badly in terms of biomass exceedances (i.e. breaches of pollution limits) [reported to SEPA via Scotland's Aquaculture since January 2019](#) – with [ASC-certified Colonsay, Grey Horse Channel, Gorsten, Marulaig Bay, Rum, Carradale and MacLeans Nose featuring prominently along with Muck, Ornish and Scalpay \(currently undergoing ASC initial audit\)](#):

Date	Site Name	Company	Biomass Exceedence (tonnes)
01-Jul-19	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	942.8497487
01-Aug-19	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	779.6071707
01-Sep-20	Colonsay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	629.082994
01-Feb-20	Grey Horse Channel	Mowi Scotland Ltd	609.6462778
01-Jun-19	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	570.0859908
01-Sep-19	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	549.394223
01-Nov-20	Gorsten	Mowi Scotland Ltd	496.4
01-Feb-21	Scalpay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	496.3
01-Sep-19	Bagh Dail nan Ceann North and South	Mowi Scotland Ltd	486.5900563
01-Jan-21	Scalpay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	476.4
01-Jan-20	Grey Horse Channel	Mowi Scotland Ltd	475.5576643
01-Jul-19	Bagh Dail nan Ceann North and South	Mowi Scotland Ltd	463.5125434
01-Dec-20	Gorsten	Mowi Scotland Ltd	446.5
01-Feb-21	Marulaig Bay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	417.6
01-Aug-20	Carradale (South)	Mowi Scotland Ltd	414.1600121
01-Jan-21	Marulaig Bay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	411.7
01-May-21	Poll na Gille	Mowi Scotland Ltd	408.8
01-Sep-21	Isle of Rum	Mowi Scotland Ltd	408.6
01-Aug-21	Isle of Rum	Mowi Scotland Ltd	407.4
01-Jan-21	Gorsten	Mowi Scotland Ltd	403.5
01-May-19	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	355.0536291
01-Jul-20	Carradale (South)	Mowi Scotland Ltd	338.2329989
01-May-20	Fiunary	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	326.5
01-Jan-21	Skipport Outer (Ornish)	Mowi Scotland Ltd	326.2
01-Dec-20	Skipport Outer (Ornish)	Mowi Scotland Ltd	319.6
01-Sep-19	MacLeans Nose	Mowi Scotland Ltd	305.3136406



The use of toxic chemicals since January 2019 ([sourced from data submitted by companies to SEPA](#)) is also headed by ASC-certified and RSPCA Assured salmon farms – here’s the biggest users of the [shellfish-killing chemical Deltamethrin \(shown by peer-reviewed science to be lethal to lobsters up to 39km away from salmon farms\)](#) which are once again dominated by [ASC-certified salmon farms](#) (Portnalong is also known as Harport – an ASC-certified salmon farm along with Colonsay, Rum, MacLeans Nose, Grey Horse Channel, Grey Horse Channel Outer/Greanem, Duich and Ornish):

Date	Site Name	Company	Deltamethrin (g)
01-Aug-20	Colonsay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	390
01-Aug-20	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	305
01-Aug-21	Isle of Rum	Mowi Scotland Ltd	255
01-Aug-21	Erisort, North Shore West	Mowi Scotland Ltd	255
01-Jul-21	Isle of Rum	Mowi Scotland Ltd	255
01-Aug-21	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	240
01-Aug-19	Colonsay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	240
01-Jul-20	Colonsay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	225
01-Jul-21	MacLeans Nose	Mowi Scotland Ltd	200
01-Aug-20	Grey Horse Channel	Mowi Scotland Ltd	195
01-Aug-21	Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	192
01-Aug-21	Hellisay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	180
01-Jul-19	Isle of Rum	Mowi Scotland Ltd	180
01-Sep-21	Duich	Mowi Scotland Ltd	180
01-Jul-21	Duich	Mowi Scotland Ltd	180
01-Aug-21	Duich	Mowi Scotland Ltd	168
01-Sep-20	Portnalong	Mowi Scotland Ltd	160
01-Jul-21	Colonsay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	152.78
01-Aug-19	Isle of Rum	Mowi Scotland Ltd	150
01-Aug-21	Tabhaigh	Mowi Scotland Ltd	150
01-Mar-19	Erisort, North Shore East	Mowi Scotland Ltd	135
01-Aug-20	Portnalong	Mowi Scotland Ltd	130
01-Mar-19	Portnalong	Mowi Scotland Ltd	122.5
01-Jun-19	Portnalong	Mowi Scotland Ltd	122.5
01-Apr-20	Scotasay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	120
01-Aug-20	Skipport Outer (Ornish)	Mowi Scotland Ltd	120



The toxic picture is the same with the use of the organophosphate Azamethiphos – another [lobster-killing chemical](#). Here’s the biggest users of Azamethiphos since January 2019 ([data sourced from SEPA](#)) – dominated by [RSPCA Assured Mowi](#) and [ASC-certified sites including MacLeans Nose, Groatay, Rum, Stulaigh, Grey Horse Channel, Grey Horse Channel Outer/Greanem and Ardintoul](#):

Date	Site Name	Company	Azamethiphos (g)
01-Jun-20	Greshornish	Mowi Scotland Ltd	7280.000014
01-Jun-20	Creag an Sagairt West	Mowi Scotland Ltd	7200.000006
01-Apr-21	MacLeans Nose	Mowi Scotland Ltd	6840
01-Aug-20	Scalpay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	6800
01-Jan-21	Stulaigh Island	Mowi Scotland Ltd	6300
01-Apr-19	MacLeans Nose	Mowi Scotland Ltd	6060.000092
01-Jun-19	Groatay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	5509.99985
01-Jul-21	Isle of Rum	Mowi Scotland Ltd	5400
01-May-21	Marulaig Bay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	5400
01-Jun-21	Grey Horse Channel	Mowi Scotland Ltd	5250
01-Feb-21	Bagh Dail nan Ceann North	Mowi Scotland Ltd	5160
01-Jun-21	Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	5000
01-May-21	Grey Horse Channel	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4900
01-Aug-19	Creag an Sagairt West	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4800.000072
01-Sep-19	Creag an Sagairt West	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4790.000066
01-Jun-21	Groatay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4550
01-Jul-19	Ardintoul	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4400.000066
01-Apr-21	Creag an Sagairt West	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4400
01-May-19	Ardintoul	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4239.99992
01-May-21	Groatay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4200
01-Mar-21	MacLeans Nose	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4160
01-Jan-21	Soay Sound	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4130
01-Dec-20	Soay Sound	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4130
01-May-20	Soay Sound	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4080.000043
01-Nov-19	Grey Horse Channel	Mowi Scotland Ltd	4059.999925



RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon farms also dominate the heaviest users of Emamectin benzoate ([another shellfish-killing chemical](#) which [SEPA wanted to ban in 2017](#) but [lobbying by salmon farming and chemical companies](#) means that it is still used):

Date	Site Name	Company	Emamectin Benzoate (g)
01-Dec-19	Greshornish	Mowi Scotland Ltd	1269
01-Sep-20	Scalpay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	1253
01-Jul-20	Camas an Leim (Torrison)	Mowi Scotland Ltd	862.4
01-Aug-20	Ardgour (Linnhe)	Mowi Scotland Ltd	855.6
01-Dec-19	Sgian Dubh	The Scottish Salmon	849.6
01-Jun-21	Am Maol, Isle of Muck	Mowi Scotland Ltd	811.2
01-Oct-19	Sgian Dubh	The Scottish Salmon	805.8
01-Sep-20	Maol Ban	Mowi Scotland Ltd	799.8
01-Jun-19	Bagh Dail nan Ceann North	Mowi Scotland Ltd	795
01-Sep-20	Cairidh	Mowi Scotland Ltd	771.4
01-Sep-20	Hellisay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	750
01-May-19	Flaeshins	Cooke Aquaculture	734.72
01-Oct-21	Fiunary	Scottish Sea Farms	654
01-Sep-19	Loch Portree (Torvaig)	The Scottish Salmon	620.74
01-Jun-19	Poll na Gille	Mowi Scotland Ltd	614.4
01-Sep-21	Sgian Dubh	The Scottish Salmon	613.6
01-Jul-19	Gravir Outer	The Scottish Salmon	610.16
01-Sep-21	Stead of Aithness	Cooke Aquaculture	594.376
01-Jun-21	Hunda North	Scottish Sea Farms	584
01-Dec-19	Caolas a Deas West	Mowi Scotland Ltd	582.9
01-Aug-19	Stead of Aithness	Cooke Aquaculture	582.4
01-Dec-19	Caolas a Deas East	Mowi Scotland Ltd	576.2
01-Oct-20	Aird Artheslaig	The Scottish Salmon	566.4
01-May-19	Tabhaigh	Mowi Scotland Ltd	546.092
01-Jul-20	Fiunary	Scottish Sea Farms	544
01-May-20	Ardgaddan	The Scottish Salmon	544
01-Jul-20	Scalpay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	540
01-Aug-20	Gorsten	Mowi Scotland Ltd	534.6



The [use of antibiotics at RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon farms also raises alarm bells](#). [Scamon Scotland published damning data on rising use of Florfenicol and Oxytetracycline in February 2022](#) (sourced from a Freedom of Information disclosure by SEPA) – with ASC-certified Duich, Noster, Linnhe (Ardgour) and Seaforth (currently being audited by the ASC) heading the list of shame:

Here's the top 30 users of Florocol (Florfenicol) headed by [Norwegian-owned Mowi](#) – according to the data [disclosed by SEPA on 10 February 2022](#):

Year	Operator	Site Name	Florocol (grams)
2019	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Duich	830535
2021	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Noster	315392.5
2021	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Seaforth	283080
2018	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Ardgour (Linnhe)	247000
2019	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	North of Papa	228800
2021	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Caolas a Deas West	191386
2019	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Taing of Railsborough	189000
2019	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	North Voe	179400
2018	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Setter Voe	174800
2017	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland	Stead of Aithness	147000
2020	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Ru Chorachan	135000
2018	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Easter Score Holm	132000
2019	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Cole Deep	116000
2019	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Easter Score Holm	99000
2020	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Greshornish	95000
2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Erisort, North Shore East	91217
2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Poll na Gille	86000
2018	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Camas an Leim (Torrison)	78029
2019	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	East of Papa Little	69000
2020	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Uig Bay	66000
2017	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	Bagh Dail nan Ceann	60005
2018	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Taing of Railsborough	60000
2019	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	Leinish Bay	54000



Lice infestation is also hitting ASC-certified and RSPCA Assured salmon farms across Scotland – here’s the lousiest salmon farms (i.e. most lice infested) as [sourced from data published by the Scottish Government](#) with RSPCA Assured Loch Duart and ASC-certified Mowi salmon farms at Caolas A Deas, Grey Horse Channel Outer/Greanem and Harport featuring prominently:

SITE NAME	BUSINESS NAME	Date	Lice Count	MITIGATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Kyles Vuia	The Scottish Salmon Company	22/11/2021	11.83		Mechanical and freshwater treatments in weeks 48 and 49.
Gravir	The Scottish Salmon Company	25/10/2021	11.4		Some pens being harvested with FW treatment to begin wk 45
Clashnessie Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	16/08/2021	10.47	Cleanerfish	New wrasse being stocked. Accelerated harvesting continues.
Clashnessie Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	06/09/2021	9.04		Site due to KO and fallow wk40 weather permitting.
Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	21/03/2022	8.2	Bath	Treated with Salmosan – Extended FW treatment planned in week 14
Caolas A Deas	Mowi Scotland Ltd	25/10/2021	8.05	Harvesting	Thermolicer
Clashnessie Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	02/08/2021	8	Cleanerfish	Further wrasse being sourced; to increase stocking %. Harvests ongoing.
Clashnessie Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	23/08/2021	7.98	Cleanerfish	New wrasse being stocked. Accelerated harvesting continues - ~70,000 fish harvested
Clashnessie Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	09/08/2021	7.84	Cleanerfish	New wrasse stocked. Accelerated harvesting commences.
Kyles Vuia	The Scottish Salmon Company	03/01/2022	7.4	Physical	Hydrolicer weeks 1&2
Gravir	The Scottish Salmon Company	18/10/2021	7.32		Planned mechanical treatment week 43, delayed by weather. ETA end of week 44.
Vuia Mor	The Scottish Salmon Company	20/09/2021	6.83	Physical	Physical treatments started wk 39.
Sconser Quarry	Mowi Scotland Ltd	29/11/2021	6.65	Harvesting	
Loch Harport	Mowi Scotland Ltd	22/11/2021	6.55	Bath	Salmosan
Clashnessie Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	24/05/2021	6.21	Cleanerfish	Wrasse deliveries continue. Targeted harvests continue.
North Shore	Mowi Scotland Ltd	31/01/2022	6.15	Harvesting	
Loch Harport	Mowi Scotland Ltd	15/11/2021	6.06	Bath	Salmosan & Alphamax treatment ongoing
Clashnessie Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	26/07/2021	5.94	Cleanerfish	Wrasse
Outer Eport	The Scottish Salmon Company	16/08/2021	5.93		Mechanical treatment start of week 34
Lochmaddy	Loch Duart Ltd	30/05/2022	5.9	Physical	Mechanical delicing to commence week 23.
Portree	The Scottish Salmon Company	06/09/2021	5.86		Hydrolicer in week 37
Reibinish	The Scottish Salmon Company	25/07/2022	5.8	Bath	Harvesting to begin wk 32
Tabhaigh	Mowi Scotland Ltd	16/08/2021	5.78	Bath	Salmosan and Thermolicer treatments on going
Bow of Hascosay	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd	04/10/2021	5.68	Harvesting	Hydrolicer completed week 41.
North Shore	Mowi Scotland Ltd	24/01/2022	5.675		Treating/Harvest
Setter Voe	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	16/08/2021	5.65	Harvesting	
Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	04/04/2022	5.65		Treating with Thermolicer and/or FW planned as weather permits
Caolas A Deas	Mowi Scotland Ltd	18/10/2021	5.63	Harvesting	
East of Papa Little	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	27/12/2021	5.6	Harvesting	
Langa Isle (East)	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	23/08/2021	5.55		
Tabhaigh	Mowi Scotland Ltd	06/12/2021	5.55	Bath	
Gravir	The Scottish Salmon Company	09/08/2021	5.49		Bath treatment (FW) scheduled for wk 33.
Badcall Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	14/02/2022	5.45	Harvesting	Physical treatment to begin as soon as weather allows
Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	14/02/2022	5.45	Bath	Salmosan treatments to progress as soon as weather allows.
Setter Voe	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	19/07/2021	5.42	Bath	Wellboat freshwater treatments.
Grey Horse Channel	Mowi Scotland Ltd	28/02/2022	5.41		Salmosan Treatment planned week 10
Clashnessie Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	19/07/2021	5.38	Cleanerfish	Wrasse
Calva Bay (Calbha Beag)	Loch Duart Ltd	13/06/2022	5.29	Cleanerfish	
North Shore	Mowi Scotland Ltd	17/01/2022	5.25	Harvesting	
Hellisay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	01/11/2021	5.245	Physical	Thermolicer Treatment
Hellisay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	15/11/2021	5.23	Harvesting	Thermolicer
Lochmaddy	Loch Duart Ltd	02/05/2022	5.22	Cleanerfish	Mechanical delicing system due to start operating wk 19.
Hellisay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	13/09/2021	5.19	Physical	Hydrolicer
Hellisay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	22/11/2021	5.12	Harvesting	Freshwater extended treatment
Collafirth 3	SSF Shetland Ltd	24/01/2022	5.1		Hydrolicer week 5

