

[Media Backgrounder: RSPCA Assured Scottish Salmon Exposed \(July 2022\)](#)

Don Staniford is currently being sued by Norwegian giant Mowi for secret filming inside lice-infested RSPCA Assured salmon farms across the West coast of Scotland.



Read details via:

[Mowi Vs Staniford Lawsuit - Making Waves in 2022!](#)

[STV News: "Salmon farm firm takes legal action against animal welfare campaigner"](#)

[Seaspiracy's Salmon Shocker: Please Boycott RSPCA Assured Scottish Salmon!](#)

[Mail on Sunday: "Revealed, the nauseating underbelly of Scotland's £1 billion salmon farms: fish eaten alive by lice, awash with faeces, dead salmon left to rot"](#)

[Secret Filming Exposes Welfare Abuse at RSPCA Assured Mowi - Campaigners call for Mowi to be fined & RSPCA certification rescinded](#)

[Mowi's 'Healthy' RSPCA Assured & ASC-Certified Salmon Farm at Gorsten \(as featured in Seaspiracy\)](#)

[Boycott Mowi's Toxic Pharmed Salmon!](#)

A petition organised by Ecohustler calling on M&S to stop selling 'responsibly sourced' Scottish salmon (sourced exclusively from Scottish Sea Farms) has been signed by over 115,000 people.



Read details via:

[Ecohushtler sticks it to "responsibly sourced" Scottish salmon sold by M&S!](#)

[The Salmon Dance - M&S petition hand in event](#)

[M&S Irresponsibly Sourced Scottish Salmon \(as greenwashed by RSPCA Assured\)!](#)

[Bullshit Called on M&S's "Responsibly Sourced" Scottish Salmon!](#)

In October 2020, Police Scotland issued a landmark apology after wrongly advising Don Staniford (Scottish Salmon Watch), Andrew Holder (Dip in the Blue) and Matt Mellen (Ecohushtler) to keep away from salmon farms operated by Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Creran and Loch Linnhe.



Read details via:

[Policing Scottish Salmon: Landmark Victory for Surveillance of Fish Farms](#)

[Letter to Police Scotland re. violence & hostility by salmon farmers blocking filming](#)

[Policing Scottish Salmon - Police Scotland Acting as Private Security for Scottish Sea Farms?](#)

[Police Scotland acted as 'private security' for fish farm, claims campaigner](#)

[Police Scotland Acting as Private Security Enforcement for Norwegian-Owned Scottish Sea Farms?](#)

In May 2021, secret filming at salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Spelve (the site where M&S pioneered the fake 'Lochmuir' brand) led to a temporary suspension of RSPCA Assured accreditation.



Read details via:

[Secret Filming Exposes RSPCA 'Abused' Scottish Salmon - Welfare Complaint Filed Against M&S Supplier Scottish Sea Farms](#)

[Video Scoop: RSPCA Assured Diseased Salmon from M&S](#)

[Herald On Sunday: "Scottish M&S supplier blames seals for salmon wounds as RSPCA Assured status is suspended"](#)

[RSPCA Suspends Spelve Salmon Farm & 'Urgently Investigates' M&S Supplier Scottish Sea Farms!](#)

Secret filming by Scottish Salmon Watch in Loch Spelve triggered an inspection by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate in May 2021 which led to a report of Infectious Salmon Anaemia to the World Organization for Animal Health (the first for over a decade).



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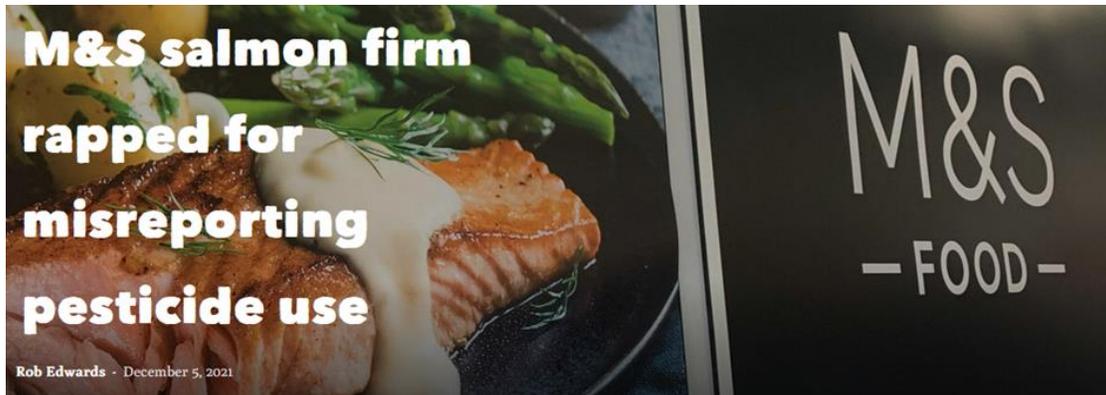
[Breaking News: ISA reported at RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms on the Isle of Mull](#)
[Damning Disease Report for RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Spelve](#)

