

Scottish Salmon Watch, 25 November 2018

[Blowing the Whistle on Scottish Salmon](#)

- Whistleblowers leak gruesome photos of farmed salmon
- Videos lift lid on dirty rotten Scottish salmon
- Tip-line set up for whistleblowers



Leaked photos by whistleblowers working in the Scottish salmon farming industry showing skinned alive salmon at Marine Harvest's farm at Carradale in Kilbrannan Sound and hygiene failures at The Scottish Salmon Company's operations in Argyll have been [published by Scottish Salmon Watch](#). Nauseating videos of diseased farmed salmon at four Marine Harvest salmon farms (Loch Linnhe, Loch Ewe, Loch Torridon and Sconser on the Isle of Skye) and a Scottish Salmon Company salmon farm in Loch Fyne have also been [published](#). Scottish Salmon Watch is encouraging whistleblowers to [use the tip-line](#).



Here's [photos leaked by a whistleblower working at The Scottish Salmon Company's operation at Toward near Dunoon in Argyll:](#)



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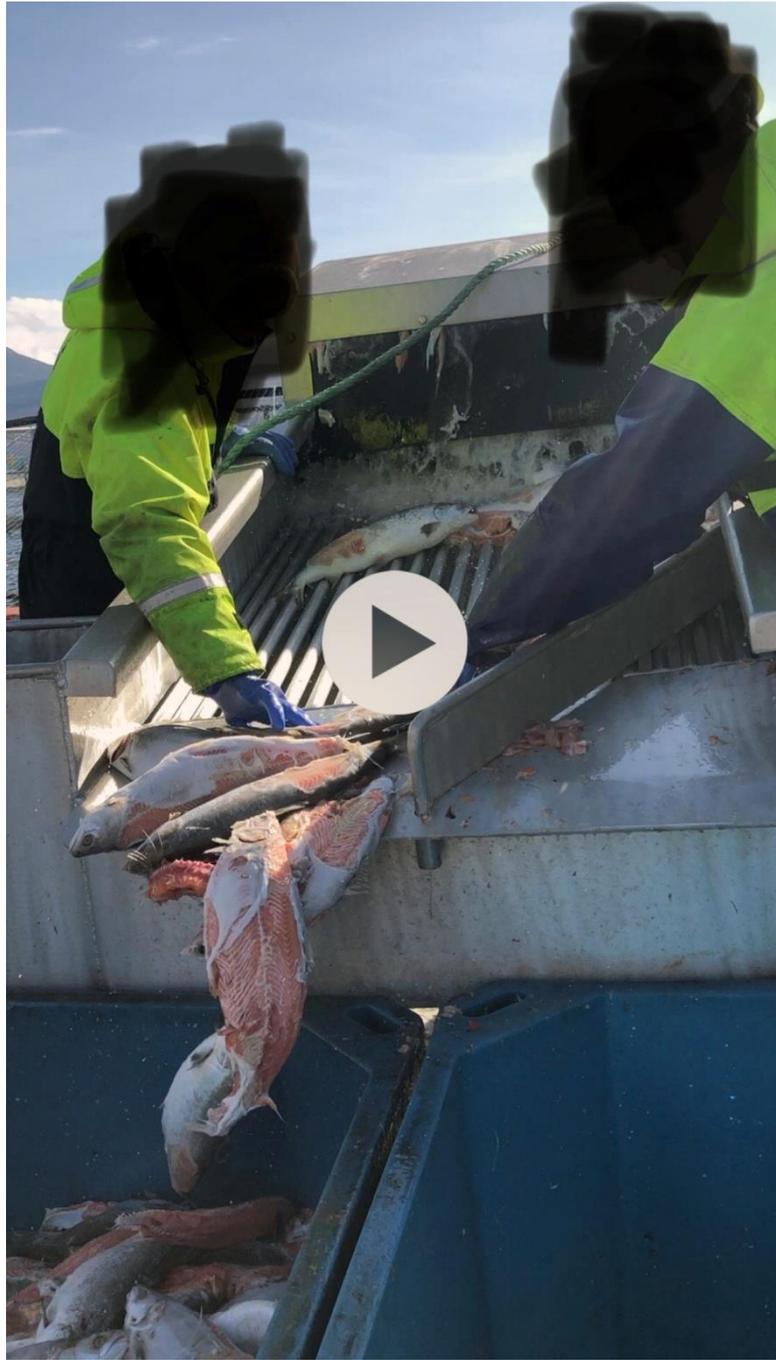


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Here's [photos of mass mortalities at Marine Harvest's salmon farm at Carradale in Kilbrannan Sound in March 2018](#) (video footage was also shot by the whistleblower):



