

Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture, 30 October 2015

"Stop Shooting Seals for Salmon Meals!" - [Protest outside M&S in Edinburgh today \(11am on Princes Street\)](#)

Edinburgh, Scotland - According to the latest [official figures published online by Marine Scotland](#), salmon farmers are still killing dozens of seals each year across Scotland with 2015 shaping up to be worse than last year. Nearly 700 seals have been killed by salmon farmers since 2011 when [official Scottish Government statistics](#) were first collected.

An exclusive analysis by the [Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture](#) (GAAIA) of all the data made available by the Scottish Government (i.e. for the [first six months of 2015](#), [2014](#), [2013](#), [2012](#) and [2011](#)) reveals that Scottish Seafarms (who exclusively supply Marks & Spencer) are Scotland's worst serial killers with 150 dead seals followed by Grieg Seafood Hjaltdland (136 seals killed), the Scottish Salmon Company (128 seals killed) and Marine Harvest (76 seals killed).

During the first six months of 2015, 54 seals have already been killed by salmon farms in Scotland (up from 41 during the same period in 2014). Marine Harvest (15 dead seals), the Scottish Salmon Company (12 dead seals) and Scottish Seafarms (12 dead seals) are the worst offenders during 2015 [1].



Whilst Marine Harvest, Scottish Seafarms and the Scottish Salmon Company have continued with their shoot-to-kill policy, Grieg Seafood Hjaltdland has instituted a cease-fire and has drastically reduced the number of seals killed due to the installation of expensive predator '[eco-nets](#)'. "From shooting too many seals we've gone to shooting nothing," said Grieg Seafood Hjaltdland production manager [Grant Cumming](#) in [The Shetland Times](#) (16 October 2015) [2].

In fact, Grieg Seafood Hjaltland killed 50 seals in 2011, 49 in 2012, 30 in 2013, 6 in 2014 and only one seal during the first six months of 2015. Meanwhile, Marine Harvest has recently increased the number killed with 15 dead seals already in the first six months of 2015 compared to 7 during the whole of 2014 and 5 during 2013 (see **Appendix** for the source data).



"Bullets are cheap and Scottish salmon is cheap and nasty," said [Don Staniford](#), Director of the [Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture](#) who is in Edinburgh today protesting outside M&S. "Trigger-happy salmon farmers are bring international shame to the reputation of Scottish salmon. Read my lips - eating Scottish salmon is the kiss of death for seals and leaves a bad taste in the mouth. Stop buying farmed salmon or the seal gets a bullet in the head!"



Whilst Scottish salmon farmers continue to shoot dozens of seals, Australian salmon farmers actually pay to relocate seals. A senate committee inquiry in Tasmania earlier this year

[received evidence](#) that "a minimum of 5472 seal relocations had happened [since 1990], at a cost to taxpayers estimated at about \$780 per relocation and the rest paid by fish farms".

"The price for seal-friendly farmed salmon is the installation of predator nets and that could be £1 million for each salmon farm," continued [Staniford](#). "Given that there are currently [143 active salmon farms](#) in Scotland and 87% of salmon farms ([according to a 2011/12 Scottish Government survey](#)) do not have predator nets installed then the cost to the Scottish salmon farming industry could be well over £100 million. Until all salmon farms install predator nets consumers should boycott all Scottish salmon - even RSPCA Assured 'Freedom Food' salmon, Aquaculture Stewardship Council-certified and Soil Association-certified 'organic' salmon which all shamefully endorse the killing of seals. Next time you're in a supermarket or restaurant please ask whether a seal died for your salmon meal."



The message from protestors is simple: stop shooting seals for salmon meals!



In the run up to Halloween and Christmas, GAAIA will be organising a series of protests outside supermarkets and the head office of [RSPCA Assured/Freedom Food](#) (who certify 70% of Scottish salmon farms as welfare friendly):

30 October - Edinburgh (11am at M&S on Princes Street; 12.30pm at Marine Scotland in Leith)

9 December - London (11am at M&S, Selfridges & Yo Sushi on Oxford Street/Orchard Street; 1pm at Tesco on Oxford Street)

10 December - Horsham (12 Noon outside the RSPCA head office at Wilberforce Way, Southwater)

Read more details [online here](#)

Watch [videos with Don Staniford reporting](#) this week from the West coast of Scotland:





Scottish Seal Killers!



Nets Not Bullets - cease-fire on salmon farms NOW!



Blood Money from Scottish Seafarms!

Watch more video reports [online here](#)

On 30 August 2015, GAAIA wrote to [supermarkets](#), [RSPCA Assured/Freedom Food](#), the [Soil Association](#) and the [Aquaculture Stewardship Council/WWF](#) demanding an end to 'seal-unfriendly' farmed salmon - for more details read [online here](#).