[It's Official: Infectious Salmon Anaemia Back to Haunt Scottish Salmon - reported to the World Organization for Animal Health for the first time since 2012!](#)

[ISA hits Scottish Sea Farms owner SalMar in Norway - how many hidden cases are lurking on salmon farms in Scotland?](#)

[Anyone for M&S's Virus-Laden Scottish Salmon \(don't worry, it's "responsibly sourced" & RSPCA Assured\)?!](#)

In December 2021, The Ferret and The Sunday Times reported that Scottish Sea Farms was officially reprimanded for misreporting toxic pesticide use at 25 fish farms over three years.

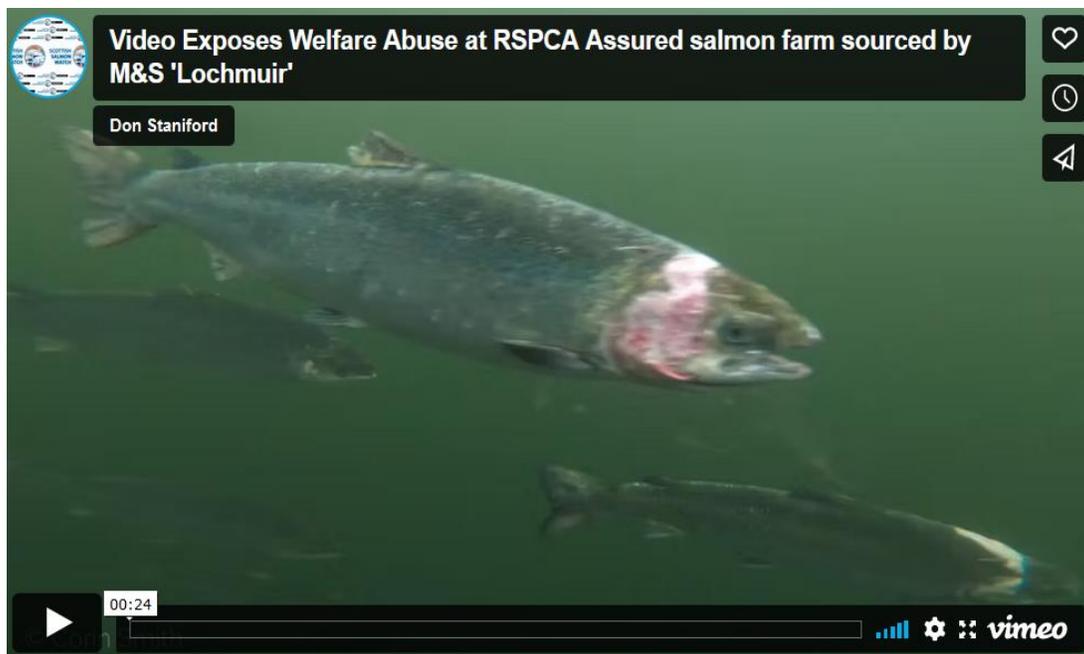


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[M&S salmon firm rapped for misreporting pesticide use](#)

[M&S salmon supplier on hook over misreporting pesticide use at Scottish fish farms](#)

BBC Countryfile broadcast shocking video footage of welfare abuse inside an RSPCA Assured salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Creran in December 2020.