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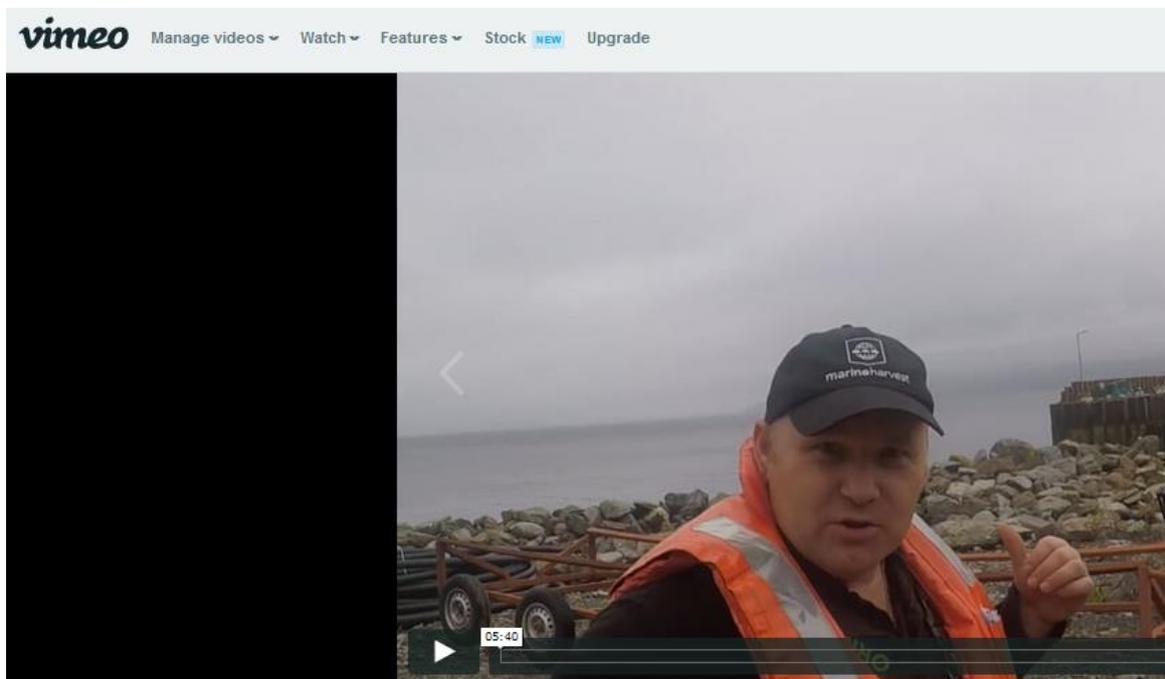
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In an email to Scottish Salmon Watch, the whistleblower claimed that Marine Harvest was guilty of "unsafe practices and environmental damage". "That was a horrible time taking the likes of 10/15 tubs of fish out of each cage every few days," wrote the whistleblower in September 2018. "Maybe 5 cages were affected that badly. Then we were working at 4 sites that operate out of Craobh Haven last summer where again there was even worse mass mortality. One site of 4 cages I think after a couple of weeks had 30 tubs of salmon in it dead."



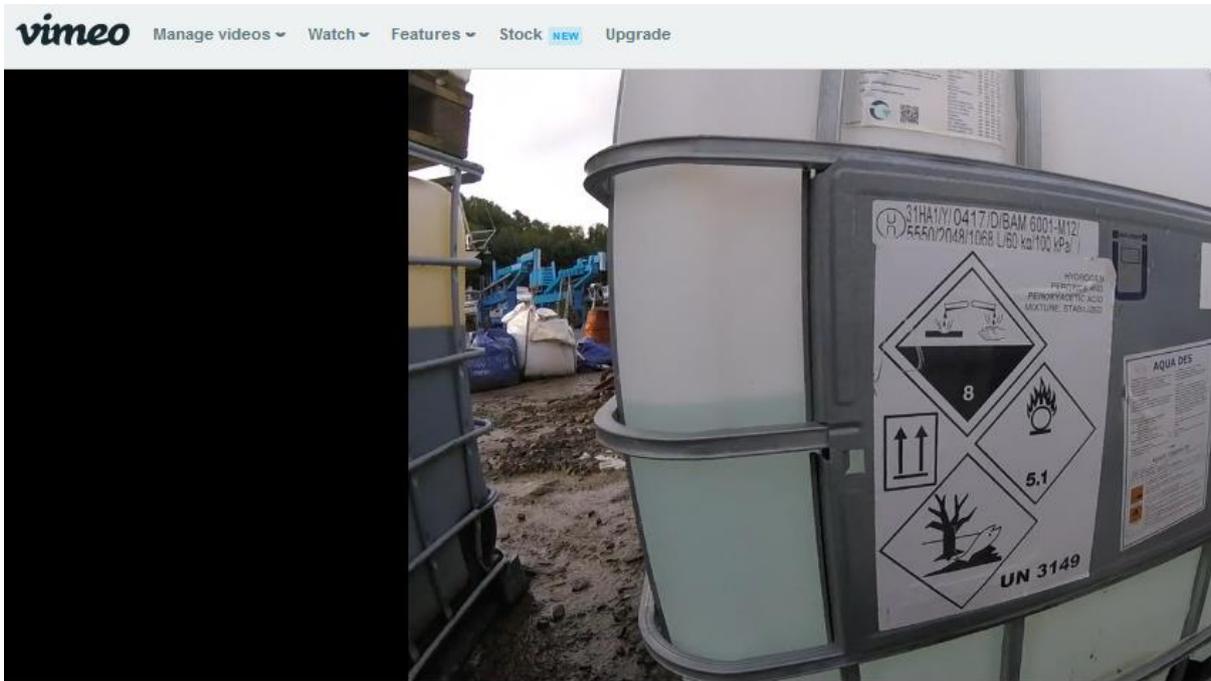
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In September 2018, despite a public admission by Marine Harvest that 300,000 farmed salmon had died ([as reported in The Sunday Mail in June 2018](#)), a Marine Harvest worker at Carradale [denied that there had been a mass mortalities](#).