Shocking photos of farmed salmon suffering from welfare abuse following lice infestation and infectious diseases at Mowi's RSPCA Assured North Shore salmon farm in Loch Erisort were [published in 2020 by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate](#):



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Be Sure to Boycott RSPCA Assured Scottish Salmon!
tinyurl.com/srommob Shocking new photos published of Mowi's disease-ridden North Shore feedlot in Loch Erisort @marinescotland @MowiScotlandLtd "visibly moribund fish" & "significant lice damage" @sainsburys @rspcaassured



@LidlGB and 8 others

5:00 PM · Apr 7, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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Last month (28 September 2022), \$camon \$cotland [published a dossier of photos exposing welfare abuse on RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon farms across Scotland.](#)

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EXPOSED: Photos of diseased salmon taken by @scotgov health inspectors at visits to farms - how can such abuse be marketed as "responsible" & 'welfare-friendly'? @rspcaassured @ScotlandSalmon @SoilAssociation @SoilAssocScot @ASC_aqua @scotgp @ciwf @onekindtweet @Animallawyersuk

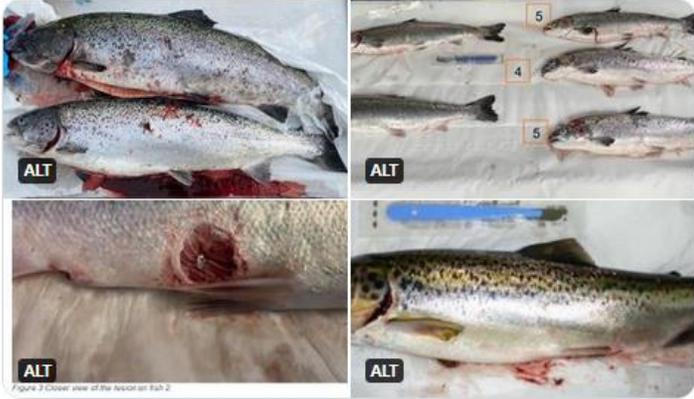


Figure 3 Closer view of the lesion on fish 2

Sainsbury's and 9 others

8:04 AM · Sep 28, 2022 · Twitter Web App



Given the [gruesome nature of the photos](#) – taken by the Scottish Government’s Fish Health Inspectorate during visits to salmon farms – it is not surprising that [lawyers acting for RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms and The Scottish Salmon Company](#) (renamed Bakkafrost Scotland in June 2022) as well as [RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified Mowi attempted to block disclosure](#).



Photos: Scottish salmon from Mowi's Stulaigh Island farm in Loch Eynort

[Mowi's Rum salmon farm off the Isle of Rum \(9 July 2019\)](#)



[Mowi's Grey Horse Channel salmon farm in the Sound of Harris \(2018\)](#)



[Mowi's Groatay salmon farm in the Sound of Harris \(2018\)](#)



This letter is not the first time the RSPCA or the ASC have been criticised for greenwashing Scottish salmon. Scottish Salmon Watch [wrote to the RSPCA in February 2020 calling for an end to the certification of Scottish salmon via RSPCA Assured.](#)



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As RSPCA 'VIPs' you have the power to stop suffering on salmon farms in Scotland - please tell the RSPCA executive to end certification of Scottish salmon!

[@rspcaassured](#) tinyurl.com/wn5g3p6

[@ChrisGPackham](#) [@brianblessed](#) [@BillOddie](#)

[@DrBrianMay](#) [@PeterEgan6](#) [@CarolineLucas](#) #RSPCA



RSPCA (England & Wales) and 8 others

7:22 AM · Feb 5, 2020 · Twitter Web App

“Open cage salmon farming is fraught with very serious issues and clearly needs reform/regulation/cessation,” [Tweeted Chris Packham in February 2020.](#) “I will liaise with the RSPCA to work urgently towards a renewed position from their point of view. I’m on it!”



Chris Packham ✓
@ChrisGPackham



Replying to [@Ecohustler](#) [@RSPCA_official](#) and 7 others

Hello . Open cage salmon farming is fraught with very serious issues and clearly needs reform/regulation /cessation . I will liaise with [@RSPCA_official](#) to work urgently towards a renewed position from their POV . I’m on it !

1:01 AM · Feb 8, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

In February 2020, [The Sunday Times](#) blew the whistle on the £500,000+ per year contributed by salmon farmers in Scotland to the RSPCA via the RSPCA Assured certification scheme.

THE SUNDAY TIMES NEWS | SCOTTISH NEWS

RSPCA paid over £500,000 to back salmon industry



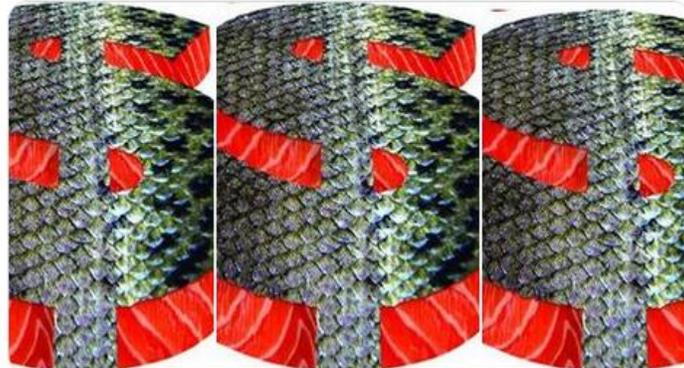
In July 2021, Scottish Salmon Watch [exposed the continued corruption and collusion involved in the certification of Scottish salmon via RSPCA Assured.](#)



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Rest A\$\$ured - the R\$PCA has been captured, co-opted & corrupted by the \$almafia! @rspcaassured @MowiScotlandLtd tinyurl.com/8dd8sf9k @SSPOsays @scotseafarms @philip_ciwf @RSPCACHris @RSPCA_PATeam @RSPCA_official @RSPCA_Frontline



Chris Packham and 9 others

7:59 AM · Jul 30, 2021 · Twitter Web App

During COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021, [Chris Packham told BBC Scotland News](#) that Scotland should “get rid of highly polluting, nasty salmon farms”.



Chris Packham, the environmental campaigner and presenter of the BBC's Springwatch series, has visited COP26 and says the host country should "get rid of highly polluting, nasty salmon farms".

More: bbc.in/31wb1CK



6:28 PM · Nov 4, 2021 · TweetDeck

Scottish Salmon Watch [wrote to the ASC in January 2022 calling for an end to the certification of Scottish salmon as “farmed responsibly”](#).



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Open letter to the ASC: Please cancel all certification of Mowi's toxic Scottish salmon! tinyurl.com/28a99jb5
[@ASC_aqua](#) [@MowiScotlandLtd](#) [@fms_scotland](#)
[@SalmonTroutCons](#)
Scottish salmon is farmed irresponsibly not responsibly! [@rspcaassured](#) [@ASA_UK](#) [@sainsburys](#)
[@Tesco](#) [@LidlGB](#)



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Exposed: Certification of 'responsibly' farmed [@MowiScotlandLtd](#) via the Aquaculture Stewardship Council [@ASC_aqua](#) permits mortality rates at salmon farms in excess of 36% (not to mention the use of cancer-causing chemicals & antibiotics)!
tinyurl.com/2p8amx68 [@rspcaassured](#)



In August 2022, Scamon Scotland [exposed the sham of ASC-certification which condones a mortality rate in excess of 50%](#).

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How can 56% mortality (i.e. over half the fish dying) be marketed as "responsibly farmed" & "responsibly sourced" @rspcaassured @ASC_aqua @Tesco @sainsburys @MowiScotlandLtd ?
tinyurl.com/ezpash68
@ASA_UK @ClientEarth @SSC_seafood @LidIGB @AldiUK @ScotlandSalmon #Greenwash



In August 2022, Scamon Scotland [published photos of welfare abuse and disease at Mowi's RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon in Loch Linnhe \(sourced from an inspection by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate\)](#):



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Photo Exclusive: here's why @MowiScotlandLtd want activists to stay away from their disease-ridden feedlots. Shame on @rspcaassured @ASC_aqua @sainsburys @Tesco @LidlGB @AldiUK @ScotlandSalmon for promoting Mowi's Scottish salmon as "responsibly sourced"! tinyurl.com/3n49wp8m



GSSI and 9 others

10:41 AM · Aug 24, 2022 · Twitter Web App

BBC Countryfile [exposed the issue of mass mortalities on salmon farms certified via RSPCA Assured and the ASC in December 2020](#) when [video footage of welfare abuse and lice infestation at Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Creran](#) was broadcast.



Salmon Scotland
@SalmonScotland

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How can you even start to explain yourselves?

@tavishscott @RSPCA_official @TerryAHearn
@MowiScotlandLtd @salmon_scottish
@FergusEwingMSP @strathearnrose @MairiGougeon
@Feorlean @D1HAJ



The CEO of the ASC, Chris Ninnnes, [claimed on BBC Countryfile in December 2020](#) that 10% mortality on a salmon farm would rule out ASC-certification ([practically ruling out the vast majority of salmon farms!](#)).

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Chris Ninnnes claims that @ASC_aqua standards demand less than 10% mortality on salmon farms @BBCCountryfile @joe_crowley tinyurl.com/yxlkd5tw
So why is Glenfinnan salmon farm @ScotlandMowi with a mortality rate of 20% & 61,188 morts in one week in August still certified?



Additional Case Information
FBI carried out follow-up report of increased mortality by business with 1000/20 (61,188 @ 0.07%)
Recent transfer of fish onto site from Inshore (F0220) 200,500 on 13/09/20 and 101,000 on 14/09/20
On days of transfer site temperature recorded as 17.2 °C and 17.4 °C respectively. Dissolved oxygen levels on site were normal.
On the 14th, fish transferred on 13th appeared lethargic and mortality began to increase. Water samples showed no significant pathogen levels. Examination of the fish, showed some minor gut pathology. A significant amount of vaccine was observed in the gut and increased levels of adhesion were also observed. No plankton was observed in the gut. No other pathology was observed.
Fish had recently been vaccinated at Inshore with PD7 and a Pasteurella atavus vaccine.
Significant water samples on 17th and 21st showed increasing levels of plankton with Adversaria sp and Cymbella/taenia identified - 25/m³ and 70/m³ respectively, however by this time mortality had reduced significantly.
Mortality affected only the newly introduced stock, with a loss of approximately 20%. The mortality is attributed to a stress event, primarily influenced by the transfer of the stock, high temperatures and increasing plankton at the site.
The following week each 1700/20 mortality fell to 0/2 across site. The two weeks before the mortality event, mortality was 11 and 35 across the site respectively.

Summary Information
1. Any recent increase or ongoing mortality? (last 6 weeks)
2. Any other information relevant to this case?
3. Any information relevant to other sites inspected?
4. Any information relevant to other businesses inspected?
5. Any information relevant to other sites inspected?
6. Any information relevant to other businesses inspected?

Site	Company Name	Country	Site Name	Inspector	Date
West Scotland	Caroline North	United Kingdom	Salmon Lake (Inshore)	Caroline North	2020-05-11
West Scotland	ALLSOP	Scotland	United Kingdom	Salmon Lake (Inshore)	2020-05-11
West Scotland	Caroline North	United Kingdom	Salmon Lake (Inshore)	Caroline North	2020-05-11
West Scotland	ALLSOP	Scotland	United Kingdom	Salmon Lake (Inshore)	2020-05-11
West Scotland	Caroline North	United Kingdom	Salmon Lake (Inshore)	Caroline North	2020-05-11
West Scotland	ALLSOP	Scotland	United Kingdom	Salmon Lake (Inshore)	2020-05-11

FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT
SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

Business No: F02119
Site No: F02119
Inspector: [Redacted]

Date of Case: 25/09/2020
Site Name: Glenfinnan
Case No: 20200303

Passive Surveillance Inspection
A notification of mortality levels above the reporting criteria was received by the Fish Health Inspectorate on 21/09/2020 for the period of 10/09/2020 to 16/09/2020.

1:55 PM · Dec 7, 2020

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77% of Scottish salmon farms fail to meet the ASC's standard for certification - that's almost four out of every five sea sites exceeding 10% mortality!
tinyurl.com/y2ongdll
ASC-certified Scottish salmon is dead in the water!
@ASC_aqua @Salmoskius @SSPOsays @ScotlandMowi



7:06 PM · Dec 7, 2020 · Twitter Web App

Delve deeper down into stinking cess-pit of RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified mass mortalities and it is enough to make you vomit and [swear never to eat Scottish salmon ever again](#):



If the video evidence is not enough to convince you then maybe the RSPCA and ASC should take a closer look at the [mortality data published by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate](#) which [reveals over 10 million mortalities at RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified Mowi since 2019](#) (data reported by Mowi itself and not even complete [due to lobbying from the industry that disclosure of mortality numbers would be commercially damaging](#)).