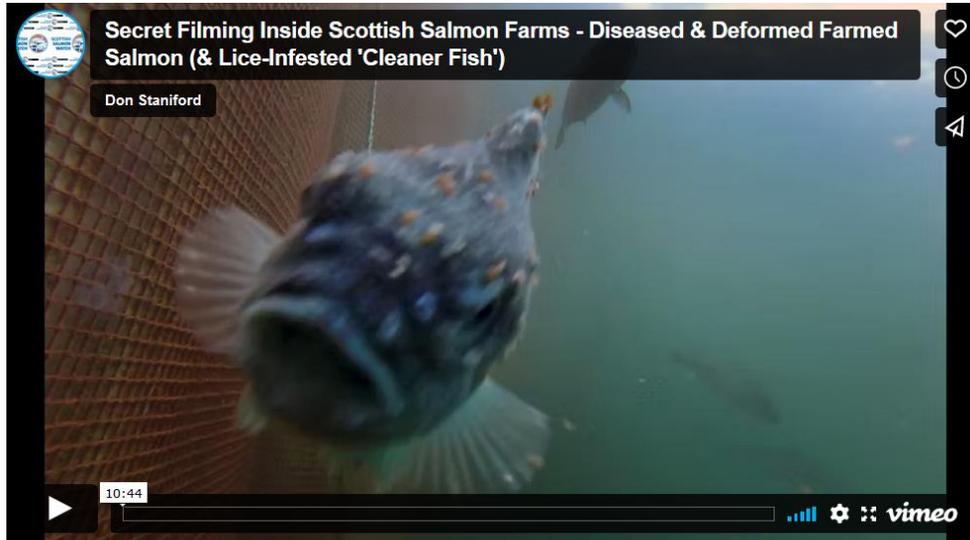
Read details via:

[BBC Countryfile features lice-infested RSPCA Assured salmon!](#)

[Herald: "Scottish salmon found in 'sickening' conditions across Scotland as sea lice problem escalates"](#)

[Video Exposes Welfare Abuse at RSPCA Assured salmon farm sourced by M&S 'Lochmuir'](#)

Secret filming inside Scottish Sea Farms in August 2018 uncovered lice infestation of 'cleaner fish' in Loch Spelve and wild fish swimming inside Scallastle Bay salmon farm (both sites certified by RSPCA Assured).



Read details via:

[Dirty Secrets Lurking Under Scottish Salmon's Lice Skirt](#)

[Secret Filming Reveals Shocking Images of Unhealthy Scottish Salmon](#)

[EXPOSED: Salmon Scotland's Dirty Trade in Cleaner Fish](#)

In 2018, lawyers for Scottish Sea Farms and The Scottish Salmon Company attempted (unsuccessfully) to block the publication of damning photos of disease-ridden farmed salmon.



Read details via:

[Ferret: "Salmon firms bid to block diseased fish photos"](#)

[REVEALED: Legal Threats to Prevent Publication of Damning Photographs](#)

[EXPOSED: Gruesome Photos of Deformed & Diseased Scottish Salmon](#)

[Photo Dossier of Diseased, Deformed & Abused Scottish Salmon](#)

[EXPOSED: Photo Disclosures Opens Floodgates to More Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon](#)

[All filed photos relating to Scottish Sea Farms since 2013: EIR release](#)

The real name of Scottish Sea Farms is Norskott Havbruk – a company jointly owned by Norwegian behemoth's Leroy and SalMar.



Read details via:

[On the Trail of the Norwegian Billionaire Behind Scottish Sea Farms](#)

[Norskott Havbruk \(Scottish Sea Farms\) Report "Biological Challenges" \(i.e. Deaths & Disease\)!](#)

[ASC-Certified/Audited Mass Mortalities Pile Up at Lousy Mowi & Scottish Sea Farms!](#)

In December 2017, the BBC 'One Show' exposed mass mortalities at Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Kishorn via 'The Dead Salmon Run'.



Read details via:

[BBC One Show on Scottish salmon farming: "The Dead Salmon Run" \(11 December 2017\)](#)

[BBC's 'Dead Salmon Run' Opens Can of Worms](#)

[First Minister questioned on leaking wastes from morts - call for a moratorium from Greens Revealed: Burned, Buried & Ensiled Scottish Salmon](#)

In September 2018, Scottish Salmon Watch filmed maggot-infested salmon at Scottish Sea Farms at Tanera in the Summer Isles.



Read details via:

[Mmmmm Maggot-Infested Scottish Salmon](#)

[Stomach-churning Scottish Salmon Infested with Maggots](#)

[PETA: "Shocking Video Exposes Cruel Salmon Farming in Scotland"](#)

In November 2020, STV News reported on vocal opposition to plans by Scottish Sea Farms to establish a new salmon farm in a Marine Protected Area in Wester Ross near Ullapool.