**Marine Harvest denies mass mortalities at Carradale (despite 19% mortality)!**

Following the tip-off from the whistleblower, Scottish Salmon Watch [visited Marine Harvest's operations in Craobh Haven in September 2018:](#)

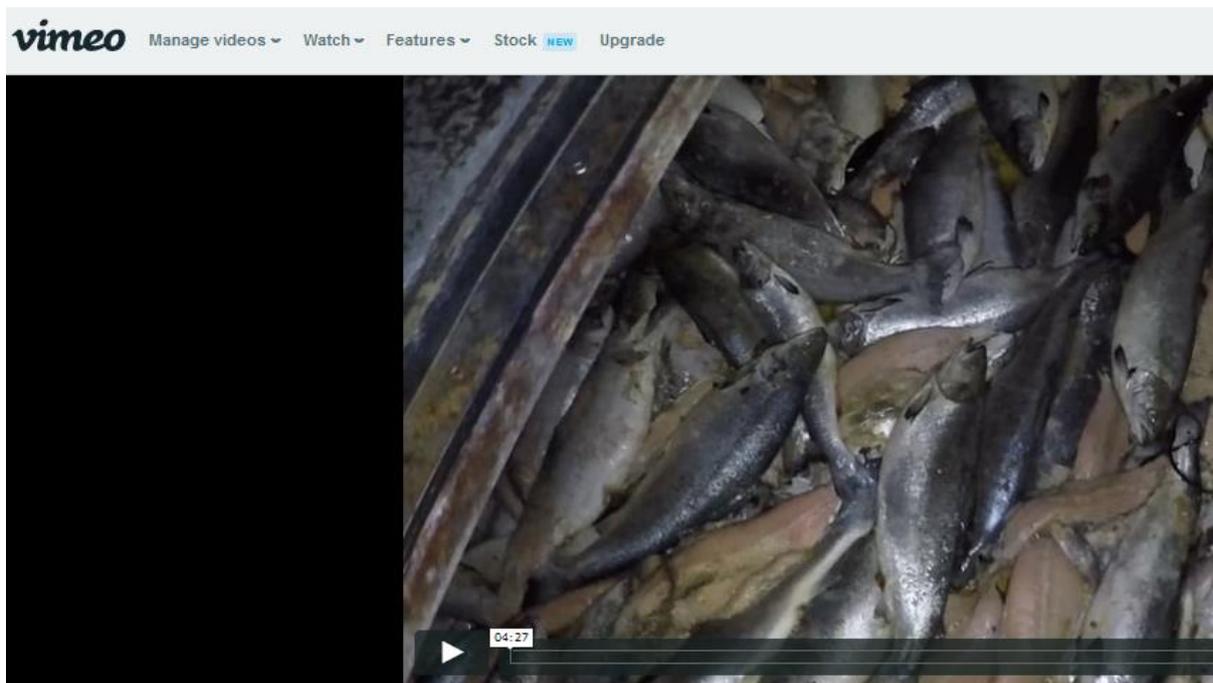


Toxic Marine Harvest (Marine Pollutant)

World Exclusive - sneak preview inside Marine Harvest's new MOWI salmon ([from 1 January 2019 Marine Harvest will be rebranded and renamed as MOWI!](#))!