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Revealed: 10 Million Salmon Morts @MowiScotlandLtd Since 2019! @rspcaassured @ASC_aqua Served @sainsburys @Tesco @AldiUK @LidlGB & other green-washed retailers with a side order of infectious diseases, toxic chemicals & antibiotics @ScotlandSalmon tinyurl.com/2f6rh9kj



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11:24 AM · May 13, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Mowi's Ardintoul salmon farm - [accredited by the ASC on 20 April 2022](#) - has filed 35 'Mortality Event Reports' totally 568,886 dead salmon since March 2016 ([data up to early September 2022 as sourced from the Scottish Government](#)). 'Mortality Event Reports' reported by RSPCA Assured Mowi detail the use of antibiotics, toxic chemicals, infectious diseases and moribund fish at Ardintoul salmon farm:

Event #	Name	Site Name	Date	Mort %	Explained reasons	Mort #s	Action taken by FHI
MRT02910	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Ardintoul	05/04/2022	1.30	Gill Disease/Treatment Loss	8158	Site inspected 08/02/22 - no clinical signs of disease were observed so no samples were taken. FHI to monitor
MRT02848	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Ardintoul	16/02/2022	2.01	Complex gill diseases and SRS.	13441	Site was visited 08/02/2022. SRS confirmed on site and treated with antibiotics, now no longer detected in stock. H202 treatments were also carried out on site, but were aborted following increased mortalities. Moribund fish were examined during inspection but no clinical signs of disease were observed so no samples were taken. Mortalities reduced the following week. FHI to monitor.
MRT02846	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Ardintoul	15/02/2022	1.36	Complex gill disease issues ongoing on site causing significant mortality.	8934	Site was visited 08/02/2022. SRS confirmed on site and treated with antibiotics, now no longer detected in stock. H202 treatments were also carried out on site, but were aborted following increased mortalities. Moribund fish were examined during inspection but no clinical signs of disease were observed so no samples were taken. Mortalities have reduced from previous week. FHI to monitor.
MRT02834	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Ardintoul	04/02/2022	1.29	Complex gill diseases and SRS.	8857	Site to be visited w/b 07/02/22.
MRT02812	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Ardintoul	20/01/2022	2.78	Complex gill diseases and SRS.	20202	PSI conducted 06/01/2022. Fish are being treated with antibiotics. Reported mortality for wb 17/01/2022 so far is 1.04% FHI to visit site start of february.

When Scottish Salmon Watch visited [Mowi's disease-ridden salmon farm at Ardintoul](#) in Loch Alsh 'Special Area of Conservation' in November 2019 - following a tip-off from a whistleblower - we [discovered bins full of dead RSPCA Assured salmon](#).



Other RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon farms operated by Mowi have reported alarming levels of mass mortalities, use of antibiotics and infectious diseases. Here's recent 'Mortality Event Reports' [published by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate on 6 October 2022](#) ([Stulaigh was certified by the ASC in January 2021](#); [Rum was certified by the ASC in September 2021](#); [Lochalsh/Sron was certified by the ASC in March 2022](#); and [Seaforth is undergoing an initial ASC audit](#)):

Event #	Reporting Business	Site Name	Date reported	Mort %	Explained reasons	Mort #s	Additional information	Action taken by FHI
MRT02712	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Seaforth	16/12/2021	3.15	Pasteurella skyensis infection.	59962	Fish are being medicated with antibiotics.	Fish health reports received. In addition to pasteurella, fish are positive for AGD, yersinia, SAV/PDV, PMCV and SRS. Medicated feed administered since 10/12/2021. FHI to monitor.
MRT01739	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Stulaigh	10/08/2020	6.98	Harmful Algae Bloom and CMS	55,785	Aeration system in place.	PSI conducted 16/07/2020 (2020-0279). Gill issues common in current stock. Mortalities have since reduced, although were still above the reporting threshold (w/b 03/08/2020). FHI to monitor
MRT02447	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Rum	04/10/2021	6.22	Gill disease and microjellyfish bloom	52598		PSI case to be completed
MRT02784	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Seaforth	17/01/2022	2.95	Pasteurella skyensis infection.	50689	Fish are being medicated with antibiotics.	PSI conducted on 06/01/2022 - antibiotic treatment being implemented to treat P.skyensis. Mortality reduced in week following (10/01/2022), to 1.62%. FHI to contact company later in the week to assess situation.
MRT02456	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Rum	04/10/2021	7.02	Gill disease and microjellyfish	49282		Week to 1/10/21 reported to be 6.65% (5 day figure) PSI case to be completed
MRT02839	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Seaforth	04/02/2022	2.79	Mechanical treatment losses / Pasteurella skyensis infection	48880		Continuation of the issues that have affected the site since November 2021. P.skyensis and gill health issues the main cause. Antibiotics have been administered however mortalities remain high. Site to be inspected w/b 14/02/22. FHI to monitor.
MRT02728	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Seaforth	23/12/2021	2.53	Pasteurella skyensis infection.	46789	Fish are being medicated with antibiotics.	Antibiotics are having a positive affect, whilst numbers remain high this week, week 51 is reported to be 1.05% for the first three days, fhi to monitor.
MRT02751	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Seaforth	03/01/2022	2.51	Pasteurella skyensis infection.	45,244	Fish are being medicated with antibiotics.	On-going mortality event with a slight decrease to the previous week. Following week w/b 27/12 (full week) not officially reported yet the site further reduced to 1.48%. FHI to monitor further. PSI should be considered.
MRT02816	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Seaforth	20/01/2022	2.56	Pasteurella skyensis infection / Mechanical treatment losses	42645		PSI conducted on 06/01/2022 - antibiotic treatment being implemented to treat P.skyensis. Mortality reduced in week following (17/01/2022), to 1.62%. FHI to visit site w/b 31/01/2022
MRT02619	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Lochalsh (Sron)	19/11/2021	3.39	Jellyfish bloom and HSMI	23,459		Mortality has returned to below the reporting threshold in following week (0.39%). First mortality report this cycle. FHI to monitor.
MRT02707	Mowi Scotland Ltd	Lochalsh (Sron)	16/12/2021	3.50	Complex gill diseases and environmental gill damage.	22424		Fish health reports submitted. Site manager contacted this week for further information. Mortality expected to be above reporting threshold for week 50. FHI to follow up with site manager upon receipt of week 50 mortality notification.

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Other RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified Mowi salmon farms such as Greanem (Grey Horse Channel Outer) are [reporting mortality rates in excess of 50%](#) - with ASC-certified Ardintoul and ASC-certified Loch Alsh reporting 27% and 22% mortality respectively.



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REVEALED: Mortality rates at feedlots across Scotland are leaping like a lice-infested salmon - with a staggering 55.9% (i.e. more than half of the fish dying) [@MowiScotlandLtd](#) [@rspcaassured](#) [@ASC_aqua](#) Greanem in North Uist salmonscotland.co.uk/reports [@ScotlandSalmon](#) [@tavishscott](#)



Monthly Mortality Rate: June 2022

Company	Farm	Monthly mortality (%)	Notes	Cumulative mortality over full production cycle (%)
Mowi Scotland Limited	Greanem	5.2 (Farm followed in Jun.)	Gill health related	55.9
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Foraness	1.7 (Farm followed in Jun.)		38.9
Mowi Scotland Limited	Ardnish	0.1 (Farm followed in Jun.)		32.9
Bakkafrost Scotland	Portree	0.0 (Farm followed in Jun.)		30.6
Mowi Scotland Limited	Ardintoul	1.8 (Farm followed in Jun.)		27.1
Mowi Scotland Limited	Loch Alsh	8.8 (Farm followed in Jun.)	Gill health related	22.1
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Vidlin	0.6 (Farm followed in Jun.)		18.8
Bakkafrost Scotland	Scadabay	53.9	Gill health related	In production
Bakkafrost Scotland	Rebinish	11.2	Gill health related	In production
Bakkafrost Scotland	Eughlam	9.2	Viral disease, Gill health related	In production
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	Loch Crean (B)	8.8	Viral disease	In production

Hamish Macdonell and 8 others

7:56 AM · Aug 23, 2022 · Twitter Web App



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When [@marinescotland](#) inspected Mowi's Greanem (Grey Horse Channel Outer) feedlot in Oct 2021 there were over 1 million fish (1,025,000) but by May 2022 there were less than half a million (476,707)! How can [@rspcaassured](#) & [@ASC_aqua](#) condone such mortality? tinyurl.com/ezpash68



Tesco and 9 others

3:21 PM · Aug 23, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Lice infestation at Mowi's ASC-certified and RSPCA Assured Grey Horse Channel Outer (Greanem) salmon farm was the highest of any salmon farm in Scotland in 2022 ([according to data published online by the Scottish Government via Scotland's Aquaculture](#)):



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Latest lice data online via tinyurl.com/yckks2kr 2022 infestation levels headed by ASC-certified Mowi @ASC_aqua at Grey Horse Channel Outer (Greanem) where the toxic chemical Azamethiphos (Salmosan) is being used @rspcaassured How the hell can this be "responsibly farmed"?

FARM_NAME	BUSINESS_NAME	Date	Lice Average	MITIGATION	ADDITIONAL_INFORMATION
Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	21/03/2022	8.2	Bath	Treated with Salmosan – Extended FW treatment planned in week 14
Kyles Vula	The Scottish Salmon Company	03/01/2022	7.4	Physical	Hydrolicer weeks 1&2
North Shore	Mowi Scotland Ltd	31/01/2022	6.15	Harvesting	
Lochmaddy	Loch Duart Ltd	30/05/2022	5.9	Physical	Mechanical delicing to commence week 23.
Rebinish	The Scottish Salmon Company	25/07/2022	5.8	Bath	Harvesting to begin wk 32
North Shore	Mowi Scotland Ltd	24/01/2022	5.875	Harvesting	Treating/Harvest
Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	04/04/2022	5.65	Harvesting	Treating with Thermolicer and/or FW planned as weather permits
Badcall Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	14/02/2022	5.45	Harvesting	Physical treatment to begin as soon as weather allows
Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	14/02/2022	5.45	Bath	Salmosan treatments to progress as soon as weather allows.
Grey Horse Channel	Mowi Scotland Ltd	28/02/2022	5.41	Bath	Salmosan Treatment planned week 10
Calva Bay (Calbha Beag)	Loch Duart Ltd	13/06/2022	5.29	Cleanerfish	
North Shore	Mowi Scotland Ltd	17/01/2022	5.25	Harvesting	
Lochmaddy	Loch Duart Ltd	02/05/2022	5.22	Cleanerfish	Mechanical delicing system due to start operating wk 19.
Collafirth 3	SSF Shetland Ltd	24/01/2022	5.1	Harvesting	Hydrolicer week 5
Rebinish	The Scottish Salmon Company	06/06/2022	5.08	Bath	Bath (FW) treatments week 24
Graver	The Scottish Salmon Company	10/01/2022	5.05	Bath	FW treatment planned week 3/4 subject to weather
Grey Horse Channel Outer	Mowi Scotland Ltd	14/03/2022	5.01	Bath	Salmosan
Calva Bay (Calbha Beag)	Loch Duart Ltd	14/02/2022	5	Physical	Physical treatment to begin as soon as weather allows
Calva Bay (Calbha Beag)	Loch Duart Ltd	20/06/2022	4.93	Cleanerfish	
Bight of Foraness	SSF Shetland Ltd	21/03/2022	4.85	Bath	Freshwater treatments weeks 12 & 14.
Rebinish	The Scottish Salmon Company	01/08/2022	4.83	Harvesting	
Scotabay	The Scottish Salmon Company	25/07/2022	4.8	Harvesting	Freshwater treatments to begin wk 31
Calva Bay (Calbha Beag)	Loch Duart Ltd	21/02/2022	4.79	Physical	Mechanical delicing to begin as soon as weather allows
Caolas A Deas	Mowi Scotland Ltd	14/02/2022	4.76	Physical	Thermolicer
Badcall Bay	Loch Duart Ltd	21/02/2022	4.74	Harvesting	Mechanical delicing underway on site week 10.
Calva Bay (Calbha Beag)	Loch Duart Ltd	07/02/2022	4.65	Physical	Mechanical Delicing to begin as soon as weather allows
Poseidon	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	03/01/2022	4.65	Physical	Hydrolicer
Colonsay	Mowi Scotland Ltd	18/07/2022	4.64	Harvesting	
Vula Mor	The Scottish Salmon Company	24/01/2022	4.62	Harvesting	awaiting a suitable weather forecast to be able to safely get boats into the farm
Cole Deep	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	10/01/2022	4.51	Harvesting	Freshwater and hydrolicer treatments in week 3.
Calva Bay (Calbha Beag)	Loch Duart Ltd	18/07/2022	4.5	Harvesting	Freshwater treatment scheduled for wk 30.
Uyea Isle	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd	24/01/2022	4.47	Harvesting	Harvesting/Hydrolicer
Lochmaddy	Loch Duart Ltd	11/07/2022	4.46	Cleanerfish	Targeted Salmosan treatments scheduled for wk 28-29
Loch Duich	Mowi Scotland Ltd	11/04/2022	4.42	Cleanerfish	Treatment planned to commence 24.04.22

Sainsbury's and 9 others

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There has been increased public scrutiny on the credibility of RSPCA Assured salmon farms – and mortality rates in particular – since 2017 with the [publication of a damning report by Salmon & Trout Conservation](#) (since renamed WildFish):



Death rate at salmon farms doubles to 20m fish a year

Jerome Starkey, Countryside Correspondent

Friday July 07 2017, 12.01am, The Times



The Sunday Times [reported in July 2017](#):

The number of salmon dying on Scottish fish farms has doubled to 20 million a year because of parasites, diseases, and overcrowding in their cages, a campaign group claimed yesterday.

For every seven fish that reach supermarket shelves one will have died on the farm, according to research by the Salmon & Trout Conservation Trust, which questioned how farms could be endorsed by the RSPCA given the levels of mortality.

Andrew Graham-Stewart, director of the salmon trust, said that about 27 million fish had died on RSPCA Assured farms in the past two years and described the death rate as shocking.

John Avizienius, the RSPCA's salmon farming specialist, said: "Being a member of our scheme doesn't make your fish immune from diseases."