Read more background via GAAIA's "[The Killing Farms](#)"

Earlier this month (2 October 2015), GAAIA submitted [formal comments](#) to the US Government calling for a ban on all imports of 'seal-unfriendly' farmed salmon [3].

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["Did a seal die for your salmon meal?"](#)

["Farmed salmon: sealed with a kiss of death"](#)

["Stop shooting seals for salmon meals"](#)

["M&S: Seal Killers"](#)

["Scottish Seal Killers"](#)

["The Scottish Seal Killers"](#)

["RSPCA Assured Seal Killers"](#)

["RSPCA as the Royal \\$eal Culling Association"](#)

["Salmon farming kills seals"](#)

["Salmon farming: licensed to kill"](#)

["Salmon farming is the smoking gun"](#)



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Read more background via:

["Stop Shooting Seals for Salmon Meals!"](#) (22 October 2015)

["Did a seal die for your salmon meal?"](#) (9 October 2015)

["RSPCA attacked for its policy on seal shooting"](#) (9 October 2015)

["RSPCA: Seals should be shot as an 'absolute last resort' to protect salmon"](#) (9 October 2015)

["Seal Protection Action Group: Dependent seal pups are left to starve if their mothers are shot"](#) (9 October 2015)
["Salmon farmers under fire for shooting seals"](#) (8 October 2015)
["Seals in Shetland are getting into deep water with the salmon industry"](#) (8 October 2015)
["Fury over seals shot dead at M&S salmon farms: Humane 'predator-proof' nets can be installed but are expensive"](#) (5 September 2015)
["Shetland fish farms top seal shooting list"](#) (3 September 2015)
["Mapped: every Scottish salmon farm that shot seals"](#) (2 September 2015)
["UK retailers may face 'zombie seal' protests over farmed salmon"](#) (2 September 2015)
["Marks & Spencer faces threat of 'zombie seal' protests over links to salmon farm with worst culling record"](#) (1 September 2015)
["Anti-fish farm campaigners propose boycott to defend seals"](#) (1 September 2015)
["M&S salmon supplier comes off worst as Scottish gov't names seal shooting farmers"](#) (31 August 2015)
["Seal shooting figures released after campaign by animal rights activists"](#) (30 August 2015)
["Figures reveal salmon farms that shoot seals"](#) (30 August 2015)
["Named and shamed: the Scottish salmon farms shooting seals"](#) (30 August 2015)
["Data reveals third of Scots fish farms have shot seals"](#) (30 August 2015)
["Cecil the Seal Killers Named & Shamed in Scotland - Call for Boycott of "Seal Unfriendly" Scottish Salmon"](#) (30 August 2015)
["Media Splash for Seal-Killing Salmon Farms!"](#) (8 July 2015)
["VICTORY: Disclosure of Seal-Killing Salmon Farm Data Ordered by 21 August"](#) (7 July 2015)
["Landmark Rulings on Seal-Killing Salmon Farms - Scottish Information Commissioner to publish decisions this afternoon"](#) (7 July 2015)
["D Day for Seal-Killing Salmon Farms"](#) (6 July 2015)
["Scottish Salmon's Secret Seal Killers! - FOI refusal prompts call for boycott of farmed salmon"](#) (24 August 2014)

Notes to Editors:

[1] Since the [Scottish Government first recorded statistics in 2011](#) nearly 700 seals (688) have been killed by salmon farms in Scotland (see the **Appendix** for a specific breakdown).

During the first six months of 2015, a total of 54 seals have been killed by salmon farms in Scotland (according to data [made available online](#) by the Scottish Government and [supplied to GAAIA via FOI](#)):

Marine Harvest: 15 (FS/1261, FS/0629, FS/0859, FS/0602, FS/0212, FS/0519 & FS/0015)

Scottish Seafarms: 12 (FS/0860, FS/1023, FS/1024, Bellister, FS/0804 & FS/0549)

Scottish Salmon Company: 12* (Gometra, Trilleachan Mor, Ardcastle, Geasgill, Tuath & Inch Kenneth)

Balta Island Seafare: 4 (FS/0717, FS/1102 & FS/0814)

Cooke Aquaculture: 3 (FS/1198 & FS/0390)

Dawnfresh: 3 (FS/0197 & FS/1288)

Kames Fish Farming: 2 (FS/0465)

Wester Ross Fisheries (North & North West Salmon Management Group): 1 (FS/0057 - Corry, Loch Broom)

Loch Duart: 1 (Lochmaddy)

Hjaltland Seafarms: 1* (FS/0946 - North Voe)

* includes data supplied by Marine Scotland in August 2015 (read online via "[Appendix: Source Data - Seal Killing Return Forms Submitted by Salmon Farms](#)").