Here's [video footage shot at Marine Harvest salmon farms in November 2018](#):

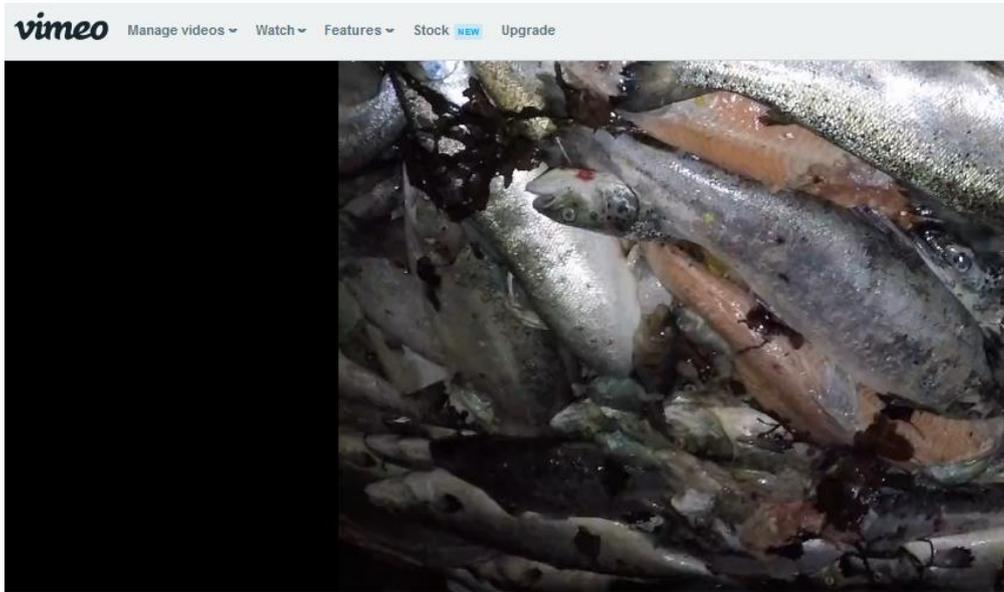


### 🔒 Marine Harvest's mort bin at Gorsten (Loch Linnhe)

"What we're seeing in skips across Scotland is skinned alive salmon," [reported Don Staniford at Marine Harvest's Gorsten salmon farm on 12 November 2018](#). "You can see head damage, lice damage and various diseases. Sorry, I am about to choke. This is what happens to 20-25% of farmed salmon. These salmon here are not healthy. However you slice it this is a horrible story of infections and disease."



"This is vomit-inducing," explained Staniford to an [undercover TV reporter a visiting the same Marine Harvest salmon farm at Gorsten](#) (but now a different skip) a few days later on 14 November 2018. "This is a symptom of over-production - a symptom of factory, battery salmon farming. There's a deformed salmon with an S-shape over there - a spine deformity. This is the underbelly, the disgusting nature of Scottish salmon farming. As consumers we should be boycotting Scottish salmon - it's a welfare disaster."