Read details via:

[STV News on Opposition to Scottish Sea Farms from Ullapool Sea Savers & Scottish Wildlife Trust](#)

[Locals Horse in Opposition to Scottish Sea Farms](#)

[Salmon farm creates 'serious threat' to life in a protected Scottish sea zone](#)

Dead 'cleaner fish' and farmed salmon were filmed by Scottish Salmon Watch outside the South Shian processing plant operated by Scottish Sea Farms in September 2018.



Read details via:

[Dead Cleaner Fish & Scottish Salmon - Fish Waste Category 3](#)

[FDA Health Warning for Scottish Farmed Salmon](#)
[Salmon Farming is Sickening: FDA warning for "adulterated" Scottish farmed salmon "injurious to health"](#)

In July 2018, immediately prior to secret filming for the first time, Scottish Salmon Watch filed a welfare complaint against salmon farming companies for systematic breaches of the Animal Health & Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006.



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Tulliallan Castle
Kincardine
FK10 4BE
Contactus@scotland.pnn.police.uk

[Animal & Plant Health Agency](#)
Woodham Lane
Addlestone
Surrey
KT15 3NB
apha.corporatecorrespondence@apha.gsi.gov.uk and enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk

13 July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Breaches of the Animal Health & Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 by Salmon Farms

[Scottish Salmon Watch](#) would like to formally file a complaint against salmon farming companies in Scotland for systematic breaches of the [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006](#) - in particular in relation to [Unnecessary Suffering](#) (Section 19), [Cruel Operations](#) (Section 21) and [Ensuring Welfare of Animals](#) (Section 24).

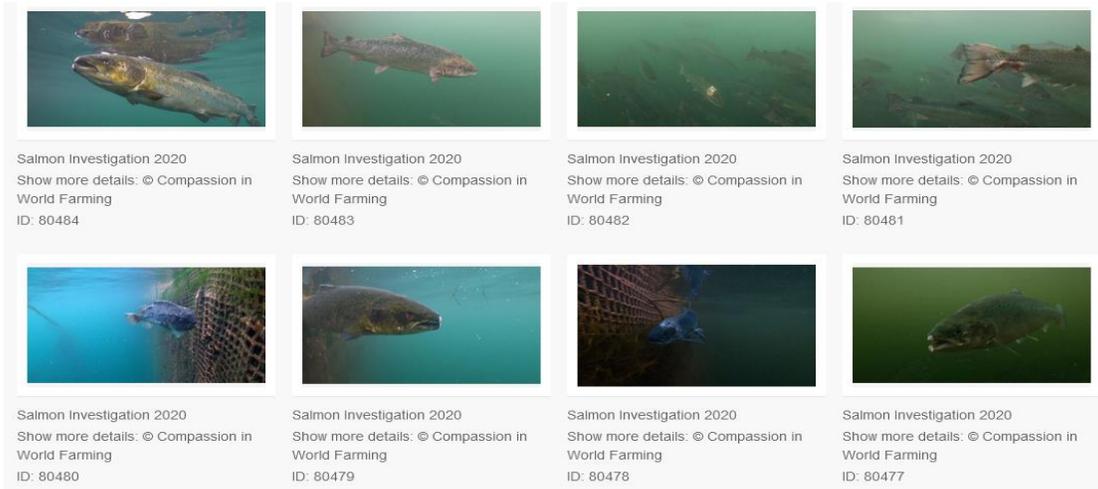
Scottish Salmon Watch believe that there is a strong argument to be made for a case to be filed via the Procurator Fiscal. Please read a dossier of photographic and case evidence via: [Hard Evidence - Photos of Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon](#)



Read details via:

[Legal Complaint Vs Breaches of Animal Health & Welfare \(Scotland\) Act](#)
[Welfare Abuse at Scottish Salmon Farms - Why No Legal Enforcement Or Prosecutions?](#)
[Ongoing Welfare Abuse & Unnecessary Suffering on Salmon Farms - Why No Prosecutions?](#)
[Media Backgrounder: The Welfare Nightmare of Scottish Salmon \(Updated\)](#)

In March 2021, Compassion in World Farming published damning video and photographic evidence of welfare abuse inside salmon farms across Scotland.