[Note that codes for specific salmon farms are listed via [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#)]

[2] Here's an article published in [The Shetland Times](#) (16 October 2015):

12 | Friday, 16th October, 2015 | *The Shetland Times*



Steps taken to reduce number of seals killed at isles sites

Scottish government figures have showed that Shetland has been one of the worst areas in Scotland for shooting seals in the vicinity of salmon farms.

The most killing took place at East Voe Laxfirth, where Grieg Seafood Hjaltland shot 24 seals between February 2013 and August 2014.

The same company also shot six seals in South Voe, Gletness in this period.

Other Shetland companies to

but with the plastic nets this was not possible.

Mr Cumming said: "It's a good news story. We have been investing heavily to stop shooting. We have invested £1million each year in the last two years.

"We realise shooting seals is very bad PR (public relations) and not something our guys like doing."

However, unlike Grieg Seafood Hjaltland, which employs 250 people and is responsible for 50

shoot seals included Balta Island Seafare, which shot seven, and Scottish Seafarms, which shot six at Bellister, five at Loura Voe and four at Grunna Voe.

However, the situation is improving with fewer seals being shot thanks to new nets to protect salmon, according to Grieg Seafood Hjaltland production manager Grant Cumming.

He said only one grey seal had been shot in January – the only one to be shot this year.

This drop in numbers has been due to the installation of plastic “econets”, which Mr Cumming likened to a security fence, attached to the handrail of the pen and weighted down with heavy chain.

He said: “From shooting too many seals we’ve gone to shooting nothing.”

Twenty-six of these new econets, costing £40,000 each, have been installed in pens in the worst affected areas of Laxfirth and sites closest to Lerwick Harbour.

Near the harbour, Mr Cumming said, the seals were almost tame and “looked upon us as a Macdonald’s drive-through for breakfast”.

Previously the seals could push the nets in and reach the salmon,

per cent of Shetland production, not all salmon farms have invested in the econets.

Don Staniford, director of the Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture (GAAIA), said: “Shetland’s trigger-happy salmon farmers are bringing shame to the Scottish salmon farming industry.

“Bullets are cheap and Shetland farmed salmon is cheap and nasty. The price for seal-friendly farmed salmon is predator nets and that could be £1 million per farm.”

Mr Staniford applauded Grieg Seafood Hjaltland’s installation of econets, but acknowledged they were very expensive.

He added: “A single salmon farm in Shetland spent over £1million on [new] predator nets at a 26-cage farm.

“If you assume (based upon a Scottish government survey in 2011/2012) that 87 per cent of the industry do not use these predator nets and there are 143 active salmon farms (based on the latest Scottish government annual fish farm survey) then it would cost well over £100 million for the entire Scottish salmon farming industry to install predator nets.”

Watch ITV News (8 October 2015) [online here](#) - including an admission from Grieg Seafood (Hjaltland Seafarms) that the [Norwegian-owned company](#) has shot too many seals:



In an interview with Grieg Seafood’s Grant Cumming broadcast on [ITV News](#) (8 October 2015), ITV’s consumer correspondent Chris Choi said:

"This site came top of the list for killing seals - with something like 24 in two years. That's not the kind of thing that is going to be popular with shoppers is it?"

"No - absolutely," replied Grant Cumming. "I think we realise that we have shot far too much in this area and that's something we've had a real determination to change. And that's what led us down the line with these [Econets](#)."



Read more via "[Drive to end seal shooting in Shetland](#)" and "[Shetland fish farms top seal shooting list](#)"

Read more via ITV News:

"[Salmon farmers under fire for shooting seals](#)"

"[Seals in Shetland are getting into deep water with the salmon industry](#)"

"[More than 100 seals shot this year to protect salmon industry](#)"

"[Killing seals to protect salmon - the welfare dilemma](#)"

[3] Read GAAIA's formal submission to the US Government [online here](#).



Comment from Don Staniford

This is a Comment on the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** Proposed Rule: [Fish and Fish Product Import Provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act](#)

For related information, [Open Docket Folder](#)

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Comment

In summary, the Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture (GAAIA) urges the US Government to scrutinize the global salmon farming industry with respect to the intentional killing of seals and sea lions in particular.

For more background please read the attached letter sent on 30 August 2015 to NOAA's Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Dr. Kathryn Sullivan.

The letter includes:

"Further to the group complaint filed in October 2011 and further to GAAIA's letter of May 2013 (see enclosed in Appendix 2 and also online here) could you please take immediate action against the Scottish salmon farming industry in particular in relation to the killing of seals?"

GAAIA also believes there is enough evidence assembled from salmon farming operations killing marine mammals around the world - in Chile, Canada, New Zealand and Australia for example - to open an immediate investigation into lethal practices of the global salmon farming industry."

