

[Scottish Salmon Watch](#), 1 October 2018

Dirty Rotten Scottish Salmon

- Videos lift lid on can of worms, beetles & maggots!
- Carcasses of 'cleaner fish' expose filthy fish farming

[Video footage](#) quite literally lifts the lid on the can of worms that is Scottish salmon farming.



Gruesome pictures of dead farmed salmon and 'cleaner fish' were shot by [Don Staniford](#) inside skips at The Scottish Salmon Company's disease-ridden salmon farms in Loch Fyne:



Lifting the Lid on Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon

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"This is the rotting, maggot-infested farmed salmon," said Don Staniford, [Director of Scottish Salmon Watch](#)) reporting from the top of a Billy Bowie skip at The Scottish Salmon Company's salmon farm at Quarry Point in Loch Fyne on 15 September 2018. "This is what happens to over a quarter of farmed salmon and it looks like huge quantities of cleaner fish are dying each year on Scottish salmon farms."



"These salmon farms are torture chambers for farmed salmon," continued Staniford. "This is a welfare disaster, a welfare nightmare. This is what happens to maybe 20 million farmed salmon each year. Scottish salmon is disgusting, it's nauseating. That's enough to put you off your breakfast, lunch and dinner. I wouldn't serve Scottish salmon to my cat - I wouldn't serve it to my mother in law. I'm just going to put the lid back on and maybe throw up."



"I'm about to vomit with the smell," said Don Staniford, [Director of Scottish Salmon Watch](#)) climbing up a Billy Bowie skip at The Scottish Salmon Company's salmon farm at Strondoir Bay in Loch Fyne on 16 September 2018. "This is Category 2 material - dead farmed salmon not fit for animal consumption. I don't think Scottish salmon is fit for animals. It's not fit for humans."



🔒 WARNING: Dirty Rotten Scottish Salmon: "Not for Animal Consumption"

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"We're opening the lid on this toxic industry," continued Staniford. "Inside here is a vat full of dead salmon and cleaner fish. These salmon will have died through diseases, infections and parasites. Beetles and maggots are infesting on the bodies of the dead salmon. Cleaner fish are put in the farms to clean the farms yet we're seeing mass mortalities of cleaner fish. Salmon farming is so dirty, so rotten."



"You've got a pool of oil, that's the leakage from the salmon," concluded Staniford. "Fat content of the farmed salmon could be 15-20% - it's fatter than pizza. You think you're buying a healthy product when you buy Scottish salmon but it's farmed, it's fatty, it's contaminated with toxic chemicals and it has artificial colourings. So think twice before you buy Scottish salmon. These salmon suffered a cruel, horrible life."



'Category 2' wastes are [classified by the Animal & Plant Health Agency](#) as "high risk" due to "having infectious diseases" and include "carcasses of animals killed for disease control purposes" and "carcasses containing residues from authorised treatments" whereas 'Category 3' wastes are classified as "low risk".

Video footage of 'Category 3 Material' - including vast quantities of cleaner fish - was shot at the processing plant operated by Scottish Sea Farms in South Shian on 15 September 2018.



Dead Cleaner Fish & Scottish Salmon - Fish Waste Category 3

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Video footage of [maggot-infested Scottish salmon](#) and [mort bins](#) was shot at a salmon farm (Tanera 2) operated by Scottish Sea Farms in the Summer Isles on 1 September 2018:



Mmmmm Maggot-Infested Scottish Salmon

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The mortality rate on Scottish salmon farms is a staggering [26.7%](#) - that's over 25,000 tonnes of dead salmon in 2017 estimated at 15-20 million 'morts' due to lice infestations, infectious diseases, deformities and other welfare problems [1].



Mort bins at Scottish Sea Farms in the Summer Isles

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Download high res images via [Photos: Dirty Rotten Scottish Salmon - Lifting the Lid!](#)



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Secret video footage shot in July and August 2018 by Scottish Salmon Watch inside salmon farms operated by The Scottish Salmon Company in Loch Fyne (Quarry Point) and Scottish Sea Farms on the Isle of Mull (Loch Spelve & Scallastle Bay) [revealed deformities and lice infestation](#) of both farmed salmon and cleaner fish:

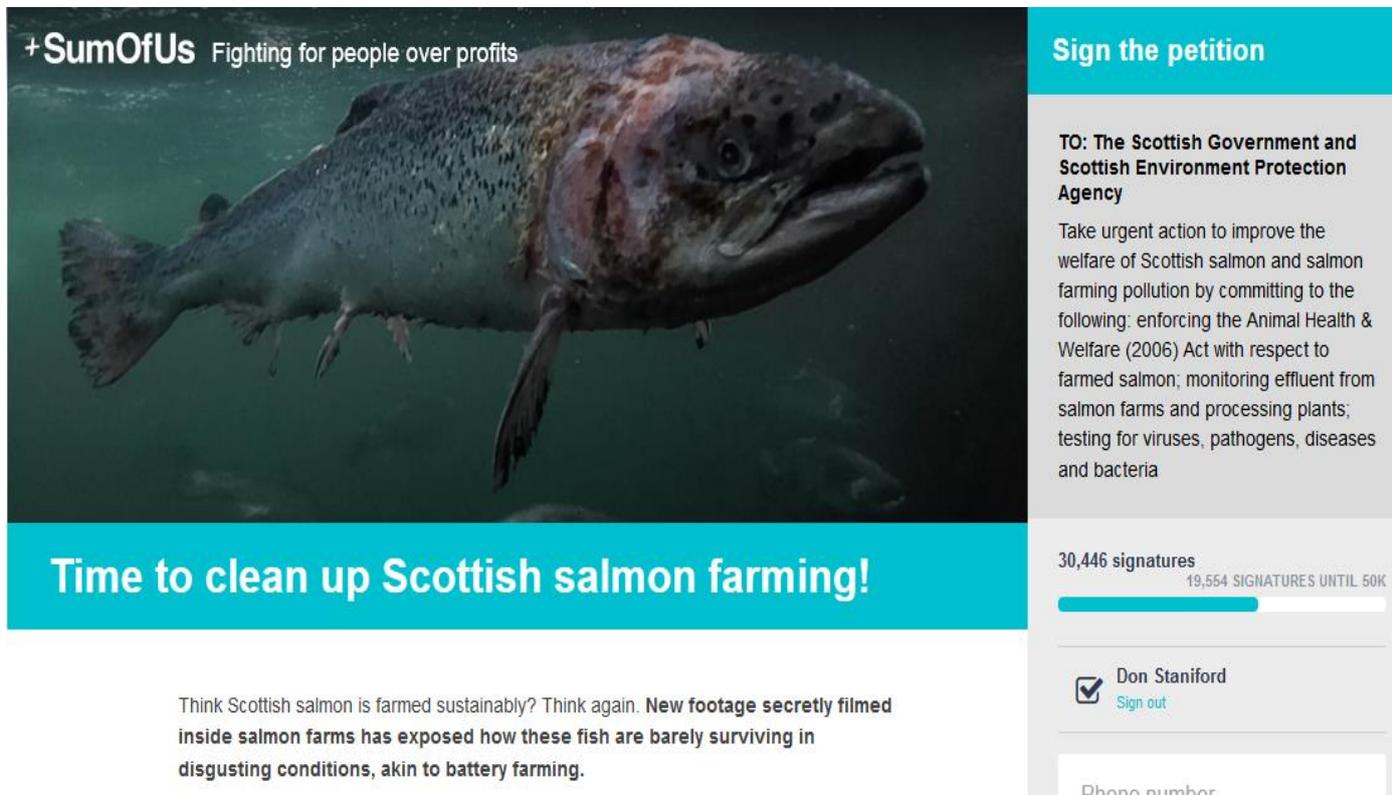


Secret Filming Inside Scottish Salmon Farms - Diseased & Deformed Farmed Salmon (& Lice-Infested 'Cleaner Fish')

[Video footage shot in August 2018 by photographer Corin Smith](#) revealed shocking welfare abuse at a salmon farm operated by The Scottish Salmon Company in Loch Roag (as [broadcast by the BBC's 'The One Show' on 10 September 2018](#)):



Scottish Salmon Watch has partnered with SumOfUs in [calling on the Scottish Government and Scottish Environment Protection Agency](#) to take urgent action to improve the welfare of Scottish salmon and salmon farming pollution - with over 30,000 people [signing the petition](#).



The image is a promotional graphic for a petition. On the left, there is a photograph of a salmon with a dark, mottled pattern on its back, swimming in water. Above the fish, the SumOfUs logo is displayed with the tagline 'Fighting for people over profits'. Below the fish, a teal banner contains the text 'Time to clean up Scottish salmon farming!'. To the right of the fish, there is a white box with a teal header 'Sign the petition'. Below the header, the text reads: 'TO: The Scottish Government and Scottish Environment Protection Agency', followed by a list of demands: 'Take urgent action to improve the welfare of Scottish salmon and salmon farming pollution by committing to the following: enforcing the Animal Health & Welfare (2006) Act with respect to farmed salmon; monitoring effluent from salmon farms and processing plants; testing for viruses, pathogens, diseases and bacteria'. Below this text, a progress bar shows '30,446 signatures' and '19,554 SIGNATURES UNTIL 50K'. At the bottom right, there is a user profile for 'Don Staniford' with a checkmark icon and a 'Sign out' link. Below the profile, there is a 'Phone number' input field.