In August 2018, OneKind [published a damning report detailing welfare abuse on salmon farms in Scotland](#) – with RSPCA Assured salmon farming companies and RSPCA Assured salmon farms [heading the list of shame](#):

Fish farm companies ranked on animal welfare

Company	Number of fish farms	Negative welfare score
Loch Duart	10	4
<u>Marine Harvest</u>	37	3.1
The Scottish Salmon Company	41	2.5
Grieg Seafoods Shetland	18	2.3
Kames Fish Farming	1	2
Scottish Sea Farms	42	1.6
Cooke Aquaculture	33	1.3
Wester Ross Fisheries	3	0

Source: OneKind

The 12 fish farms rated the worst for animal welfare

Fish farm	Company	Negative welfare score
Poll na Gille, Argyll	Marine Harvest	11
MacLeans Nose, Kilchoan, Highland	Marine Harvest	9
Bagh dail nan Cean, Argyll	Marine Harvest	9
Vuiabeag, Isle of Lewis	The Scottish Salmon Company	9
Badcall Bay, Sutherland	Loch Duart	8
Loch Carnan, South Uist	Loch Duart	8
Inch Kenneth, Argyll	The Scottish Salmon Company	8
Basta Ness, Shetland	Cooke Aquaculture	6
Cloudin, Shetland	Cooke Aquaculture	6
North Havra, Shetland	Grieg Seafoods Shetland	6
Calva Bay, Sutherland	Loch Duart	6
Loch a Chairn Bhain, Highland	Loch Duart	6

Source: OneKind

The [OneKind report dated August 2018](#) named ASC-certified and RSPCA Assured MacLeans Nose salmon farm as the second worst for mortality in 2017:

Total mortality in 2017 is estimated to be over 11 million individual salmon. There were 68 incidents of monthly mortality rates of $\geq 10\%$ of biomass on site. The farm that documented the most incidents of monthly mortality of $\geq 10\%$ in 2017 was Bagh Clann Neill (Grimsay), operated by The Scottish Salmon Company, with 6 months having mortality that was $\geq 10\%$ biomass on site. This is closely followed by MacLean's Nose, operated by Marine Harvest, with 5 months of mortality of $\geq 10\%$ (Figure 2).

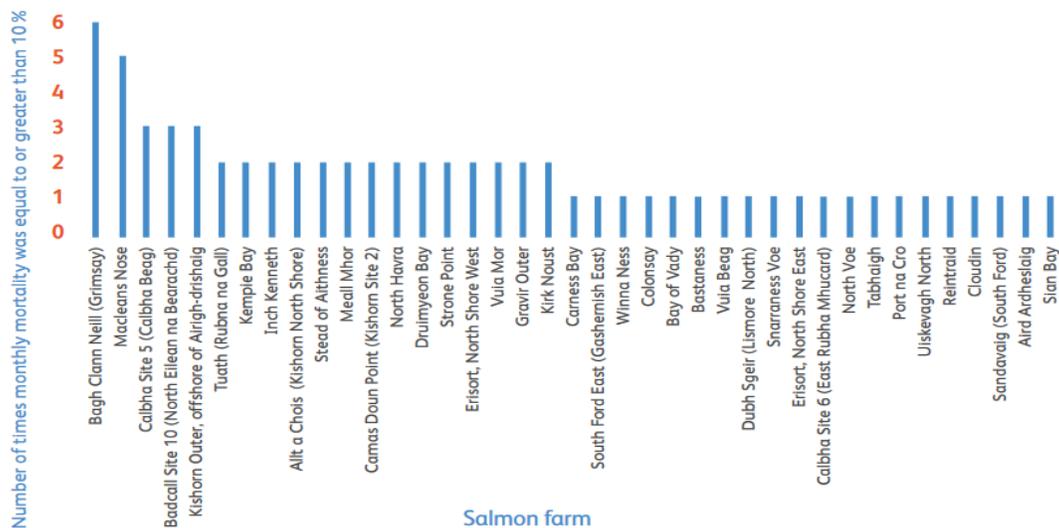


Figure 2. Salmon farms with the greatest number of instances of monthly mortality of $\geq 10\%$ of biomass on site.

The salmon farm league table

Site	Company	Mortality score	Escape score	Biomass score	Seal score	Sea lice score	Total welfare score
Poll na Gille	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd.	0	3	3	3	2	11
MacLeans Nose	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd.	3	3	0	3	0	9
Bagh Dail nan Ceann	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd.	0	0	3	3	3	9
Vuiabeag	The Scottish Salmon Company	3	3	0	3	0	9
Badcall Bay	Loch Duart Ltd.	3	0	0	3	2	8
Loch Carnan	Loch Duart Ltd.	3	0	0	3	2	8
Inch Kenneth	The Scottish Salmon Company	3	0	0	3	2	8
Bastaness	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd.	3	0	0	0	3	6
Cloudin	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd.	3	0	0	0	3	6
North Havra	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd.	3	0	0	0	3	6
Calva Bay	Loch Duart Ltd.	3	0	0	3	0	6
Loch a Chairn Bhain	Loch Duart Ltd.	3	0	0	3	0	6
Colonsay	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd.	3	3	0	0	0	6
Eilean Grianain	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd.	0	0	0	3	3	6
Cairidh	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd.	0	0	0	3	3	6

Secret filming inside salmon farms since 2018 has [lifted the lid further on the welfare nightmare of salmon farming](#) (including mass mortalities of cleaner fish).



In February 2022, [Scamon Scotland](#) lifted the lid on mass mortalities of cleaner fish via 'Case Information' sourced from the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate – with RSPCA Assured Mowi leading the way in terms of welfare abuse:

Scamon Scotland's [letter to Scottish Ministers dated 1 February 2022](#) cites 'Case Information' published by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate relating to 38 inspections of salmon farms in Scotland during 2021 – including 333,519 cleaner fish mortalities (both wrasse and lumpfish). Mowi's North Shore salmon farm in Loch Erisort reported the highest mortality rate at 49% with 117,414 dead cleaner fish:

Cleaner fish 'Case Information' published by the Fish Health Inspectorate in 2021								
Date	Company	Site	Species	# on site	Mort #	% Mortality	% stocking	Details recorded by FHI 'Case Information'
Oct	Scottish Sea Farms	Toyness	Wrasse	5,953	5,765	47	6	First cycle of stocking wild caught wrasse (12,187 input in Sept 2021)
Oct	Mowi	North Shore	Both	149,728	117,414	49	46	234,028 lumpfish from Ocean Matters in Wales & 63,668 wild wrasse
Oct	Mowi	Tabhaigh	Both	67,650			12	Farmed lumpfish and wild caught wrasse on site
Oct	The Scottish Salmon Co	Drumyeon Bay	Lumpfish	50,000			14	Lumpfish on site from Ocean Matters
Oct	The Scottish Salmon Co	Portree	Lumpfish	90,980		12.4		Lumpfish (Ocean Matters) morts "attributed to general background losses"
Oct	The Scottish Salmon Co	East Tarbert Bay	Lumpfish	70,000			17	Lumpfish from Ocean Matters & Otter Ferry
Oct	Scottish Sea Farms	Westerbister						"Site to stock wrasse (local wild caught from Orkney) to help combat rising sea lice levels"
Sept	Mowi	Caolas a Deas	Both	90,720	53,596		100	Morts in lumpfish due to sea lice treatment (freshwater) & Tenacibaculum
Sept	Scottish Sea Farms	Scallastle Bay	Wrasse	16,705			3	Ballan wrasse caught from the wild, hoping to get lumpfish
Aug	Mowi	Invasion Bay	Both	135,046	4,971		24	Lumpfish morts due to "emancipation", Pseudomonas, wounds & fin damage
Aug	Mowi	Camas Glas	Both	79,506	16,323		12	Morts due to decomposition, wounds, fin damage & culling
July	The Scottish Salmon Co	West Strone	Lumpfish	61,013			12	Lumpfish from Otter Ferry & Swansea University
July	Mowi	Ardintoul	Lumpfish	216,733	48,499	22.3	12	Florfenicol (antibiotic) treatment for Pseudomonas infection in lumpfish
July	Mowi	Duch	Both	48,409	27,000	37	7	Lumpfish morts "attributed to a Flavivirus infection that was transferred from the supplier" (Ocean Matters); wild caught wrasse from Skye & Weymouth
July	The Scottish Salmon Co	Sgian Dubh	Wrasse	27,000			3	Wild wrasse
June	Mowi	Omish Island	Lumpfish	19,072	2,612	5.13	5	Lumpfish came from Ocean Matters in May 2021
June	Loch Duart	Calva Bay	Wrasse	1,400			0.3	
June	The Scottish Salmon	Gometra	Both	37,121	43,945		11	Issues with "black loss" (less fish retrieved at end of cycle than expected) "Mortality is not being identified when cleaner fish stick to sides of pen and don't end up in mort basket before rotting away"

June	The Scottish Salmon	Geasgill	Lumpfish	90,711	1,414		12	"Black loss" with cleaner fish described as "most vulnerable to bad weather"
June	The Scottish Salmon	Vua Mor	Lumpfish	51,749			11	
June	The Scottish Salmon	Kyles of Vua	Lumpfish	46,838			9	
June	The Scottish Salmon	Gravir	Both	66,294			8	Morts "above expected since input"; "company not 100% sure of the cause"
June	Scottish Sea Farms	Fada	Wrasse					"Wrasse brought over from Ireland during last cycle"
June	The Scottish Salmon	Taranash	Both					"Locally caught wrasse later in the summer & lumpfish in the autumn/winter"
June	Scottish Sea Farms	Nevis A	Both	45,900	2,353		31	"Elevated mortalities .related to treatments & some higher sea temperatures"
June	Scottish Sea Farms	Nevis C	Both	7,732	2,632		12	Lumpfish "imported from Ireland for this cycle (2020), not planning to do this in the future"; Morts due to increased water temperatures
May	The Scottish Salmon	Drumyeon Bay	Lumpfish	65,611	1,340		2	
May	The Scottish Salmon	East Tarbert Bay	Lumpfish	88,114	2,061		11	0.88% weekly mortality of lumpfish in Week 19 of 2021
May	Mowi	Poll na Gille	Both	79,612		30 & 13	13	Wild wrasse "caught around Mull, Loch Melfort & some were imported from Ireland (not since last inspection)"; 30% lumpfish & 13% wrasse mortality
May	Mowi	Bagh Dail Nan Ceann	Both	170,833		4.4 & 1.2	43	"Very few wrasse observed"; 4.4% lumpfish & 1.2% wrasse mortality
May	Kames Fish Farming	SW Shuna	Lumpfish	88,000		7.2	16	Lumpfish (from Otter Ferry) mortality "attributed to handling"
May	Mowi	Harport	Both	34,463			13	Farmed & wild Ballan wrasse, wild Corkwing wrasse & lumpfish; "Cages stocked with wild wrasse reported to have had fewer sea lice interventions"
May	Mowi	Scalpay	Both	54,000			13	

Secret filming [inside salmon cages owned by RSPCA Mowi at 'Bay of the Dead Heads' \(Bagh Dail Nan Ceann\) in the Sound of Jura in July 2019](#) led to the Animal and Plant Health Agency warning Mowi for breaches of welfare laws in relation to cleaner fish:



The Sunday National/Ferret [reported in November 2019](#):



Here is the [letter from APHA to RSPCA Assured Mowi in September 2019](#) (obtained via FOI):



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16 September 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Failure to Comply with Welfare Legislation

Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

Following my visit on 2/08/19 to inspect your livestock at Marine Fin Fish farm (Atlantic Salmon) FFMC54 BDNC- Bagh Dail nan Ceann (Bay of the Dead Heads) in the Sound of Jura, in the presence of [REDACTED] (site Manager), [REDACTED] (Mowi's Area Manager), [REDACTED] (APHA VA) and [REDACTED] (FHI Marine Scotland), I must advise you that I found the following non-compliances with current welfare legislation.

Mortality in lumpfish has been a known ongoing issue, affecting the 80% of the lumpfish stocked during this production cycle at the above fish site under your responsibility.

On the day of the visit at the site (02/08/19), data provided by your staff regarding your investigation of mortality and consequential actions was not satisfactory. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Seeking for a health plan for lumpfish at the site at the time of the visit and further clarification regarding the health management for the investigated period, a second meeting as part of the investigation took place at APHA Perth office on Tuesday 13/08/19 with yourself, [REDACTED] (Lead Vet) and [REDACTED] (Health Manager).

During this meeting, evidence were provided of investigations and actions taken to try and minimise an increasing mortality trend in lumpfish from May 2019 until the treatment provided in between 01/07/19 to 03/07/19. After this day, there is little evidence of actions taken whilst the mortality in lumpfish continued to increase.

During the meeting on the 13/08/2019 you confirmed that a decision to humanely cull the remaining lumpfish had be taken the day before and had already started.

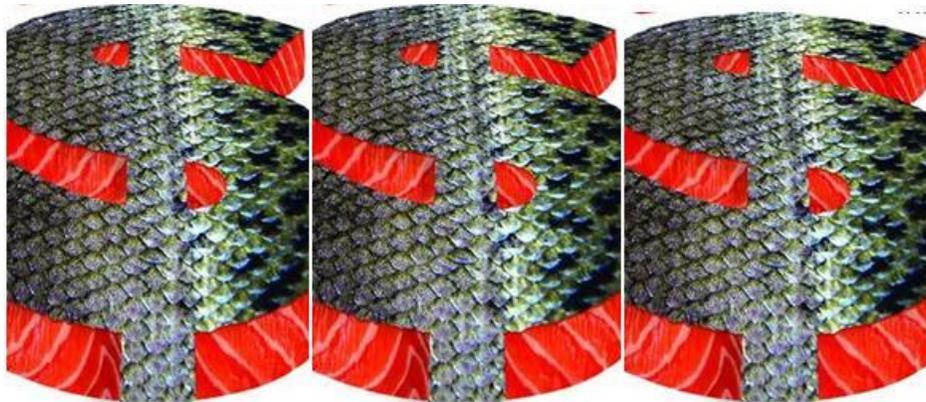
You have not been able to show that adequate actions were taken in the period between the 10/07/19 to the 12/08/19 in order to promote the welfare of the lumpfish under your responsibility. Not taking effective decision at earlier date has prolonged the period while the lumpfish still at the site have been in need to be protected from suffering and disease.