And ends with:

"In conclusion, I quote from the complaint letter filed in October 2011:

"Based on the continued killing of marine mammals, we therefore ask that imports of farmed salmon from those countries and companies sponsoring and sanctioning lethal controls be excluded from the U.S. market. We ask that the U.S. send a strong signal that the killing of marine mammals will no longer be tolerated."

Please read the attached letter for more detailed evidence and supporting material.

Thanks.

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[Letter to US Department of Commerce 30 August 2015](#)

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"GAAIA points you to a [recent article in the Shetland News](#)," stated an [additional email submission](#) (2 October 2015) to the US Government. "In particular, please note the following:

"Last year Grieg Seafood Hjaltdland, which employs over 200 people and produces over 60 per cent of Shetland salmon, started investing around £2 million to stop grey seals breaching its anti-predator nets. The company has installed 26 extra-strong 'Econets' around the cages at its three Wadbister sites, including Laxfirth, at a cost of more than £40,000 each."

Therefore, a single salmon farm in Shetland spent over £1 million on predator nets at a 26-cage farm. If you assume (based upon a [Scottish Government survey in 2011/2012](#)) that 87% of the industry do NOT use predator nets and there are 143 active salmon farms (based on the [latest Scottish Government annual fish farm survey](#)) then it would cost well over £100 million for the entire Scottish salmon farming industry to install predator nets.

In essence, in excess of £100 million is the price for Scottish seal-friendly farmed salmon. In other words, the Scottish salmon farming industry has a £100 million + competitive

advantage over the US salmon farming industry which I understand is prohibited from killing marine mammals under the US MMPA."

Appendix: Seals killed by salmon farms in Scotland since 2011

2015 (January to July):

Information sourced via FOI from the Scottish Government - made available on 20 October 2015 [online here](#):

2015 Returns		Quarter 1			Quarter 2		
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey
ONC10/2015	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland	FS/1198	0	2	FS/0390	0	1
ONC11/2015	Scottish Sea Farms	FS0860	0	1		0	0
"	"	FS1023	0	2		0	0
"	"	FS1024	0	4		0	0
S01/2015	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland		0	0		0	0
S02/2015	Bound skerries Seafoods Ltd		0	0			
S05/2015	Balta Island Seafare Ltd	FS0717	0	1	FS0717	0	1
"	"	FS1102	0	1		0	0
"	"	FS0814	0	1		0	0
S06/2015	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd		0	0		0	0
S07/2015	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd		0	0		0	0
S08/2015	Scottish Seafarms Ltd Shetland	Bellister	0	2		0	0
WI03/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI04/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI08/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI09/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company	Trilleachan Mor	0	1		0	0
WI10/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI11/2015	Loch Duart Ltd	Lochmaddy	0	1		0	0
WI14/2015/W/01	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd		0	0	FS1261	0	1
SW07/2015	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd		0	0		0	0
SW08/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company	Ardcastle	0	1		0	0
WS06/2015	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	FS0629	0	1		0	0
"	"	FS0859	3	0		0	0
WS07/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS08/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS09/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS11/2015	Dawnfresh Farming Ltd	FS0197	1	0	FS0197	1	0
"	"		0	0	FS1288	1	0
WS12/2015	Kames Fish Farming	FS0465	2	0		0	0
WS13/2015	Scottish Sea Farms	FS0804	1	0		0	0
"	"	FS0549	0	2		0	0
WS16/2015	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd		0	0		0	0
WS18/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS19/2015	The Scottish Salmon Company	Geasgill	1	1	Tuath	1	0
					Inchkenneth	2	0
WS21/2015	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	FS0602	0	4	FS0212	3	0
"	"				FS0602	0	1
"	"				FS0519	0	1
"	"				FS0015	0	1
* WS22/2015	North and North West Salmon Management Group		0	0	NWDSFB	3	3
"	"				FS0057	1	0
WS23/2015	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd		0	0		0	0

[Note that codes for specific salmon farms are listed via [Scottish Government's Authorised Production Businesses \(Fish\)](#)]

2014:

Information sourced from the Scottish Government's [Seal Licensing web-page](#):

[Note that the Scottish Government [calculate](#) that "80 seals have been shot across 214 individual fish farms" during 2014]