Read details via:

[CIWF Salmon Investigation](#)

[Murky depths of the Scottish salmon industry exposed in new undercover investigation](#)

[Suffering 'endemic' at Scottish salmon farms](#)

In March 2021, Scottish Salmon Watch revealed that Scottish Sea Farms failed to report mortality numbers in 61% of cases.



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Revealed: Scottish Sea Farms fail to report mortality numbers in 61% of 'Mortality Event Reports' @marinescotland - that's 167 missing cases which could be over 2 million @rspcaassured farmed salmon!
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Mortality Event Reporting (2017 to January 20)			
	Numbers Provided	Numbers Missing	Missing (per
Scottish Sea Farms	109	167	61
The Scottish Salmon Company	564	105	16
Loch Duart	108	8	7
Mowi/Marine Harvest	369	23	6
Cooke Aquaculture	221	4	1.8
Griek Seafood	163	1	0.6
All Mortality Event Reports	1573	311	16.5

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Read details via:

[2.2 Million Missing Mortalities at Scottish Sea Farms?](#)

In February 2021, Scottish Salmon Watch named Scottish Sea Farms as Scottish salmon's #1 seal killer (based on a decade of data disclosed by the Scottish Government).



Read details via:

[Scottish Salmon's #1 Seal Killer - Norway's 'Scottish' Sea Farms Named & Shamed!](#)

[Official Data: 1,000+ seals killed by salmon farms since 2011!](#)

[Photo Exclusive: Seals 'Executed' by Scottish Salmon](#)

[The Ferret: "Salmon companies rapped for breaking rules on shooting seals"](#)

[Lethal Scottish Farmed Salmon: Serial Seal Killers Named & Shamed!](#)

The head veterinarian for Scottish Sea Farms (Dr Ronnie Soutar) was Chair of the SSPCA from 2018 to May 2022.



Read details:

[Fish vet appointed chair of Scottish SPCA](#)

[The Scottish SPCA has elected Ronnie Soutar, Head of Veterinary Services at Scottish Sea Farms, as its new Chairperson](#)

[New Board Chair announced](#)

[Scottish salmon sector invites auditors in to check fish health and welfare](#)

The RSPCA Assured farmed salmon standard was drafted by salmon farmers and policed by former salmon farmers.



Read details via:

[Rest Assured - the RSPCA has been captured, co-opted & corrupted by the Salmafia](#)
["RSPCA clears Mowi Scotland after activist's welfare abuse claim"](#)

[Letter to Secretary of State re. Welfare Abuse at Scottish Salmon Farms](#)

[Whitewashing Welfare Abuse of Scottish Salmon \(as sponsored via RSPCA, SSPCA & APHA\)](#)

[RSPCA Suspend Salmon Farm Inspections](#)

[Censored: Welfare Abuse on Salmon Farms](#)

In November 2021, Scottish Salmon Watch filed complaints against supermarkets for deceptive marketing of “responsibly sourced” Scottish salmon with advertising and trading standards.



Read details via:

[Irresponsibly Farmed Scottish Salmon - Complaints Filed Vs Supermarkets with Advertising & Trading Standards!](#)

[Greenwashing 'Sustainable' Salmon - how supermarkets brand themselves as "responsible" via ClientEarth!](#)

[Norwegian Government Asked to Divest from 'Unethical' & 'Irresponsible' Scottish Salmon!](#)

In 2014, a dead humpback whale drowned in nets at the Fishnish salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms.



Read details via:

- [Humpback Whale died after swimming into fish farm](#)
- [Humpback whale drowned off Mull 'after getting trapped'](#)
- [Salmon farming kills whales!](#)

Scottish Salmon Watch filmed at the Fiunary salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms in the Sound of Mull in July 2020 but the site had already harvested out all the fish.



Read details via:

- [Shadowed by Scottish Sea Farms - Stay Away from Our Diseased Fish!](#)
- [Caged Salmon: The Skeletons Lurking Inside Scottish Sea Farms](#)

When Matt Mellen from Ecohustler dived near the Loch Creran salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms in July 2020 it triggered a police incident.