This is a failing to comply with the Animal and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, Part 2-24 (1) and 3(e) that states that:

"a person commits an offence if the person do not take such steps as are reasonable in the circumstances to ensure that the needs of an animal for which the person is responsible are met to the extent required by good practice";

An animal's needs include *"its need to be protected from suffering, injury and disease."*

In view of such unnecessary suffering and breach of welfare laws, why did [RSPCA Assured](#) not withdraw certification? Or did the RSPCA take action against Mowi but failed to inform the public?



Scamon Scotland understands that RSPCA Assured [warned Scottish Sea Farms for failing to report the use of toxic chemicals in breach of SEPA's regulations and the RSPCA's welfare standards](#). The Ferret [reported in December 2021](#):

The company that supplies Scottish farmed salmon to the retail giant, Marks and Spencer (M&S), has been officially reprimanded for misreporting toxic pesticide use at 25 fish farms over three years.

Documents seen by The Ferret reveal that [Scottish Sea Farms](#) was sent two final warning letters by the [Scottish Environment Protection Agency \(Sepa\)](#) in February 2020 for under-reporting, or failing to report, the use of chemicals to kill the lice that can plague caged salmon.

Sepa accused the company of supplying information that "was not true and accurate" in 2015, 2016 and 2017. This was a "serious matter", Sepa said, and any further breaches could result in prosecution.

The reprimand from Sepa led to the [Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \(RSPCA\)](#) also sending [Scottish Sea Farms](#) a formal warning letter in October 2021. The charity was "extremely concerned" and said the company had breached its membership agreement with the [RSPCA Assured](#) fish welfare certification scheme.

To which level do mass mortalities have to rise before being in breach of RSPCA Assured's 'membership agreement'?



From the [photographic evidence sourced from inspections carried out by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate](#) it would seem painfully clear that [RSPCA Assured salmon farms are systematically breaching welfare laws](#).



Don Staniford
@TheGAAIA

Edie Bowles @Animallawyersuk said the dossier, compiled by Don Staniford, a critic of salmon farming, indicated "systemic and obvious" pain & suffering that could justify legal action against @scotgov @MairiGougeon @SSPOsays tinyurl.com/yxy775wp @SundayTimesScot @ciwf @scotgp



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Scientist hits out at RSPCA for backing salmon farms

Mark Macaskill

A scientist who claims farmed salmon in Scotland endure "heavy-duty suffering" has questioned one of Britain's largest animal charities for its support of the £2bn industry.

Dr Lynne Sneddon, director of bioveterinary science at Liverpool University, said evidence that intensive farming can harm fish raised questions for Scottish aquaculture.

She described the suffering as unacceptable and challenged the RSPCA for endorsing 150 farms as ethical food producers amid research that suggests a popular lice treatment can cause pain.

Sneddon spoke out after examining a dossier of photographs, including some released by the Scottish government, of farmed fish covered in lesions, ulcers and open wounds.

"These fish are obviously



Marine Harvest's salmon farm off the Isle of Muck. The industry is worth £2bn a year to Scotland
JAMES GLOSSOP

damaged, so they will be in pain. If you walked past a field and saw a sheep or a cow with a massive patch of skin missing, there would be a public uproar. But because salmon are farmed under the water, all of this is hidden," said Sneddon.

"I think really that these fish should not be allowed to live in

this kind of state . . . and I would say this is totally unacceptable."

Edie Bowles, a solicitor with Surrey law firm Advocates for Animals, said the dossier, compiled by

Don Staniford, a critic of salmon farming, indicated "systemic and obvious" pain and suffering that could justify

legal action against the Scottish government for breaches of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006. "It appears that there is a strong legal case to answer," she said.

Sneddon, who studied at Glasgow University and the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, said the skin of fish is covered in nociceptive nerves that detect potentially painful stimuli. It suggests that being infested with sea lice, or being pumped through a Thermolicer — a machine widely used by Scottish fish farmers that heats water to kill the parasites — is likely to inflict pain.

In December, a study published in Veterinary and Animal Science monitored the response of fish to temperatures of 28C and above, and observed "instant behavioural responses indicative of nociception or pain".

In 2018, Kristin Ottesen of Norwegian firm HaVet linked head injuries in fish with being exposed to heated water for 30 seconds.

Sneddon said the empirical evidence strongly suggested that thermolicers "should not be used".

Criticism of the ASC – [dubbed ‘The Abominable Salmon Council’](#) – has been less than the RSPCA but in view of the recent wave of salmon feedlots in Scotland certified as “farmed responsibly” the ASC is attracting increasing scrutiny. Scottish Salmon Watch [reported in July 2019 that only one salmon farm in Scotland \(Mowi’s Loch Leven\) was certified by the ASC out of 282 salmon farms worldwide](#). Now – as of 13 October 2022 – [there are 27 salmon farms certified by the ASC in Scotland](#):

Found 27 matching certificates

Company Name	ASC Certificate Number	Cab Certificate ID	Farm (UoC)	Country/Territory	Species	Status	Certified Until	Public Consultation Until
Mowi Scotland	ASC00158	ASC-F-0007	Linnhe Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-01-13	
Mowi Scotland	ASC00123	ASC-F-0091	Arkaig	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2023-09-22	
Mowi Scotland	ASC00141	ASC-F-0080	Glenfinnan	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2023-05-11	
Mowi Scotland	ASC00161	ASC-F-0002	Loch Leven Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-07-13	
Mowi Scotland	ASC00163	ASC-F-0081	Lochy	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2023-05-11	

<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC00164</u>	<u>ASC-F-0097</u>	Marulaig Bay	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-01-13
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC00190</u>	<u>ASC-F-0096</u>	Stulaigh	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-01-13
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01416</u>	<u>ASC-F-0098</u>	Gorsten	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-01-13
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01454</u>	<u>ASC-F-0101</u>	Loch Ness	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-03-02
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01453</u>	<u>ASC-F-0100</u>	Loch Garry	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-03-02
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01578</u>	<u>ASC-F-0110</u>	Rum	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-09-19
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01727</u>	<u>ASC-F-0114</u>	Invasion Bay	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-12-21
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01728</u>	<u>ASC-F-0112</u>	Maclean's Nose	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-12-15
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01726</u>	<u>ASC-F-0128</u>	Camas Glas	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-05-25
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01522</u>	<u>ASC-F-0105</u>	Harport	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2024-04-27
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01769</u>		Caolas a Deas East	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-05-10
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01770</u>	<u>ASC-F-0129</u>	Caolas a Deas West	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-05-10
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01771</u>	<u>ASC-F-0125</u>	Groatay	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-04-07
<u>Mowi</u> <u>Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01790</u>	<u>ASC-F-0123</u>	Grey Horse Channel	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-04-07

<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	ASC01791	ASC-F-0124	Greanem	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-04-07
<u>Scottish Sea Farms</u>	ASC01878	ASC-F-0127	Summer Isles	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-05-17
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	ASC00162	ASC-F-0116	Lochalsh Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-03-27
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	ASC00122	ASC-F-126	Ardintoul Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-04-19
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	ASC00133	ASC-F-0118	Duich Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-03-27
<u>Scottish Sea Farms</u>	ASC01935	ASC-F-0143	Lober Rock	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-09-04
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	ASC01965	ASC-F-0137	Colonsay Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-07-17
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	ASC01982	ASC-F-0145	Carradale Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certified	2025-09-08

In addition to the 27 salmon farms already certified by the ASC there are:

Company Name	ASC Certificate Number	Cab Certificate ID	Farm (UoC)	Country/Territory	Species	Status	Certified Until	Public Consultation Until
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	ASC00127		Carradale North	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Cancelled		

Company Name	ASC Certificate Number	Cab Certificate ID	Farm (UoC)	Country/Territory	Species	Status	Certified Until	Public Consultation Until
<u>Scottish Sea Farms</u>	ASC01754		Westerbister	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certification not awarded		
<u>Scottish Sea Farms</u>	ASC01753		Toyness	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Certification not awarded		

And a further 14 salmon farms undergoing an initial audit:

Company Name	ASC Certificate Number	Cab Certificate ID	Farm (UoC)	Country/Territory	Species	Status	Certified Until	Public Consultation Until
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01478</u>		Cairidh	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01479</u>		Maol Ban	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01480</u>		Sconser Quarry Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01963</u>		Noster Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01964</u>		Seaforth Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC00167</u>		Muck Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC01983</u>		An Camus Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Scottish Sea Farms</u> Number of Sites: 3	<u>ASC01990</u>		Nevis	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC02026</u>		Torridon Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC02055</u>		Scalpay Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Mowi Scotland</u>	<u>ASC02063</u>		Ornish Fish Farm	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Bakkafrost Scotland</u>	<u>ASC02066</u>		Glenan Bay	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Bakkafrost Scotland</u>	<u>ASC02067</u>		Gob a Bharra	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		
<u>Bakkafrost Scotland</u>	<u>ASC02068</u>		Sgeir Dughall	United Kingdom	Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)	Initial Audit		

Fish Farmer [reported in July 2022](#):

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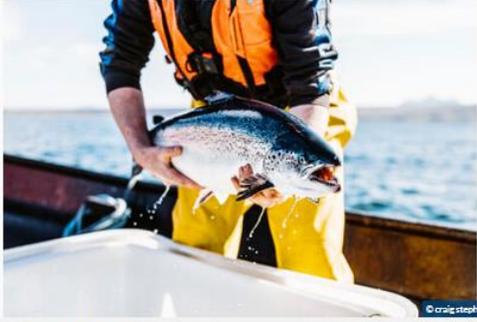
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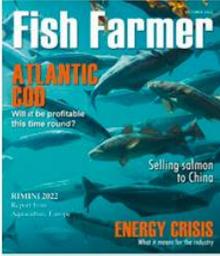
Summer Isles, Scottish Sea Farms

The certification scheme operated by the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) is one of the most widely used and recognised in the seafood sector.

So far in Scotland, 22 salmon farms are ASC-certified, representing 10% of the industry.

Mowi was the first to be ASC-certified, in 2015, and Scottish Sea Farms announced its first ASC-certified farms in May 2022.

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The trade press has been more coy in failing to report how [some salmon farms have had their ASC certification cancelled](#).

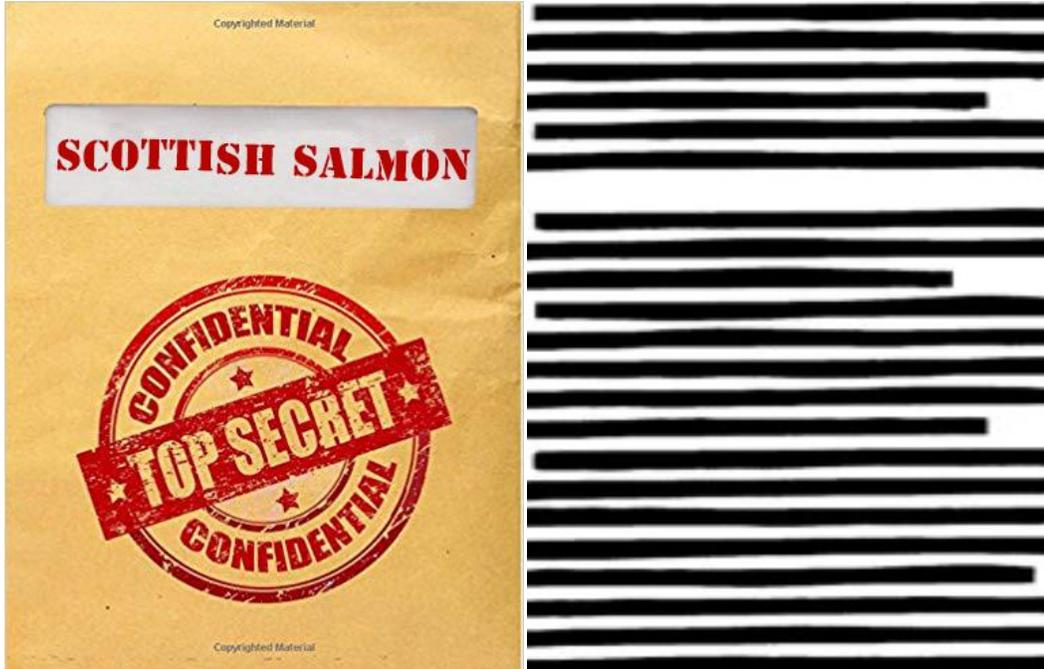
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Certification of @MowiScotlandLtd salmon farms has been cancelled @ASC_aqua "Carradale was cancelled due to an escape event; Cairidh due to administrative reasons; Maol Ban & Sconser Quarry because they were projected to exceed the permitted antibiotic treatments number"



10:52 AM · Jan 6, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Contrasted with the ASC's transparency in [publishing a public register](#), here's a current list of all RSPCA Assured salmon farms (as NOT provided by the [RSPCA's executive team](#), [RSPCA's board of trustees](#) or the [RSPCA's patrons, vice-presidents and celebrity supporters](#)):



Why is the RSPCA so reluctant to name which salmon farms are certified via RSPCA Assured? Surely the public has a right to know the full extent of the [RSPCA's industry capture, co-option and corruption](#)?



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Meet the 'independent' team of RSPCA inspectors monitoring salmon farms in Scotland for welfare abuse - headed by a former salmon farm manager
[@MowiScotlandLtd](#) tinyurl.com/93uzxnau
[@rspcaassured](#) [@RSPCA_official](#) [@RSPCAChris](#)
[@RSPCA_PATeam](#) [@ChrisGPackham](#) [@BillOddie](#)
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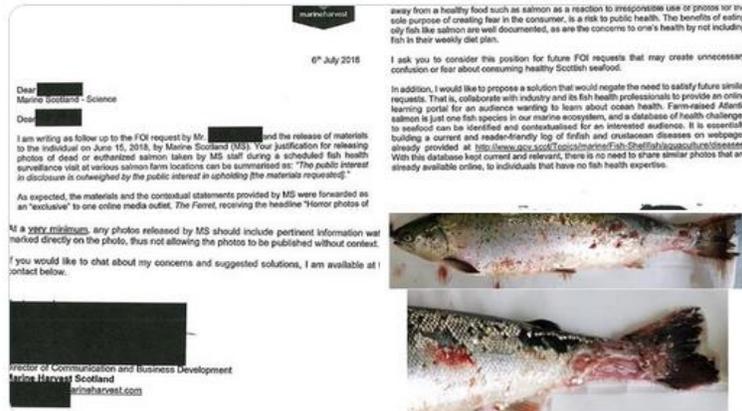
Caroline Lucas and 7 others

7:15 PM · Jul 29, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Instead of [raking in millions of pounds in \\$almoney](#) and [branding the publication of photos of disease-ridden as “irresponsible”](#) (as [RSPCA Assured Mowi has claimed](#)), surely RSPCA Assured and the ASC should brand Scottish salmon as ‘irresponsibly sourced’?