2014 Returns		Quarter 1			Quarter 2		
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey
ONC10/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Farms Ltd		0	0		0	0
ONC11/2014/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS0860	0	5		0	0
S01/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Farms Ltd		0	0	FS0624		1
S02/2014/W	Bound skerries Seafoods Ltd		0	0		0	0
"	"						
S05/2014/W	Balta Island Seafare Ltd	FS1102	0	1	FS0717	0	1
"	"	FS1102	0	1			
"	"	FS0449	0	1			
S06/2014/W	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd		0	0		0	0
S07/2014/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS1027	0	1	FS0333	0	3
S08/2014/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd Shetland	FS0033	0	1	Bellister	0	3
WI03/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI04/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI06/2014/W	Marine Harvest		0	0		0	0
WI07/2014/W	Marine Harvest	FS1122	0	1	FS1122	0	1
WI08/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS0752	0	2		0	0
WI09/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0	Trilleachan Mohr	0	2
WI10/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI11/2014/W	Loch Duart Ltd	FS1260 (Sound of Harris)	0	1		0	0
WI13/2014/W	Marine Harvest Ltd - Hellisay		0	0		0	0
SW07/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Farms Argyll Ltd		0	0		0	0
SW08/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS06/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Group (aka Lakeland Marine)		0	0		0	0
WS07/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS08/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS09/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS11/2014/W	Dawnfresh Farming Ltd	FS1067 - Inverawe (East)	1	0	FS1067 - Inverawe (East) Etive 2	1	0
"	"				FS1112	1	0
WS12/2014/W	Kames Fish Farming		0	0		0	0
WS13/2014/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS0804	1			0	0
"	"	FS0549	1	1			
"	"	FS1047	1				
"	"	FS0634	1				
"	"	FS0253	1				
"	"	FS0209	1				
WS16/2014/W	Marine Harvest	FS1084	0	1		0	0
WS18/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS19/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS20/2014/D	Glen Forsa		0	0			
WS21/2014/W	Marine Harvest		0	0		0	0
* WS22/2014/D	North and North West Salmon Manag	FS/0068			1 NDSFB	3	5
"	"	FS/0671	1				
"	"	FS/0621			1		
"	"	FS/0057	1	1			
"	"						
WS23/2014/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd		0	0		0	0

2014 Returns		Quarter 3			Quarter 4		
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey
ONC10/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Farms Ltd		0	0		0	0
ONC11/2014/W	Scottish Sea Farms		0	0		0	7

S01/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Farms Ltd		0	0		0	0
S02/2014/W	Bound skerries Seafoods Ltd	FS0310	0	1		0	1
"	"	FS0439	0	1			
S05/2014/W	Balta Island Seafare Ltd	FS0717	0	2		0	0
"	"						
S06/2014/W	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd		0	0		0	
S07/2014/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS0333	0	1		0	2
S08/2014/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd Shetland	Loura Voe	0	2	FS1121	0	1
"	"	Slocka	0	1	FS0699	1	0
"	"	Holms	0	1	FS0033	0	1
"	"				FS0779	0	1
WI03/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI04/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI06/2014/W	Marine Harvest		0	0		0	0
WI07/2014/W	Marine Harvest		0	0		0	0
WI08/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI09/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	Trilleachan Mohr	1	0		0	0
WI10/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WI11/2014/W	Loch Duart Ltd	Loch Carnan	0	2	Lochmaddy	0	2
WI13/2014/W	Marine Harvest Ltd - Hellisay		0	0		0	0
SW07/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Farms Argyll Ltd		0	0		0	0
SW08/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0	Rubha Stillig	3	0
SW07/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Farms Argyll Ltd		0	0		0	0
SW08/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0	Rubha Stillig	3	0
South West Total			0	0		3	0
WS02/2014/D	Shiel Fishery	Lochaber DSFB	0	0	Lochaber DSFB	2	0
WS05/2014/D	Argyll DSFB		0	0		0	0
WS06/2014/W	Meridian Salmon Group (aka Lakeland Marine)		0	0		0	0
WS07/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0	Druimyeon Bay	1	0
WS08/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS09/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS11/2014/W	Dawnfresh Farming Ltd		0	0	FS0197	1	0
"	"						
WS12/2014/W	Kames Fish Farming		0	0		0	0
WS13/2014/W	Scottish Sea Farms		0	0	FS0194	1	0
"	"				FS0804	1	0
"	"						
"	"						
"	"						
WS16/2014/W	Marine Harvest	FS0234	1	0	FS1084	1	0
WS18/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0		0	0
WS19/2014/W	The Scottish Salmon Company		0	0	Gometra	2	3
WS20/2014/D	Glen Forsa						
WS21/2014/W	Marine Harvest	FS0244	1	0	FS0212	0	1
* WS22/2014/D	North and North West Salmon Manag	FS0057	0	1	FS0067	0	1
"	"				FS0057	1	0
"	"				FS0065	0	1
"	"				FS0621	1	1
"	"				FS0487	0	1
WS23/2014/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd		0	0		0	0

GAAIA obtained raw data for 2014 via FOI in August 2015 and it is available via ["Appendix: Companies, Regions & Sites"](#) and ["Appendix: Source Data - Seal Killing Return Forms Submitted by Salmon Farms"](#).