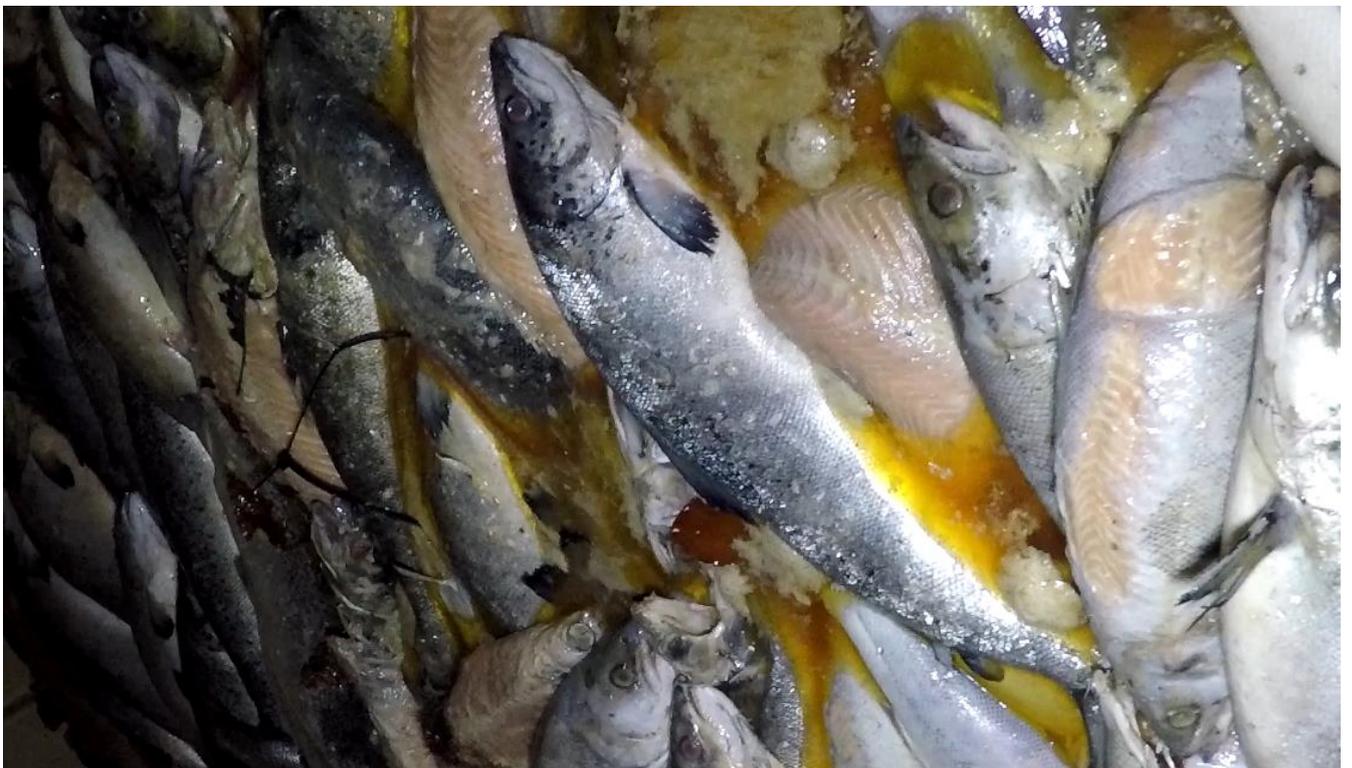


🔒 Undercover TV reporter lifts lid on mortalities at Marine Harvest

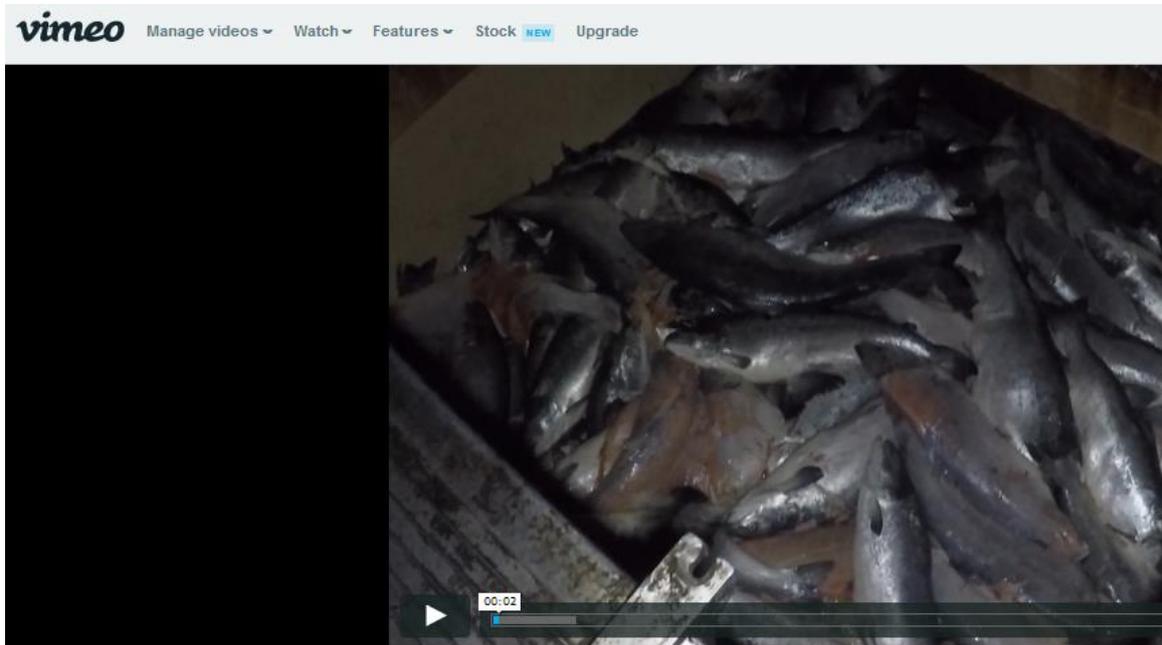




"I would not want to be eating a farmed salmon swimming in its own faeces and a cess pool of infectious diseases," continued Staniford. "It's fatty, contaminated. Scottish salmon is not a healthy, nutritious product. It's a hazardous waste. Scottish salmon deserves to be in the trash. This is welfare abuse."