Mowi: "the risk of people turning away from a healthy food such as salmon as a reaction to irresponsible use of photos for the sole purpose of creating fear in the consumer, is a risk to public health" tinyurl.com/y6xtwmza @MowiScotlandLtd @marinescotland @FergusEwingMSP



2:01 PM · Oct 24, 2019

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In 2018, lawyers representing fish farms tried to stop publication of photos of [@rspcaassured](#) salmon arguing disclosure would cause "reputational damage" [@scotseafarms](#) [@MowiScotlandLtd](#) [@ScotlandSalmon](#) [@Folketrygdfoed](#) [@LeroySeafood](#)
Thankfully [@scotgov](#) told the \$almafia to fish off!



Despite [Mowi's appalling track record](#), supermarkets such as Sainsbury's market Mowi's salmon farms in Loch Alsh as "responsibly sourced" (a [deceptive claim that Scamon Scotland has filed complaints against in November 2021](#) and [May 2022](#)):



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Complaint filed [@asa_uk](#) Vs [@sainsburys](#) for deceptive advertising of "responsibly sourced" Scottish salmon [@ASC_aqua](#) [@rspcaassured](#)
"Sainsbury's is clearly guilty of deceptive advertising and should be forced to remove all adverts" writes Scamon Scotland tinyurl.com/344svj2t



Mairi Gougeon and 9 others

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Breaking News: Norwegian giant Mowi and the Aquaculture Stewardship Council share the shameful 'Greenwasher of the Year' award at this year's Scamons!

tinyurl.com/2r8b2ue4 @MowiScotlandLtd @ASC_aqua @aquacultureuk @sainsburys @Tesco



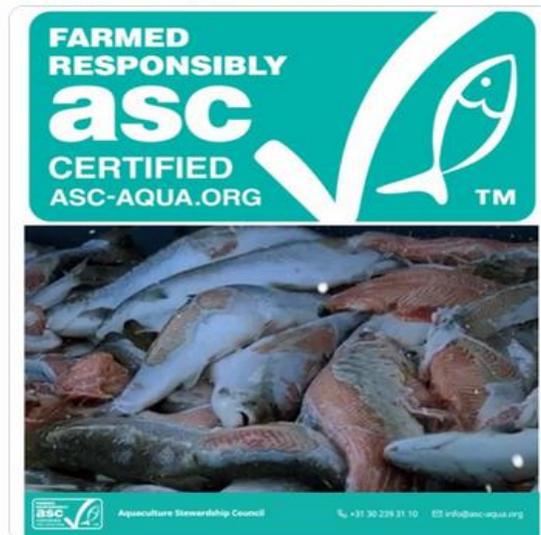
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Scottish Salmon Watch [reported in December 2021](#):

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Exposed: Certification of 'responsibly' farmed @MowiScotlandLtd via the Aquaculture Stewardship Council @ASC_aqua permits mortality rates at salmon farms in excess of 36% (not to mention the use of cancer-causing chemicals & antibiotics)! tinyurl.com/2p8amx68 @rspcaassured



Hamish Macdonell and 5 others

1:14 PM - Dec 13, 2021 - Twitter Web App

The fact is that the ASC – and RSPCA Assured - have shamelessly watered down standards to accommodate disease-ridden salmon farming.



As I [reported back in April 2012](#):

Hank Cauley, currently serving on the [ASC Supervisory Board](#), let the disease-ridden farmed salmon slip out of the bag in 2010 when he advised [Pew Environment Group](#) (where he works as a '[Senior Officer](#)')

From: [Hank Cauley](#)
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 6:04 AM
To: [Don Staniford](#): *PCT-Aquaculture Group
Subject: RE: ASC "presents visual identity at Brussels Seafood Expo"

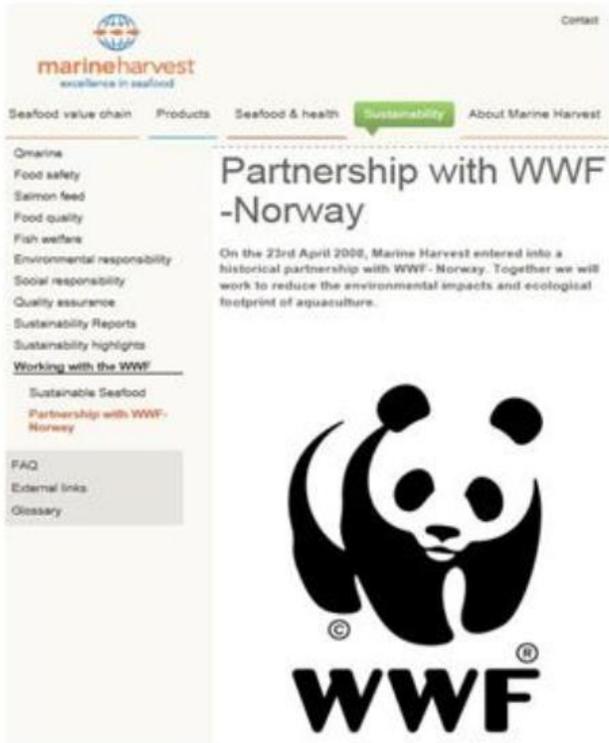
On salmon, yes, salmon and its certification under the ASC is immensely important as, ultimately, 5-7 years out, a slight majority of its label royalty stream will come from the certification of salmon. This is why getting the SAD [stds](#) in place on a timely basis is so important. Without salmon [stds](#), the ASC won't make it unless foundations are willing to foot the bill for a long time and that increasingly looks unrealistic.

[Hank Cauley](#)

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In another email sent to the Pew Environment Group in April 2010, the ASC board member admitted that: "if you want to have a certification program for aquaculture then salmon is key." In January 2009 he further suggested that: "it's smoke and mirrors if it doesn't make sense economically."

How the ASC was spawned a decade ago via a devilish deal involving WWF and Marine Harvest (renamed Mowi in 2019 after their CEO admitted there was “negative consumer perception” in the name Marine Harvest) is a story of corporate greed and greenwashing.



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Stop the Certification of Farmed Salmon as "Sustainable" and "Responsible"



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Thankfully, [secret filming inside salmon farms by Compassion in World Farming in late 2020](#) served to ground-truth the [greenwashing](#) and [welfare-washing](#) of Scottish salmon and alerted the wider public to the [ugly face of this environmentally bankrupt and morally repugnant industry](#).

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Compassion in World Farming has released video and photos claiming to show the salmon farming industry causing “silent suffering” in “cruel underwater factory farms” across Scotland.



theferret.scot
Suffering 'endemic' at Scottish salmon farms
Salmon suffering at Scottish fish farms is “endemic” and in breach of animal cruelty law, according to an undercover investigation ...

12:22 PM · Mar 23, 2021 

 **Salmon farming in Scotland: Compassi...**  Producers: Scottish Fish Farms
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Watch on  **hundreds of flesh missing**

The role of the RSPCA – via RSPCA Assured – in supporting systemic welfare abuse in return for commercial gain is a [nauseating tale which still needs to be fully reported](#).



"Almost all salmon farms in Scotland are members of the RSPCA assurance scheme & are regularly inspected to check compliance" claims [@GreenerScotland](#) tinyurl.com/5ym5kc87
Yet [@rspcaassured](#) suspended on-site salmon farm inspections in March 2020!
tinyurl.com/5x8t3y5m



Marine Scotland and 6 others

2:17 PM · Mar 23, 2021 · Twitter Web App



RSPCA suspend salmon farm in-person inspections in favour of WhatsApp, Google Meet & Google Hangout! tinyurl.com/y96aemap [@rspcaassured](#) [@RSPCAChris](#) [@RachRSPCA](#) [@RSPCA_Frontline](#) "Contactless assessments" by mutual agreement on 1 June. "Physical visits are not mandatory"



Mowi Scotland Limited and 7 others

10:37 AM · May 30, 2020 · Twitter Web App



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Picture Exclusive: leaked photos from the 'independent' inspection team charged by the RSPCA (who receive over £500K per year from the salmon farming industry & employ an ex-Mowi manager on staff) with checking for welfare abuse at Mowi salmon farms [@RSPCAChris](#) [@RSPCA_PATeam](#) ££££



6:58 PM · Jul 29, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Scottish Salmon Watch [reported in April 2021](#):

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Whitewashing Welfare Abuse of Scottish Salmon!
Read the inside story - sourced via FOI - into how
[@APHAgovuk](#) 'inspect' millions of farmed fish & turn a
blind eye to welfare abuse [@SSPOsays](#) [@scotseafarms](#)
[@kamesfishfarm](#) [@rspcaassured](#) [@marksandspencer](#)
tinyurl.com/ufm6jbbf



 Mowi Scotland and 9 others

6:38 AM · Apr 15, 2021 · Twitter Web App

In April 2021, Scottish Salmon Watch [wrote to the Secretary of State raising the issue of welfare abuse inside RSPCA Assured salmon farms in Scotland](#).

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Revealed: Salmon farmers tipped off BEFORE
'inspections' by welfare agency [@APHAgovuk](#)
[@DefraGovUK](#) [@rspcaassured](#) [@GreenerScotland](#)
[@FergusEwingSNP](#) [@BenMacpherson](#) [@scotgp](#)
[@kamesfishfarm](#) [@obantimes](#) [@ProfCMDwyer](#)
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 Kirsteen Campbell and 8 others

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Uncovered: How 'inspectors' whitewash away welfare abuse on salmon farms tinyurl.com/ufm6jbbf
Freedom of Information exposes how systemic failures @APHAgovuk allow salmon farms to slip through the inspection net @DefraGovUK @marinescotland @GreenerScotland @rspcaassured



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Compassion in World Farming investigated 22 salmon farms in four months between September & December 2020 using cameras, drones & divers. APHA 'inspected' 22 salmon farms in six years (2014 to 2019)! How many did @rspcaassured inspect? tinyurl.com/ufm6jbbf @media_ciwf



Compassion in World Farming and 7 others

2:18 PM · Apr 20, 2021 · Twitter Web App

In May 2021, Scottish Salmon Watch [exposed how the RSPCA's salmon standards have allowed the mass murder of millions of RSPCA Assured Scottish salmon.](#)

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RSPCA Sponsored Welfare Abuse of Salmon Farms - A Guide to Getting Away with Mass Murder (Theriacide) tinyurl.com/93uzxnau @rspcaassured @RSPCAChris @CliveBrazier @RSPCA_official @RSPCA_PATeam @RachRSPCA @ChrisGPackham @onekindtweet @ciwf @Animallawyersuk @LynneUSneddon #RSPCA



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Please open your eyes to the horrors of RSPCA Assured Scottish salmon! tinyurl.com/93uzxnau @rspcaassured @RSPCAChris @ChrisGPackham @onekindtweet @ciwf @Animallawyersuk @philip_ciwf @HSIGlobal @PETAUK @SSPCA_Kirsteen @sainsburys @marksandspencer @Tesco @asda @LidlGB @AldiUK



4:14 PM · May 19, 2021

How many more millions RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified Scottish salmon need to die before the [welfare nightmare of salmon farming in Scotland](#) is over? How many more [gruesome photos need to be published](#) before the RSPCA and the ASC take action? How many more time do activists need to [covertly film inside salmon farms to gather evidence of welfare breaches](#)?



Scottish Salmon Watch [filmed inside RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Spelve in May 2021](#) – [triggering an inspection by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate which reported welfare abuse and infectious diseases, viruses and pathogens including deadly Infectious Salmon Anaemia.](#)





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Infectious Salmon Anaemia comes back to haunt Scottish salmon - positive test reported by @marinescotland @rspcaassured @scotseafarms on Isle of Mull. Buy your fresh virus-laden Scottish salmon @marksandspencer - how many more farms are infected? @MowiScotlandLtd @salmon_scottish



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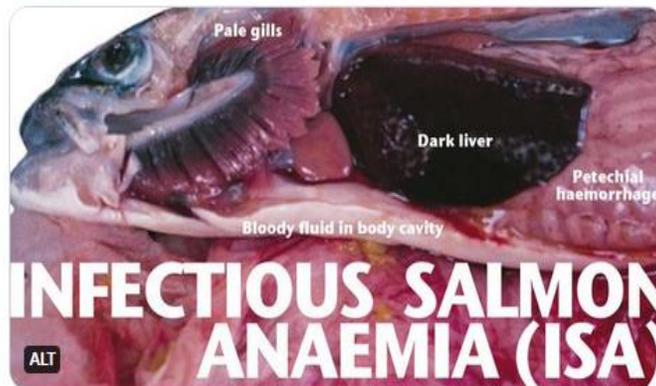
In January 2022, [Infectious Salmon Anaemia](#) was reported at the Landcatch (Hendrix Genetics) hatchery at Ormsary in Argyll.



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Infectious Salmon Anaemia Reported at Landcatch's Ormsary Hatchery in November – was ISA imported via infected salmon eggs (ova) from Iceland?
@WeAreBenchmark @HGSalmonUK @BetterBreeding @marinescotland @ScotlandSalmon @obantimes @argyllshiread @salmon_scottish @LochDuartSalmon



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10:53 AM · Jan 10, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Last month (28 September 2022), \$camon \$cotland published photos from [Hendrix/Landcatch's Ormsary Broodstock Unit](#) - sourced from a [Fish Health Inspectorate visit conducted in November 2021](#) (a [positive case of Infectious Salmon Anaemia was reported](#) along with Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis, epitheliocystis and amoebic gill disease):

Virology: Tissue samples were tested for segments of nucleic acid indicative of the presence of the pathogens specified below using real-time PCR (qPCR).

Infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV)

Pool Number	Endogenous control Cp value	Cp Values			Reported Result (PCR)
P1	19.69	34.72	35.59	36.26	POSITIVE

Infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAV)

Pool Number	Endogenous control Cp value	Cp Values			Reported Result (PCR)
P1	19.69	38.3	38.55	39.47	POSITIVE

Sequencing confirmed 100% identity of ISA HPR0.