The summary included:

Scottish Seafarms: 28
Scottish Salmon Company: 12
Loch Duart: 8
Marine Harvest: 7
Hjaltland/Grieg: 6
Balta Island Seafare: 6
Dawnfresh: 4
Bound Skerries Seafood: 3
Wester Ross Fisheries: 3

Meridian/Cooke: 3

Total in 2014: 80

2013:

The Excel datasheet made available online via the Scottish Government's [Seal Licensing web-page](#) is incomplete and only contains Q3 and Q4 data (GAAIA wrote to the Scottish Government on 23 October 2015 asking for the full data for 2013).

Nevertheless, GAAIA obtained raw data for 2013 via FOI in August 2015 and it is available via "[Appendix: Companies, Regions & Sites](#)" and "[Appendix: Source Data - Seal Killing Return Forms Submitted by Salmon Farms](#)".

The summary included:

Hjaltland/Grieg: 30
Scottish Seafarms: 28
Scottish Salmon Company: 11
Meridian/Cooke: 6
Marine Harvest: 5
Dawnfresh: 4
Balta Island Seafare: 4
Bound Skerries Seafood: 4
Kames: 1

Total in 2013: 93

Note: According to the Scottish Government's seal licensing scheme ([online here](#)), during [2013](#) there were 105 seals killed across 216 individual fish farms. GAAIA wrote to the Scottish Government on 25 August 2015 asking for clarification on the data.

2012:

[Note that the Scottish Government [calculate](#) that "208 seals have been shot across 230 individual fish farms" during 2012]

2012 Returns		Quarter 1		Quarter 2			
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey
ONC10/2012/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/0597			3 FS/0908		1
"	"	FS/0908			2 FS/1020		1
"	"	FS/0031			2		
"	"	FS/1080			1		
ONC11/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0860			5 FS/0359		1
"	"	FS/1023			4		

S01/2012/W	Meridian Salmon Group				FS/0074		2
S02/2012/W	Boundskerries Seafoods Ltd				FS/0310		1
"	"						
S05/2012/W	Balta Island Seafare Ltd						
S06/2012/W	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd						
S07/2012/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/1009			3 FS/0140		2
"	"	FS/0333			3 FS/1099		1
"	"	FS/0501			2 FS/0333		1
"	"	FS/0140			3 FS/0715		1
"	"	FS/0946			3		
"	"	FS/0386			1		
"	"						
"	"						
"	"						
S08/2012/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd	FS/0033			1 FS/0699		1
"	"	FS/0699			1		
"	"						
"	"						
"	"						
WI03/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WI04/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WI06/2012/W	Marine Harvest	FS/1033			1 FS/0502		1
"	"	FS/0502			1		
WI07/2012/W	Marine Harvest						
WI08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0752			2 FS/0752		3
"	"	FS/0998			1 FS/0998		1
"	"	FS/0411			2		
WI09/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/1118			1		
WI10/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0242			2		
WI11/2012/W	Loch Duart Ltd	FS/0072		1	2		
"	"	FS0853		1	1		
WI13/2012/W	Marine Harvest Ltd - Hellisay						
SW07/2012/W	Lakeland Marine Farm Ltd (Meridian Salmon Group)						
SW08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0767		6			
"	"	FS/0818			2		
"	"	FS/0698			1		
"	"	FS/0851		2			
WS06/2012/W	Meridian Salmon Group (aka Lakel	FS/0629		2			
"	"	FS/0464		1			
"	"	FS/0356			2		
WS07/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/1010			1		
"	"	FS0336			1		
WS08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WS09/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WS11/2012/W	Dawnfresh Farming Ltd	FS/1112		1	Site no not provided		2
WS12/2012/W	Kames Fish Farming						
WS13/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0549			2		
"	"	FS/0694		1			
"	"	FS/0634		2			
"	"	FS/0253			1		
WS16/2012/W	Marine Harvest						
WS18/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WS19/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WS20/2012/D	Glen Forsa						
WS21/2012/W	Marine Harvest	FS/0602		3	3		
"	"	FS/0519			1		
WS22/2012/D	North and North West Salmon Man	Site no not provided (L		2	1 FS/0067		1
"	"				FS/0068		1