Read details via:

[Oban Times: "Police apologise to fish farm welfare campaigner"](#)

[The Ferret: "Police apologise to anti-fish farm campaigner over access"](#)

[Protest "Poses Serious Risk to Our Salmon" Claim Scottish Sea Farms - Who's Calling Who "Dangerous"?](#)

[Police Scotland acted as 'private security' for fish farm, claims campaigner](#)

Secret filming in August 2018 inside Scallastle Bay salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms captured video evidence of wild fish trapped inside a cage.



Read details via:

[Wild Fish Trapped Inside Salmon Feedlots - the big catch with industrial aquaculture!](#)

Netflix's 'Seaspiracy' lifts the lid on disease-ridden Scottish salmon farming with video footage shot inside salmon farms in Scotland.



Read details via:

[Mowi's 'Healthy' RSPCA Assured & ASC-Certified Salmon Farm at Gorsten \(as featured in Seaspiracy\)](#)

[Netflix's 'Seaspiracy' Exposes Disease-Ridden Scottish Salmon – As Sponsored by the RSPCA & Aquaculture Stewardship Council!](#)

'Eating Our Way to Extinction' – narrated by Kate Winslet – features horrific footage of diseased Scottish salmon.

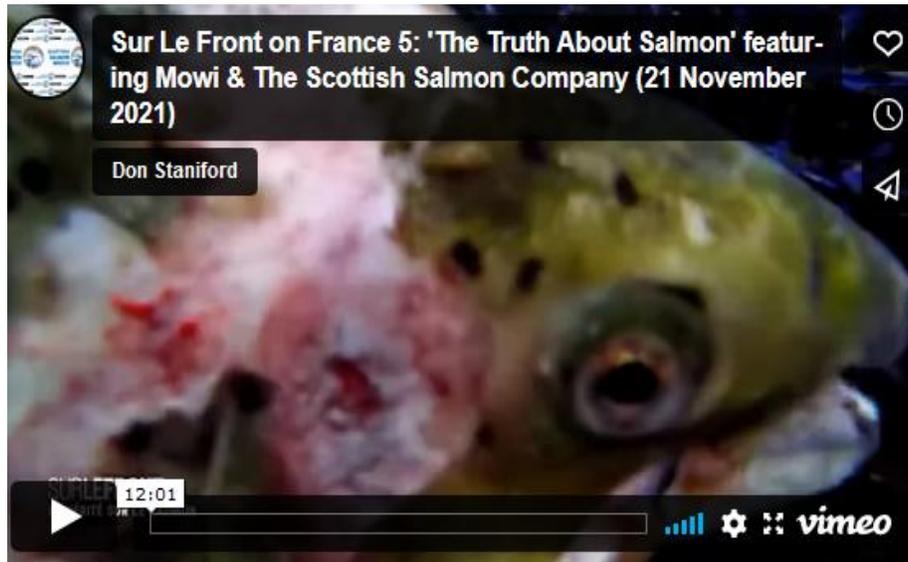


Read details via:

[You Tube Streams 'Eating Our Way to Extinction' - watch the lid lifted on Scottish salmon!](#)

[Film of the Week: Eating Our Way to Extinction "will put you off eating salmon"!](#)

In November 2021, French TV broadcast damning video footage shot inside salmon farms in Scotland.



Read details via:

[Video of France 5s 'The Truth About Salmon' featuring Mowi & The Scottish Salmon Company](#)

In March 2022, NowThisNews featured the fake Lochmuir salmon brand sold by M&S:



Photos disclosed via FOI – objected to by lawyers representing Scottish Sea Farms and The Scottish Salmon Company – reveal horrific welfare abuse on salmon farms across Scotland.

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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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[Photo Dossier of Diseased, Deformed & Abused Scottish Salmon](#)

[EXPOSED: Photo Disclosures Opens Floodgates to More Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon](#)

[EXPOSED: Gruesome Photos of Deformed & Diseased Scottish Salmon](#)

In 2013, salmon farmers in Scotland lobbied successfully against the disclosure of numbers of mortalities arguing that the publication of information would be ‘commercially damaging’.



Read details via:

[Exposed: 10 Million Morts at RSPCA Assured Mowi Since 2019!](#)

[Revealed: 30+ Million Dead Scottish Salmon Since 2017 - over 8 million morts reported last year & over half a million in first two weeks of 2022!!](#)

Video footage taken at Whiteshore Cockles by Scottish Salmon Watch in May 2021 exposed the illegal dumping of diseased salmon in North Uist by Mowi, The Scottish Salmon Company and Loch Duart.