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Photos of Landcatch's disease-ridden salmon farm at Ormsary - post mortem inspection reported proliferative branchitis, Amoebic Gill Disease, epitheliocystis, Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis virus & Infectious Salmon Anaemia virus @HGSalmonUK @BetterBreeding @ScotlandSalmon #ISA

The collage includes three photographs: a whole salmon, a dissected salmon showing internal organs, and a close-up of salmon gills. Overlaid on the images are two PCR data tables and a text block. The text block reads: "Tissue samples were tested for segments of nucleic acid indicative of the pathogens specified below using real-time PCR (qPCR)."

Infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV)

Endogenous control Cp value	Cp Values			Reported Result
19.69	34.72	35.59	36.26	POSITIVE

Infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAV)

Endogenous control Cp value	Cp Values			Reported Result
19.69	38.3	38.55	39.47	POSITIVE

Sequencing confirmed 100% identity of ISA HPR0.

Marine Scotland and 8 others

11:43 AM · Sep 28, 2022 · Twitter Web App

How many RSPCA Assured Scottish salmon and how many ASC-certified Scottish salmon are infected with Infectious Salmon Anaemia, Piscine Reovirus, Amoebic Gill Disease, Salmon Gill Poxvirus, Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis and other nasty pathogens, diseases and viruses?



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Anyone for M&S's Virus-Laden Scottish Salmon (don't worry, it's "responsibly sourced" & @rspcaassured)?!
tinyurl.com/2p8ts2uz @marksandspencer
@scotseafarms @LeroySeafood @RSPCA_PATeam
@Ecohustler

How many ISA-ridden Scottish salmon have been sold by M&S? #marksandspencer



The Grocer and 9 others

9:20 AM · Feb 14, 2022 · Twitter Web App



Video footage [shot secretly inside RSPCA Assured Mowi salmon farms around the Isle of Shuna in July 2021](#) showed lice-infested, disease-ridden and moribund salmon:



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"RSPCA Assured investigating Mowi welfare complaints" reports Fish Farmer [@fishfarmermag](#) [@rspcaassured](#) tinyurl.com/ybrz2jdb [@MowiScotlandLtd](#)
Shame on the RSPCA for certifying welfare abuse on salmon farms across Scotland! [@SSPOsays](#) [@scotseafarms](#) [@GriegShetland](#) [@SSPCA_Mike](#)



RSPCA Public Affairs and 9 others
12:04 PM · Jul 25, 2021 · Twitter Web App

In March 2021, [Netflix's 'Seaspiracy' broadcast shocking video footage of disease-ridden mortalities at Mowi's ASC-certified salmon farm at Gorsten in Loch Linnhe:](#)

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Netflix's 'Seaspiracy' Exposes Disease-Ridden Scottish Salmon – As Sponsored by the RSPCA & Aquaculture Stewardship Council! tinyurl.com/372je8wu
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9:21 AM · Mar 31, 2021



In July 2022, [Scamon Scotland exposed welfare abuse, disease and mortalities at RSPCA Assured Norskott Havbruk \(Scottish Sea Farms\) salmon farms in the Sound of Mull and Loch Creran.](#)



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Video Exclusive: Secret Filming Exposes Horrific Welfare Abuse Inside RSPCA Assured Scottish Salmon Farms! tinyurl.com/3krdb2z2 @rspcaassured @scotseafarms @marksandspencer @ScottishSPCA @APHAgovuk @ProfCMDwyer @LynneUSneddon @ciwf @Animallawyersuk @vivacampaigns @Ecohustler



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"Farmed fish are owed a duty of care & protection from unnecessary suffering under animal welfare law" (Eddie Bowles @Animallawyersuk) "The findings in this most recent investigation suggest that these legal requirements are not being adequately enforced" @APHAgovuk @rspcaassured



RSPCA (England & Wales) and 8 others

6:29 AM · Jul 12, 2022 · Twitter Web App

The welfare abuse on RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon farms goes on and on and on with no sign of an end to the cage age. \$camon \$cotland [reported last week \(8 October 2022\)](#):

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Scam Alert: New data @scotgov reveals over 120,000 dead fish at two ASC-certified Mowi salmon farms (Stulaigh & Groatay) since July! @ASC_aqua @MowiScotlandLtd @rspcaassured tinyurl.com/mtffnbrx
How can you sell it as "responsibly farmed"?
@sainsburys @Tesco @LidIGB @AldiUK



Site	Mort %	Additional information	Action taken
ctons 33284		Mortality is currently 1.72% for the Mon - Wed of week commencing 29/08/2022. PID is currently the main driver of mortality. Highest mortality being seen in 9 of the 14 pens stocked on site. Freshwater treatment due to commence and the site has been put on the harvest plan.	Visit to be made if no significant improvement seen by 5.5% for 1 week. Await result.
ctons 29448		Freshwater treating with wellboat	
ctons 8829		Mortality rate has increased in following week to 4.22%. No treatments planned.	Inspector to be contacted if mortality continues to rise.
% Explained reasons	Mort %	Additional information	Action taken by FHI
Gill infections	19127	Stocks due to be harvested out w/e 7th August	The stocks that have been unaffected stock will see Business correspondent to pens are being targeted FHI to consider inspection
CMS/ Gill infections	15280	Affected populations being harvested out by 9th August	
Gill infections	10912		Site inspected 26/07/2022 Business correspondent to be targeted by seals
Predator	6078		

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8:06 AM · Oct 9, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Whilst the ASC – [and even the Soil Association](#) – has published a full list of certified salmon farms, the RSPCA has shamefully failed to be transparent to the public. \$camon \$cotland urges the RSPCA – and RSPCA Assured – to come clean and detail which salmon farms (both in the marine and freshwater environment) are certified as ‘welfare friendly’. For example, which salmon farm hatcheries (where mortalities are even higher by number than in sea cages) are certified via RSPCA Assured?

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Breaking News: 715,592 dead fish reported at The Scottish Salmon Company's Applecross/Russel Burn Hatchery in 6 incidents during 2022!
@salmon_scottish @Folketrygdfond @ScotlandSalmon "Systemic investigation ongoing" reports
@marinescotland @ScotGovRural tinyurl.com/5n6s2us7



Site Name	Date reported	Mort %	Explained reasons	Mort #	Additional information	Action taken by FHI
Salmon Scotland (Scotland)	16/08/2022	1.72	Block incident	48882	Systemic investigation ongoing	Site inspected 29/08/2022
Salmon Scotland (Scotland)	07/08/2022	4.22	Block incident	12942	Systemic investigation ongoing	Site inspected 29/08/2022
Salmon Scotland (Scotland)	06/08/2022	1.72	Fungal	48882	Investigation ongoing	Site inspected 29/08/2022
Salmon Scotland (Scotland)	05/08/2022	3.39	Fungal	30004	Investigation ongoing	Site inspected 29/08/2022
Salmon Scotland (Scotland)	05/08/2022	4.95	Fungal	16228	Investigation ongoing	Site inspected 29/08/2022
Salmon Scotland (Scotland)	03/08/2022	9.57	Fungal	24847	Investigation ongoing	Site inspected 29/08/2022

Mortality information - 1480 end January 2022
KEXX 201 940

Mortality notification form and guidance
KEXX 18 040

WHFP and 9 others
4:55 PM · Mar 7, 2022 · Twitter Web App

The pro-industry bias in the governance of the ASC and RSPCA Assured is obviously at the root of the problem with collusion – and dare I say it ‘corruption’ – leading to accreditation systems effectively controlled by [Norway’s Salmafia](#). The RSPCA’s and ASC’s salmon standards are clearly not fit for purpose and not worth the industry-bought paper they are written on.



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EXPOSED: The Aquaculture Stewardship Council should be rebranded The Abominable Salmon Council!
[@ASC_aqua](#) [@Salmoskius](#) tinyurl.com/4pjjv4s8
 How the hell can mass mortalities, disease & welfare abuse be certified as "responsible"?
 Shame on [@sainsburys](#) [@Tesco](#) [@rspcaassured](#) [@ciwf](#)

Abominable Salmon Certification - Death Rates At ASC-Certified Farms



Site Name	Company	Mort #s	# of Mort Events	ASC Status
Seaforth	Mowi	734845	34	Initial Audit
Ardintoul	Mowi	568886	35	Certified
Grey Horse Channel Outer (Greanem)	Mowi	562931	26	Certified
Caolas A Deas (East & West)	Mowi	482770	29	Certified
Eilean Griannain (Carradale)	Mowi	469435	13	Cancelled/Certified
MacLean's Nose	Mowi	408038	22	Certified
Stulaigh	Mowi	398196	23	Certified
Camas Glas	Mowi	343594	22	Certified
Muck	Mowi	342083	31	Initial Audit
Rum	Mowi	339063	31	Certified
Grey Horse Channel	Mowi	332700	32	Certified

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Niall McKillop
@Badabrach

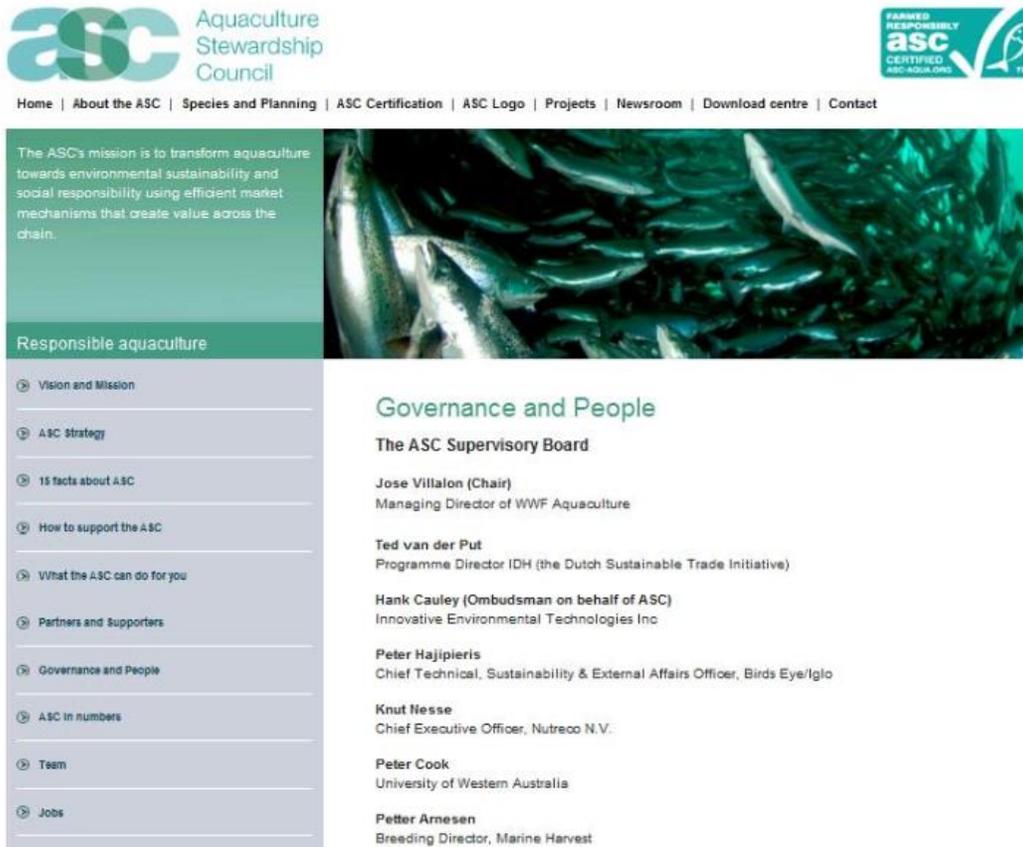
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Replying to [@TheGAAIA](#) [@ASC_aqua](#) and 15 others

Because their board is packed with salmon farmers and their supporters - simples! I'm surprised [@MairiGougeon](#) isn't on it - what do you say [@tavishscott](#) - not a lot, as usual, when the news is bad, i.e., 99% of the time as of this date.

2:25 PM · Oct 12, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Back in 2013 [the board of the ASC board contained an employee of Mowi \(then called Marine Harvest\), the CEO of Nutreco \(former owner of Marine Harvest/Mowi\) and the MD of WWF Aquaculture \(a former employee of Marine Harvest/WWF\):](#)



The screenshot shows the ASC website's 'Governance and People' page. The header includes the ASC logo and navigation links. A mission statement is displayed above a large image of salmon. A sidebar on the left lists various sections, with 'Governance and People' selected. The main content area lists the ASC Supervisory Board members and their roles.

ASC Aquaculture Stewardship Council

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The ASC's mission is to transform aquaculture towards environmental sustainability and social responsibility using efficient market mechanisms that create value across the chain.

Responsible aquaculture

- Vision and Mission
- ASC Strategy
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Governance and People

The ASC Supervisory Board

Jose Villalon (Chair)
Managing Director of WWF Aquaculture

Ted van der Put
Programme Director IDH (the Dutch Sustainable Trade Initiative)

Hank Cauley (Ombudsman on behalf of ASC)
Innovative Environmental Technologies Inc

Peter Hajipieris
Chief Technical, Sustainability & External Affairs Officer, Birds Eye/Iglo

Knut Nesse
Chief Executive Officer, Nutreco N.V.

Peter Cook
University of Western Australia

Petter Arnesen
Breeding Director, Marine Harvest

A decade later (as of 13 October 2022), [the governance of the ASC is still steered by salmon farming industry skills](#) who put profits before animal welfare and the environment:

The ASC Supervisory Board

Industry representatives

Sophie Ryan

Chief Executive, Global Salmon Initiative

José Villalon

Corporate Sustainability Director, Nutreco

Technical Advisory Group

Industry representatives

Petter Arnesen (chair)

The Norwegian Federation of Industries



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We believe the ASC is a shameless greenwashing scheme set up, funded and governed by the salmon farming lobby intent on misleading consumers. Just take a look at the ASC-certified salmon farm @ScotlandMowi shown in @seaspiracy - does this look responsible? vimeo.com/301802762



Sainsbury's and 8 others



ASC @ASC_aqua · Mar 29, 2021

We believe the best way to responsibly feed the planet's growing population is by providing consumers & buyers with independently verified, third-party assessed seafood, according to stringent environmental & social Standards. ASC's response to Seaspiracy asc-aqua.org/seaspiracy-why...