2012 Returns		Quarter 3			Quarter 4		
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey

ONC10/2012/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/1209		1	FS/908		1
"	"	FS/1017		2	FS/993		2
ONC11/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0813		2	FS/1023		2
"	"	FS/1024		2	FS/1024		1
"	"	FS/0823		2	FS/0813		2
"	"	FS/1023		2	FS/0860		2
S01/2012/W	Meridian Salmon Group				FS/0088		5
S02/2012/W	Boundskerries Seafoods Ltd	FS/0310		1	FS/0310		2
"	"	FS/0439		1			
S05/2012/W	Balta Island Seafare Ltd				FS/0717		2
S06/2012/W	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd						
S07/2012/W	Hjaltland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0446		1	FS/0140		2
"	"	FS/1099		3	FS/0501		2
"	"	FS/0501		1	FS/0333		6
"	"	FS/0333		1	FS/1099	1	6
"	"				FS/1027		1
"	"				FS/1076		1
"	"				FS/0903		1
"	"				FS/0764		1
"	"				FS/0489		2
"	"				FS/0996		1
S08/2012/W	Scottish Seafarms Ltd				Grunna Voe (Dury area)		1
"	"				Inshore Site Ronas Voe		1
"	"				FS/0699		2
"	"				Outer Site (Ronas Voe)		1
"	"				Crooie		1
"	"				FS/1018		1
WI03/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/1256		1	FS/1256		2
WI04/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WI06/2012/W	Marine Harvest						
"	"						
WI07/2012/W	Marine Harvest						
WI08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company				FS/0752		4
"	"						
"	"						
WI09/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WI10/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WI11/2012/W	Loch Duart Ltd				Lochmaddy		1
"	"						
WI13/2012/W	Marine Harvest Ltd - Hellisay						
WS06/2012/W	Meridian Salmon Group (aka Lakeland Marine)						
"	"						
"	"						
WS07/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0336		2			
"	"						
WS08/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company	FS/0708	3		FS/0708		1
WS09/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WS11/2012/W	Dawnfresh Farming Ltd	FS/0101	2		FS/1101	1	
"	"	FS/1112	1				
WS12/2012/W	Kames Fish Farming						
WS13/2012/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0426	2		FS/0858		1
"	"				FS/0549		1
"	"						
"	"						
WS16/2012/W	Marine Harvest				FS/1084		1
WS18/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WS19/2012/W	The Scottish Salmon Company						
WS20/2012/D	Glen Forsa	Forsa River	1				
WS21/2012/W	Marine Harvest	FS/0237	1		FS/0015	1	
"	"	FS/0240	1		1 FS/0249	1	
WS22/2012/D	North and North West Salmon Man	Wester Ross ADSFB			1 FS/0067		1
"	"	FS/0057			1 FS/0487		1
"	"	FS/0671	1		1 FS/0065	1	
"	"	FS/0068	1		FS/0671	1	
"	"	FS/0067			1		
"	"	FS/0065	1				

2011:

[Note that the Scottish Government [calculate](#) that "241 seals were shot across 235 individual fish farms" during 2011]

2011 Returns		Quarter 1		Quarter 2			
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey
ONC10/2011/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/0390			6		
"	"	FS/1209			4		
"	"	FS/0645			2		
ONC11/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0361			2		
"	"	FS/0359			1		
"	"	FS/1023			1		
S1/2011/W	Lakeland Unst Ltd - Hoganess Salmon Ltr	FS/0666			1		
S2/2011/W	Bound Skerries Seafood Ltd				FS/0439		1
"	"						
S3/2011/W	Uyeasound Salmon Company						
S4/2011/W	NAFC						
S5/2011/W	Balta Island Seafare Ltd				Site no not provided		2
S6/2011/W	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd						
S7/2011/W	Hjaitland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0937			1 FS/0515		1
"	"	FS/0433			1 FS/0333		3
"	"	FS/0447			1 FS/0764		4
"	"	FS/0378			2		
"	"	FS/0386			1		
"	"	FS/0140			4		
"	"	FS/0333			6		
"	"	FS/1045			1		
"	"						
"	"						
S8/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms				FS/0033		2
"	"						
"	"						
SW7/2011/W	Lakeland Marine Farm				FS/1176		1
SW8/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company	FS/1019		1	FS/0423		1
"	"	FS/0851		2			
"	"	FS/0423		1			
"	"	FS/0590			1		
"	"	FS/0894			1		
WI3/2011/W	The Scottish Salmon Company (prev West Minch Salmon)	FS/1013		3			
"	"	FS/0190		1			
WI4/2011/W	The Scottish Salmon Company (prev West Minch Salmon)						
WI6/2011/W	Marine Harvest (Lewis & Harris)	FS/1042			1		
WI7/2011/W	Marine Harvest (Uist & Benbecula)						
WI8/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Roag)	FS/0998			2		
WS6/2011/W	Lakeland Marine Farm Ltd	FS/0464		1	FS/0629		4
"	"						
WS7/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Sound of Gigha)						
WS8/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Portree)						
"	"						
WS9/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Carden)						
WS10/2011/W	North West Salmon Management Group	Site no not provided (Loch Du)			2		
"	"						
WS11/2011/W	Dawnfresh Farming Ltd	FS/1067		1	FS/1101		1
"	"				FS/1112		1
WS12/2011/W	Kames Fish Farming Ltd						
WS13/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms (Scotland Region)	FS/0427		1			
"	"	FS/0875		1			
"	"	FS/1047		2			
"	"	FS/0549		1			
WS18/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Torridon)						
WS19/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Mull)	FS/0839		1	1 FS/0617		1
"	"	FS/0617			2		
WS20/2011/D	Glenforsa Estate						
WS21/2011/W	Marine Harvest combined	FS/0212		1	FS/0212		1
"	"	FS/0241		1	1 FS/0240		1
"	"	FS/0249			1 FS/0244		1
"	"	FS/0413		1	1		