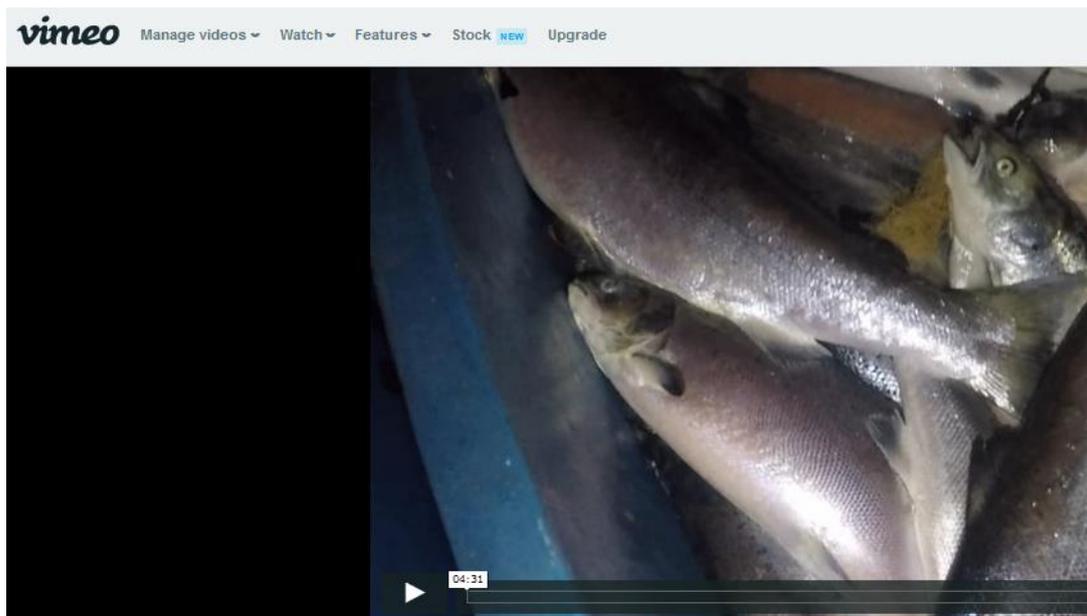


"Marine Harvest source Sainsbury's and all their farmed salmon is RSPCA Assured," [reported Don Staniford at Marine Harvest's Loch Ewe salmon farm on 10 November 2018.](#) "This is one of the salmon farms SEPA should close down as a matter of urgency. Don't buy deformed, diseased and dangerous Scottish salmon. This is disgusting - this is the side of salmon farming Marine Harvest does not want you to see."



🔒 Marine Harvest Loch Ewe skinless morts

Scottish Salmon Watch also [filmed at Marine Harvest's Torridon site in Loch Torridon](#) in November 2018:



🔒 Marine Harvest's mort bins in Loch Torridon

And [filmed more mortalities at Marine Harvest's shore base at Sconser on the Isle of Skye](#):