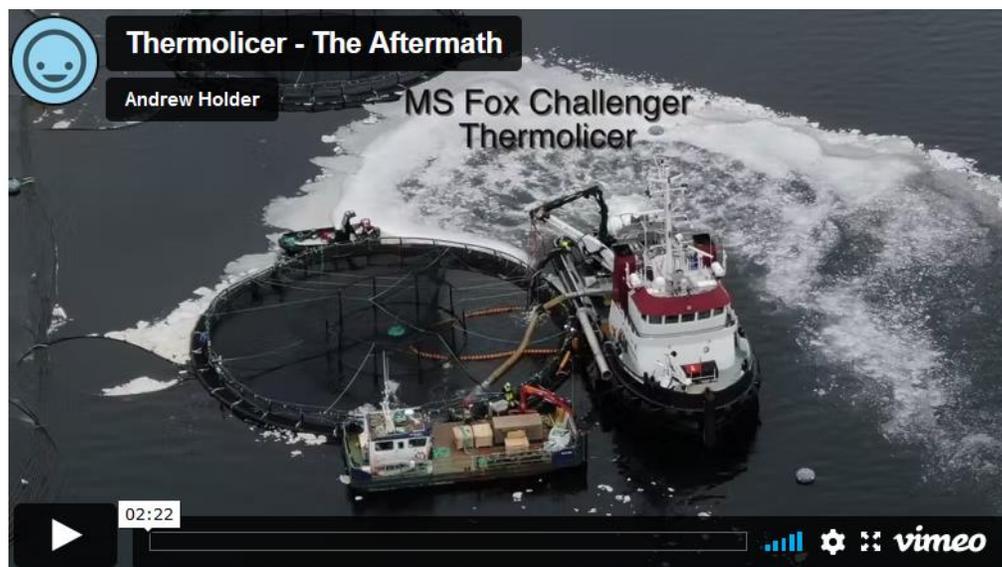
Read details via:

[The Ferret: "The 'illegal' dumping of dead fish in Hebridean beauty spot set to end"](#)

[The Times: "Tougher curbs for island salmon graveyard in Outer Hebrides"](#)

[Revealed: Burned, Buried & Ensiled Scottish Salmon](#)

Video footage has exposed the gruesome nature of 'Thermolicer' torture chambers.

