

It should also be noted that there are restrictions on the use of some non-lethal measures, including anti-predator nets and acoustic deterrents, as a result of their potential impact on other marine species.

The Scottish Government will continue to work closely with the industry to develop and improve non-lethal measures. We are currently funding research by Sea Mammal Research Unit, which is looking at adapting some of the non-lethal measures currently used at fish farms for possible use in salmon fisheries.

I hope that this is helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "But with Richard". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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