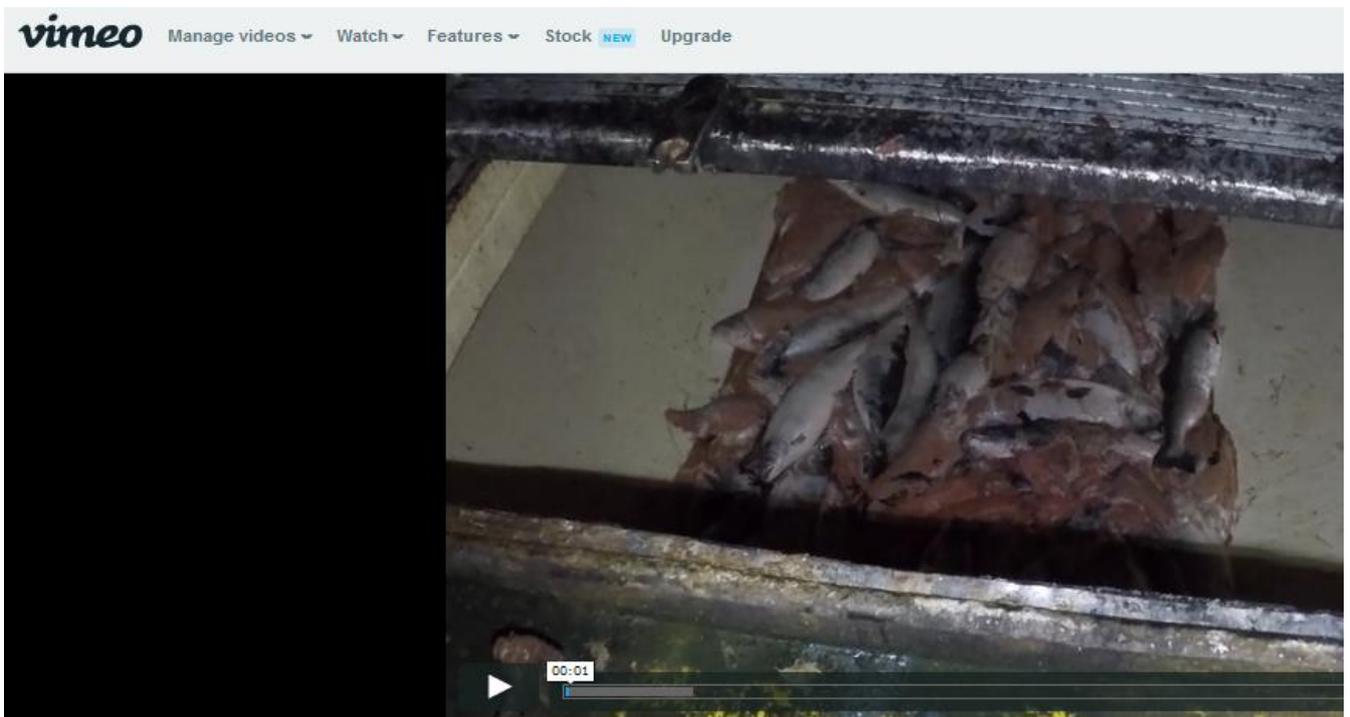


### 🔒 Mortals at Marine Harvest's Sconser operation on the Isle of Skye

"Marine Harvest's salmon makes me sick to the stomach," said Don Staniford, [Director of Scottish Salmon Watch](#). "I can still smell the stench of farmed salmon on my clothes even though it's been two weeks since filming. Instead of re-branding as MOWI, Marine Harvest should think about renaming their disease-ridden operations as Vomit. Cheap and nasty Scottish salmon leaves a bad taste in the mouth."

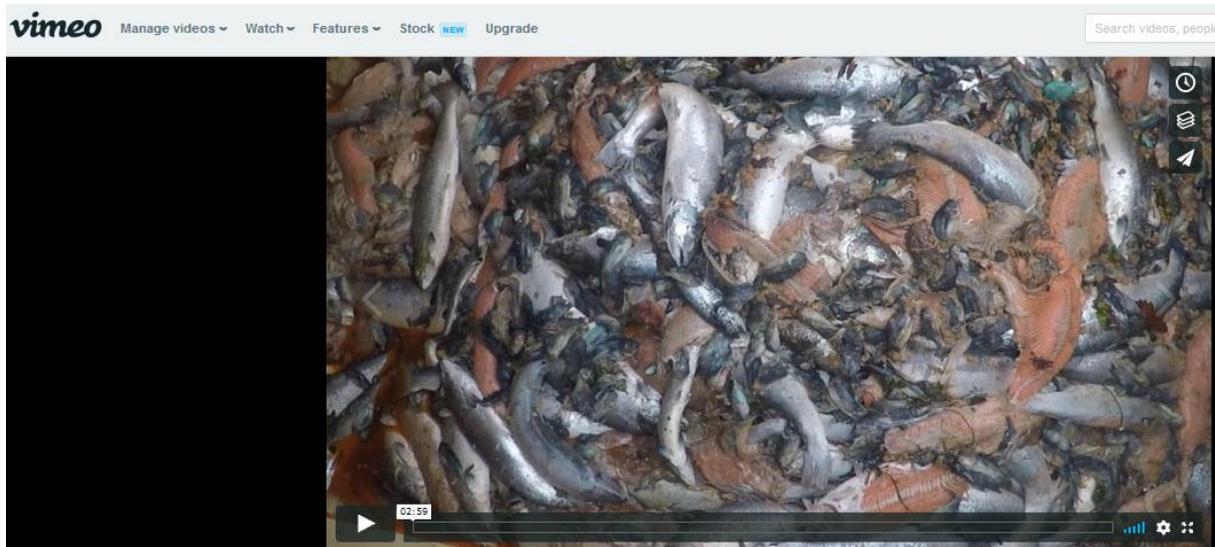


Scottish Salmon Watch [filmed skinless and diseased mortis at The Scottish Salmon Company's Strondoir Bay salmon farm on 14 November 2018:](#)



**🔒** Mass Mortalities at The Scottish Salmon Company (Strondoir Bay, Loch Fyne)

Filming in September 2018 also [revealed dozens of dead cleaner fish inside a Billy Bowie skip at The Scottish Salmon Company's salmon farm at Quarry Point in Loch Fyne:](#)



Lifting the Lid on Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon

See all video stats  
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Read more via:

[Whistleblower photos of Marine Harvest](#)

[Whistleblower photos of The Scottish Salmon Company](#)

[Media Backgrounder: Scottish Salmon's Mort Mountain - Leaping to Record Levels in 2018?](#)

[Dirty Rotten Scottish Salmon - Videos lift lid on can of worms, beetles & maggots!](#)

[Photos: Dirty Rotten Scottish Salmon - Lifting the Lid!](#)

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**Notes to Editors:**

[1]

**Sent:** 11 November 2018 17:10  
**To:** Dstaniford@gaaia.org  
**Subject:** Scottish Salmon Pictures

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Online via [Whistleblower photos of The Scottish Salmon Company](#)

**Sent:** 12 September 2018 13:03  
**To:** Don Staniford  
**Subject:** Re: Video

Yeah it was just a screenshot of the videos.