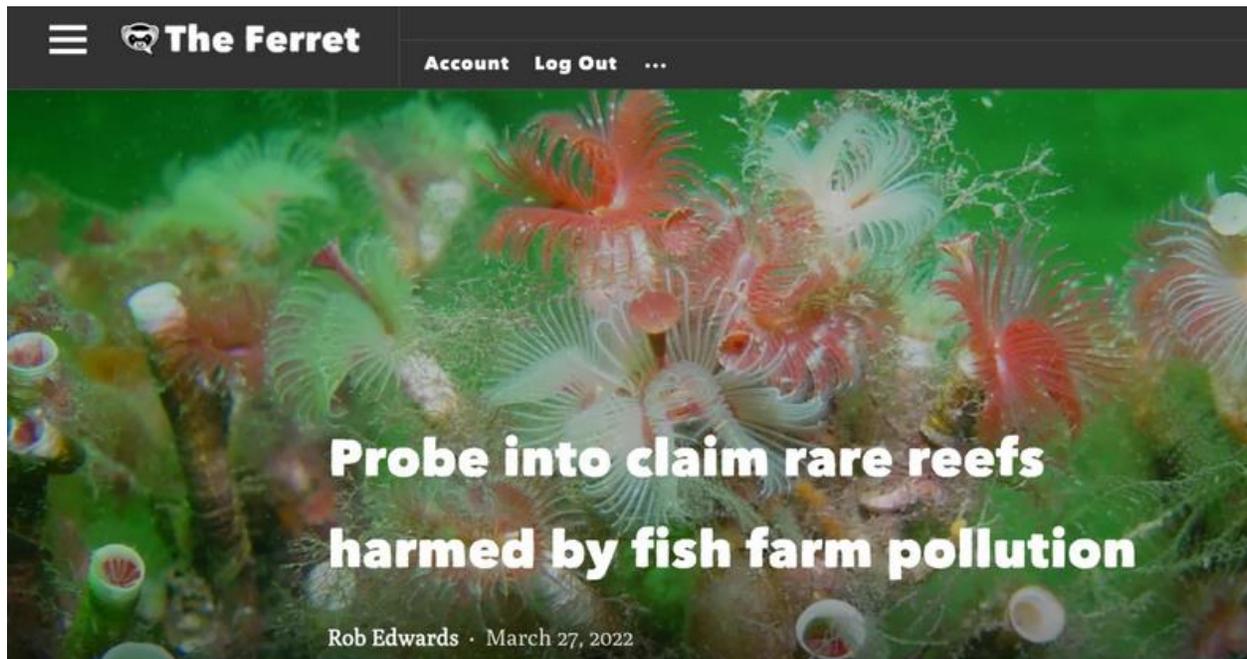


Read details via:

[Another "licer" in Loch Creran](#)

[Video Nasty: Thermolicer - the Heated Torture Chamber for Scottish Salmon](#)

The impact of salmon farming in Loch Creran – a ‘Special Area of Conservation’ and ‘Marine Protected Area’ – has received extensive public attention.



Read details via:

[What is killing the serpulid reefs of Loch Creran?](#)

[Probe into claim rare reefs harmed by fish farm pollution](#)

[Loch Creran - the reefs are dying](#)

[Outrage over loch polluted by plastic waste from fish farm company](#)

[Plastic Pollution of Scottish Beach - Theft of the Seaside by Salmon Farming](#)

In December 2019, Scottish Salmon Watch forced the disclosure of ‘commercially damaging’ information on where Scottish Sea Farms import their salmon eggs (ova) via a ruling from the Scottish Information Commissioner.



Read details via:

[Scottish Ministers with Egg on Their Faces - is it game ova for imports of salmon eggs from Iceland & Norway?](#)

['Scottish' Salmon Exposed As Made in Ireland & Iceland](#)

[FOI Victory: Scottish Ministers Forced to Come Clean on 'Scottish' Salmon](#)

[Mail On Sunday: "90% of Scottish salmon 'ISN'T' from Scotland' - 66m eggs shipped in from abroad"](#)

[Media Backgrounder: Scottish Salmon's Recurring ISA Nightmare](#)

[The Ferret: "Imports of Norwegian salmon eggs banned over deadly virus"](#)

[The Ferret: "Deadly virus outbreak prompted fears over import of fish farm eggs to Scotland"](#)



"All four fish had a sea lice load of over 50," stated a damning report slipped out on 19 December 2019 by the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate of an inspection of Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Kishorn in September 2019.



Read details via:

["Over 50" Lice Per Fish at Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Kishorn](#)

An inspection in November 2019 by the Scottish Government's Fish Health revealed that out of 382,344 salmon at the Loch Spelve salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms only 24,000 were harvested with 199,124 culled and 177,588 morts due to Complex Gill Disease.



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Does the RSPCA still certify Loch Spelve?

[@rspcaassured](#) [@scotseafarms](#) A 6% survival rate is truly shocking - out of 382,344 salmon stocked in the farm only 24,000 were harvested! How can the RSPCA condone such cruelty & suffering? [@RSPCA_Frontline](#) [@RSPCA_official](#) [@RSPCAChris](#)

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Read details via:

[The Killing Farms - Scottish Salmon's Horror Story Continues!](#)

“M&S win the 2019 Total Bull award for their 'Fake Loch' branding” reported Feedback in December 2019.



Read details via:

[Looking for Lochmuir](#)

[M&S "phase out" Lochmuir fake brand in favour of RSPCA Assured - out of the frying pan into the fire!](#)

[Caveat Emptor - M&S's Fake 'Lochmuir' Scottish Salmon \(sourced from Norwegian-owned Scottish Sea Farms\)](#)



In April 2022, NowThisNews featured video footage shot inside salmon farms in Scotland.

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'Salmon farming has lost the war on sea lice' — This activist claims underwater factory farms are fighting a losing battle against sea lice, which now pose a greater threat to the ecosystem



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RSPCA Assured Salmon Scam!

Read more via ["Video Exclusive: Secret Filming Exposes Horrific Welfare Abuse Inside RSPCA Assured Scottish Salmon Farms"](#)

Lice-Infested Scottish Salmon!

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M&S's Irresponsibly Sourced Scottish Salmon!

Read more via ["Photos of Welfare Abuse at RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms"](#)