2011 Returns		Quarter 3		Quarter 4			
Licence No:	Licence Name:	Site	Common	Grey	Site	Common	Grey
ONC10/2011/W	Northern Isles Salmon Ltd	FS/1020			1 FS/0645		6
"	"				FS/0597		2
ONC11/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/1023			2 FS/1023		4
"	"				FS/0860		9

S1/2011/W	Lakeland Unst Ltd - Hoganess Salmon Ltd - Northern Isles Salmon Ltd					
S2/2011/W	Bound Skerries Seafood Ltd	FS/0439		1	FS/031 0	1
"	"	FS/0310		1		
S3/2011/W	Uyeasound Salmon Company					
S4/2011/W	NAFC					
S5/2011/W	Balta Island Seafare Ltd	FS/0717		3	FS/0717	1
S6/2011/W	Thompson Bros Salmon Ltd					
S7/2011/W	Hjaitland Seafarms Ltd	FS/0292		1	FS/1027	1
"	"	FS/1114		3	FS/0333	2
"	"	FS/0715		1	FS/1099	2
"	"	FS0386		1	FS/0501	1
"	"	FS/0377		1	FS/0140	1
"	"	FS/0140		2		
"	"	FS/1099		1		
"	"	FS/0333		2		
"	"	FS/0501		3		
"	"	FS/0378		1		
"	"	FS/0764		1		
S8/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms	FS/0032		2	FS/0608	1
"	"	FS/0699		2	FS/0699	1
"	"	Site no not provided (Mangester)		1		
SW7/2011/W	Lakeland Marine Farm					
SW8/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company	FS/1019	1		FS/0199	4
WI3/2011/W	The Scottish Salmon Company (prev West Minch Salmon)				FS/1256	1
"	"					1
WI4/2011/W	The Scottish Salmon Company (prev Wes	FS/0638	2	1		
WI6/2011/W	Marine Harvest (Lewis & Harris)	FS/0954		1		
WI7/2011/W	Marine Harvest (Uist & Benbecula)					
WI8/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Roag)	FS/1103		2	FS/0927	6
"	"	FS/0411		3	FS/0752	2
"	"	FS/0752		6		
WI9/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Seaforth)					
WI10/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Odhaim Gravir)					
WI11/2011/W	Loch Duart Ltd	FS/0072	2		FS/0072	1
"	"				Site no not provided (Loch	1
WS6/2011/W	Lakeland Marine Farm Ltd	FS/0629	3		FS/0356	4
"	"	FS/0464	2		FS/0629	1
WS7/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Sound of Gigha)					
WS8/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Portree)				FS/0708	1
"	"				FS/0880	1
WS9/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Carden)					
WS10/2011/W	North West Salmon Management Group	Site no not provided (Loch Dua	1		Site no not provided (Loch	2
"	"				FS/0057	1
WS11/2011/W	Dawnfresh Farming Ltd	FS/0040	1		FS/0040	1
"	"	FS/1101	1			
WS12/2011/W	Kames Fish Farming Ltd					
WS13/2011/W	Scottish Sea Farms (Scotland Region)	FS/0694	1		FS/0616	2
"	"					
"	"					
WS18/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Loch Torridon)				FS/0594	1
WS19/2011/W	Scottish Salmon Company (Mull)	FS/0593		1	FS/0839	1
"	"	FS/0617	1		FS/0617	1
WS20/2011/D	Glenforsa Estate	River Forsa	1			
WS21/2011/W	Marine Harvest combined	FS/0413	3	4	FS/0249	1
"	"	FS/0252		1	FS/0413	1
"	"	FS/0519		2	FS/0015	1
"	"				FS/0247	1
"	"				FS/0605	1
"	"				FS/0252	1
"	"				FS/0519	1
"	"				FS/0602	1

An analysis of the data for 2011 and the first half of 2012 was published by GAAIA in May 2013 via [Lethal Scottish Farmed Salmon: Serial Seal Killers Named & Shamed!](#)