One is an above view of a cage that was storm damaged due to over stocking of small fish so sides of the salmon were rubbed off to bare flesh. Call them Morabunds.

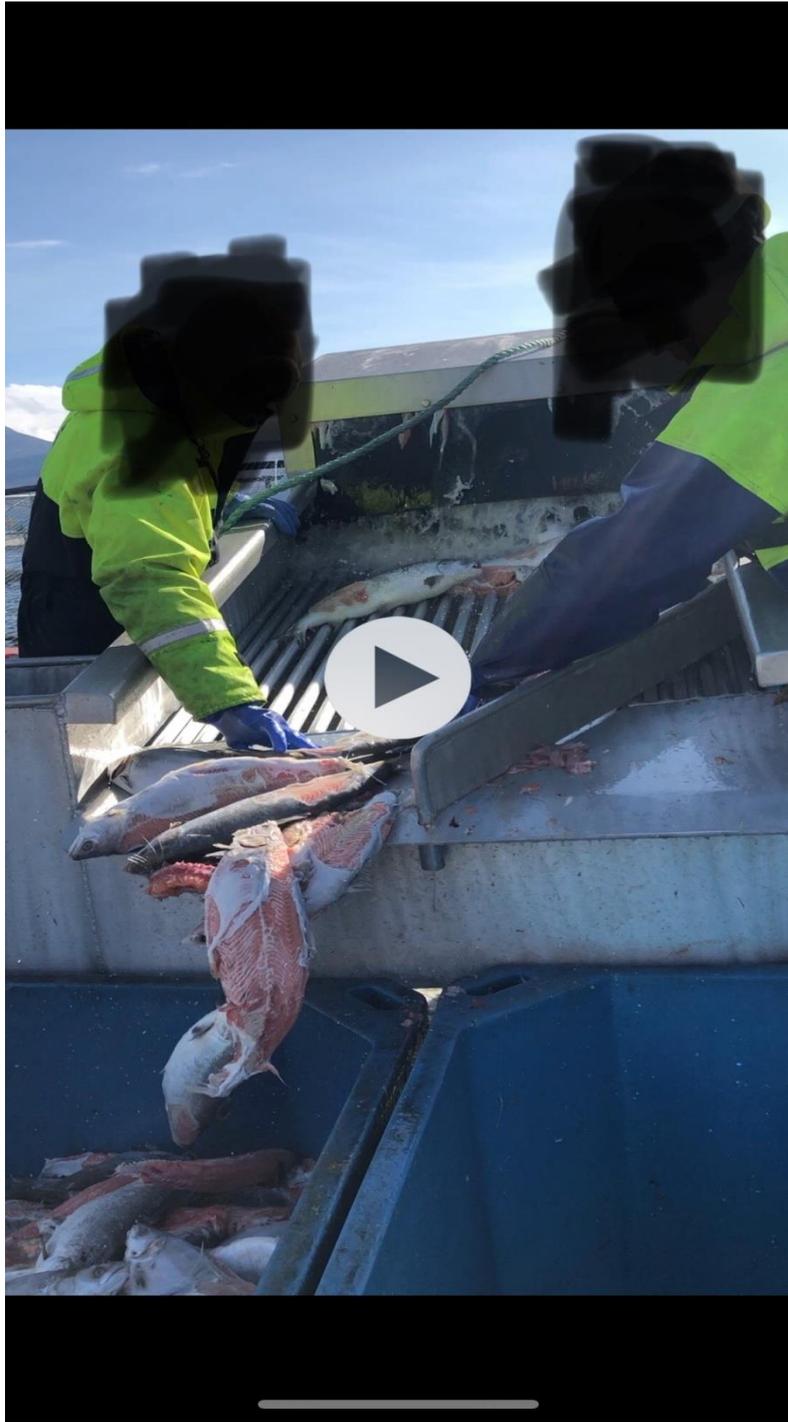
The second video is of a de watering table that is used with an “up-lift” system which uses inertia to bring the dead salmon up by pumping compressed air down into a lay flat 8” pipe.

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