7:30 AM · Mar 30, 2021 · Twitter Web App

The governance of RSPCA Assured shows the same pro-salmon farming bias with [industry representatives dominating the technical advisory groups](#):

RSPCA welfare standards for farmed Atlantic salmon

Our detailed RSPCA welfare standards have been developed to represent good practice in the care and welfare of commercially farmed Atlantic salmon at all stages of their lives.

Download the [RSPCA welfare standards for farmed Atlantic salmon](#).

RSPCA farmed salmon standards technical advisory groups

Members of the RSPCA Salmon (Freshwater) Standards Technical Advisory Group (**FW**) and RSPCA Salmon (Seawater) Standards Technical Advisory Group (**SW**) are selected on the basis of the specific expertise they bring to the groups in different areas of farmed salmon care. Members include:



- Professor James Turnbull, University of Stirling, Chair of Advisory Group (FW and SW)
- Ralph Bickerdike, Scottish Sea Farms (FW and SW)
- Anna Price, Scottish Sea Farms (SW)
- Alison Armstrong, Scottish Sea Farms (FW)
- Chris Findlay, Pharmaq Analytiq (FW and SW)
- Paul Armstrong-Wilson, Solway Transport (FW and SW)
- Ola Wands, Cooke Aquaculture (FW and SW)
- Michelle Johnson, Cooke Aquaculture (FW and SW)
- Ian Armstrong, Nevis Marine (FW and SW)
- Jarl van den Berg, Hendrix Genetics (FW and SW)
- Simon Reynolds, Hendrix Genetics (FW)
- Lewis Bennett, Loch Duart (SW)
- Duane Coetzer, MOWI (SW)
- David Catto, Migdale Smolt (FW)
- Iain Berrill, SSPO (FW)
- A technical/field operations representative of RSPCA Assured (FW and SW)



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Read how the RSPCA turn a blind eye to welfare abuse on salmon farms - fish losing one eye are assessed only as "mildly affected" & losing two eyes is "severely affected"!
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@onekindtweet @SSPCA_Kirsteen



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The Ferret [reported in August 2021](#):



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RSPCA Assured food label scheme accused of protecting 'salmon farmers and retailers'



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Animal welfare campaigners have accused the RSPCA Assured food label scheme of "protecting the interests of salmon farmers and retailers" rather tha...

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Animal welfare campaigners have accused the RSPCA Assured food label scheme of "protecting the interests of salmon farmers and retailers" rather than wild animals by "encouraging" the use of devices that can harm dolphins, whales and porpoises.

They are concerned over the use of acoustic deterrent devices (ADDs), aka seal scarers, which deter seals from attacking fish farms by emitting a sound in the water.

Critics have branded the devices as "sonic torture". They claim they cause hearing damage and stress in dolphins, porpoises and whales and therefore breach legislation to protect cetaceans.

In August 2022, a [landmark victory following a damning investigation by Environmental Standards Scotland effectively killed off the use of ADDs on RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified salmon farms.](#)



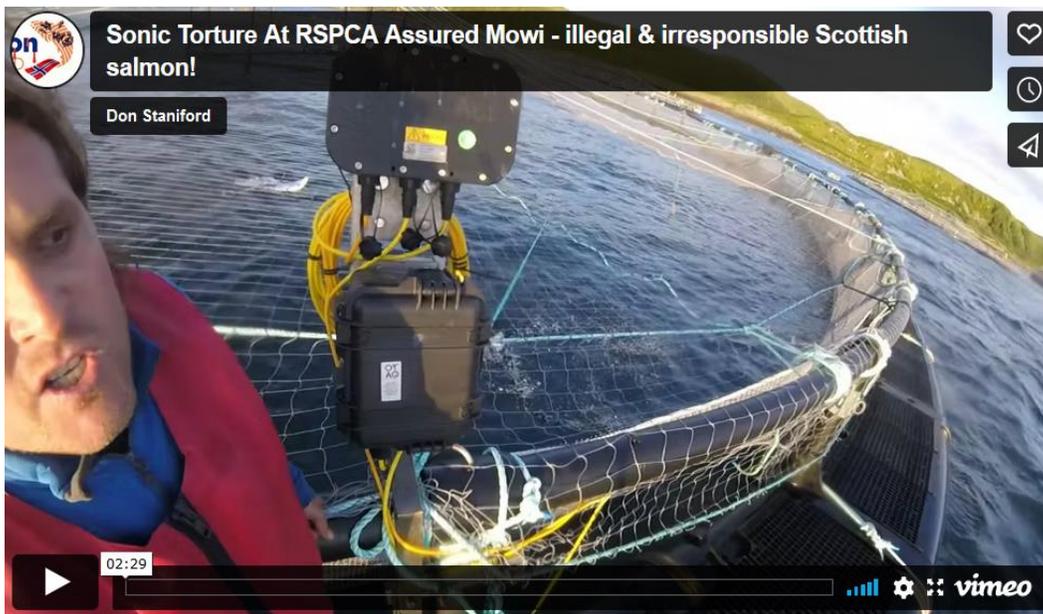
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Last week saw an absolutely massive victory for all those who have campaigned for years to stop the illegal harassment of whales, dolphins and porpoise in our inshore waters.



10:14 AM · Aug 7, 2022



In the same way that RSPCA Assured turned a deaf ear to the use of ADDs on salmon farms for decades, RSPCA Assured has [long turned a blind eye to welfare laws in order to accommodate the cash fish that is Scottish salmon.](#)



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Replying to @ewangkennedy @rspcaassured and @RSPCA_official

But why don't the trustees and patrons of the RSPCA object to their good names being used to white-wash welfare abuse? @ChrisGPackham @CarolineLucas @BillOddie @brianblessed @PeterEgan6 @philip_ciwf @Animallawyersuk @PETAUK @onekindtweet @SSPCA_Kirsteen @RSPCAChris @SSPCA_Mike



9:14 AM · Jul 31, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Hopefully the net is finally closing in on the [welfare nightmare of salmon farming](#). \$camon \$scotland [reported in March 2022](#):



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The creation of the Scottish Veterinary Service is "a major step forward for animal welfare but only if it's fully resourced & empowered to properly police all sectors of animal agriculture in Scotland" @SRUCVets @CVOScotland @ScotGovRural @animal_concern tinyurl.com/5n6ewfed



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Sheila Voas @CVOScotland · Feb 11
Cabinet Secretary Mairi Gougeon just announced the creation of a Scottish Veterinary Service to ensure that Scotland has the highest possible standards of animal health and welfare.

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Replying to @CVOScotland

Maybe the SVS should kick-off by visiting salmon farms across Scotland starting with @salmon_scottish which is experiencing mass mortalities in farmed salmon & cleaner fish? APHA is clearly not fit for purpose @APHAgovuk @ScotGovRural @MairiGougeon tinyurl.com/5n6ewfed



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Scottish Salmon Video Nasty - Strome salmon farm in Loch Carron (6 September 2021): how can this company be RSPCA Assured?

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The Observer [reported last week \(8 October 2022\)](#):

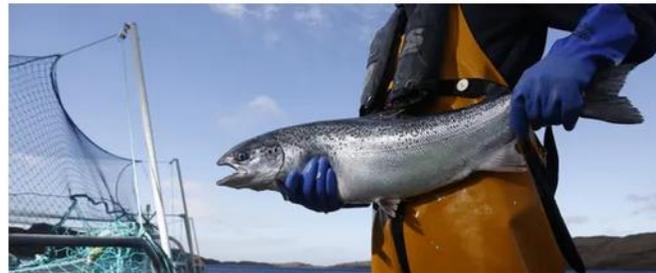
The Observer
Animal welfare

Farmed fish feel pain, stress and anxiety and must be killed humanely, global regulator accepts

Aquaculture Stewardship Council's new standards put pressure on the UK to extend its animal welfare laws to fisheries

Jon Ungoed-Thomas

Sat 8 Oct 2022 17:00 BST



One of the world's leading organisations for farmed seafood is to introduce new welfare rules after accepting fish can feel "pain, stress and anxiety".

The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), which oversees a global certification scheme for farmed fish, is consulting on new draft welfare standards, including more humane slaughter practices. The ASC provides certification labelling for British supermarket fish, from sea bass to smoked salmon.



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If the ASC really cares about fish welfare then why are millions of farmed salmon dying on ASC-certified salmon farms? @JonUngoedThomas @ASC_aqua @ciwf @vivacampaigns @rspcaassured @ciwf @onekindtweet @LynneUSneddon @animal_equality @Animallawyersuk @MowiScotlandLtd @scotseafarms



The Observer @ObserverUK · Oct 8

Farmed fish feel pain, stress and anxiety and must be killed humanely, global regulator admits theguardian.com/world/2022/oct...

8:21 AM · Oct 9, 2022 · Twitter Web App

[Minutes of a meeting of the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission on 29 September 2022](#) cited a new report on aquaculture to be published “at the turn of the year”.

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Scottish Animal Welfare Commission minutes: 29 September 2022

Aquaculture

Work group members continue to work on their report. More evidence gathering is also underway, and it is now hoped that everything will be finalised in time for publication at the turn of the year.



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Will the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission report on aquaculture focus on the alarming mortality rates reported on salmon farms? [@ProfCMDwyer](#) [@AndersonLibby](#) [@SSPCA_Mike](#) [@ALAWAnimalLaw](#) [@Animallawyersuk](#) [@onekindtweet](#) [@ciwf](#) [@PETAUK](#) [@HSIGlobal](#) [@LynneUSneddon](#) [@ScotlandSalmon](#) [@scotgp](#)



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It is encouraging to read that the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission [@ScotGovRural](#) are gathering evidence for a report on aquaculture “and it is now hoped that everything will be finalised in time for publication at the turn of the year” [@scotgov gov.scot/publications/s...](#)

In conclusion, \$camon \$cotland urge both the RSPCA and the ASC to immediately withdraw accreditation of Scottish salmon. Salmon farming is [criminal not responsible](#).



Enough welfare abuse, unnecessary suffering and disease-ridden death is surely enough.



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At what point does the RSPCA say enough is enough & stop supporting horrific welfare abuse on salmon farms? [@rspcaassured](#) tinyurl.com/srommob Please end the torture by rescinding certification of Scottish salmon as 'welfare friendly'! [@ChrisGPackham](#) [@RSPCAChris](#) [@PeterEgan6](#)



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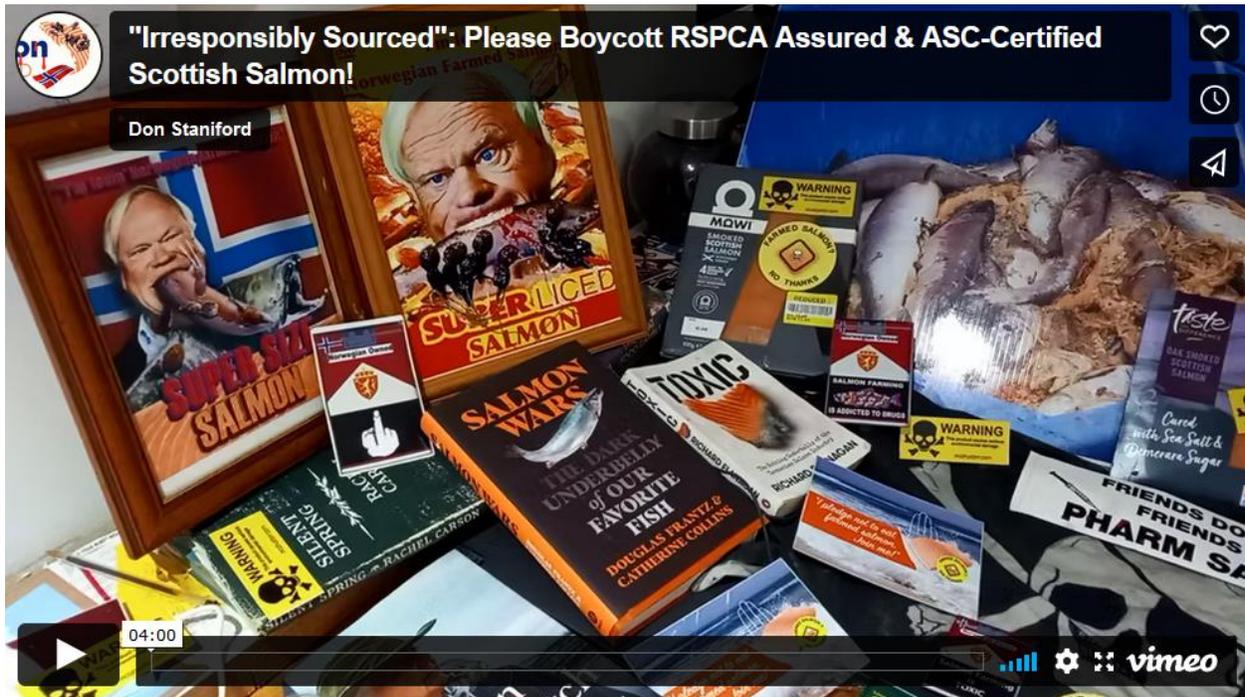
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All the recent mortality evidence – [as published by the Scottish Government, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Salmon Scotland](#) – points to Scottish salmon as being

wholly unfit for certification (as well as consumption). The RSPCA and the ASC should take the lead in [branding Scottish salmon as 'irresponsible' rather than 'responsible'](#).



Scamon Scotland will continue to put pressure on supermarkets to stop selling RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified Scottish salmon – and [urge the public to boycott “responsibly farmed” Scottish salmon](#).



Yours sincerely,

Don Staniford

Director, [Scamon Scotland](#)

Cc:

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Animal Rebellion, CIWF, Animal Aid, Animal Equality, Viva, Animal Concern, HSI, PETA, Advocates for Animals, Coastal Communities Network, WildFish, Scotlink, COAST, Open Seas, Scottish Salmon Think Tank, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Ocean Rebellion, Extinction Rebellion Scotland, Marine Conservation Society, WWF Scotland, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, Sea Shepherd, Slow Food Scotland, Sustain, Soil Association & the Captain Paul Watson Foundation