Think Scottish salmon is farmed sustainably? Think again. **New footage secretly filmed inside salmon farms has exposed how these fish are barely surviving in disgusting conditions, akin to battery farming.**

Scottish Salmon's Diary of Disaster:

October 2018 - The Rural Economy & Connectivity Committee is [expected to publish a report](#) as part of the Scottish Parliament's [inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland](#).

September 2018 - The BBC's 'The One Show' [broadcast a damning report](#) on lice-infested salmon in Loch Roag [featuring shocking video footage from photographer Corin Smith](#).

September 2018 - Scottish Salmon Watch [published shocking footage](#) of deformities and lice infestation of both farmed salmon and 'cleaner fish' in salmon farms in Loch Fyne and Loch Spelve.

August 2018 - A report - "[Fish Welfare on Scotland's Salmon Farms](#)" - published by OneKind exposed a number of [welfare breaches](#) including mass mortality, sea lice infestations, disease and escapes.

August 2018 - Mortality data [published by the Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation](#) revealed shocking levels of mortalities [due to gill health, diseases and anaemia](#) with a jaw-dropping [58% mortality rate reported at the Scottish Salmon Company's site at Inch Kenneth](#).

July 2018 - Scottish Salmon Watch [filed a legal complaint](#) with Police Scotland for breaches of the Animal Health & Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 by Marine Harvest, Scottish Sea Farms, The Scottish Salmon Company, Cooke Aquaculture, Grieg Seafood and Loch Duart.

June 2018 - Gruesome photos of deformed, disfigured, damaged and diseased farmed salmon were [published by The Ferret](#) following a [FOI disclosure by the Scottish Government](#).

May 2018 - Scottish Salmon Watch [revealed](#) that salmon farms in Scotland were fast-tracking the harvesting of fish due to infectious diseases, lice infestation and mortalities.

May 2018 - A [43,000-strong petition by SumOfUs](#) calling for the testing of salmon farming operations for infectious diseases, pathogens and viruses was [delivered to the Scottish Government](#).

March 2018 - A [dossier of data on lice, diseases and mortalities](#) was submitted to the Rural Economy & Connectivity Committee as part of the Scottish Parliament's [inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland](#).

March 2018 - A [damning report on the environmental impacts of salmon farming](#) was published by the Scottish Parliament's [Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee](#) who warned of "[irrecoverable damage](#)".

February 2018 - Data disclosed via FOI [revealed](#) mortality and disease problems at salmon farms operated by Marine Harvest, Scottish Sea Farms and The Scottish Salmon Company.

January 2018 - A [Parliamentary Reply from Fergus Ewing revealed](#) that the mortality rate on Scottish salmon farms was a staggering 26.7% with nearly 13 million dead farmed salmon.

January 2018 - The Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture [filed a complaint with the European Commission](#) regarding a breach of the Animal By-Products Regulations and the failure to properly police the transport of dead farmed salmon.

December 2017 - The BBC's 'One Show' [broadcast damning footage](#) of leaking haulage trucks disposing of diseased farmed salmon on ['The Dead Salmon Run'](#).

November 2017 - The Sunday Herald [revealed](#) that the tonnages of dead farmed salmon that had to be disposed of has more than doubled from 10,599 tonnes in 2013 to a record high of 22,479 in 2016 (the Herald [revealed](#) in March 2018 that over 25,000 tonnes died in 2017).

July 2017 - [Salmon & Trout Conservation Scotland estimated](#) that 20 million farmed salmon die each year on salmon farms despite ca. 70% of the salmon farming industry being certified as RSPCA Assured.

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Notes to Editors:

[1] Read more via "[Media Backgrounder: Scottish Salmon's Mort Mountain: Leaping to Record Levels in 2018?](#)" (October 2018)

Read more on welfare problems, mortalities and diseases on Scottish salmon farms via:

[The Secrets of Scottish Salmon Farming](#)

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

[Horrific footage exposes factory salmon farming](#)

[Scottish Salmon in a Spin - BBC 'One Show' leaves SSPO in 'panic mode'](#)

[BBC One Show on Lice-Infested Scottish Salmon](#)

[Scottish Salmon Going Rogue in Loch Roag](#)

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

[Daily Mail: "Suffering Salmon: Watchdog investigates farm over claims that more than 300,000 fish are infested with lice"](#)

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

[REVEALED: Photos Shot Inside Scottish Salmon Farms](#)

[WATCH: "Shocking" footage shows diseased and damaged fish on Scottish salmon farm](#)

[Sick salmon at Scottish fish farm revealed on film](#)

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

[Hard Evidence: Photos of Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon \(August 2018\)](#)

[Named: supermarkets selling salmon from 'poor' welfare farms](#)

[Revealed: the fish farms worst on animal welfare](#)

[Scottish salmon farming expansion must be stopped, say critics](#)

[New report exposes serious welfare issues on Scottish salmon farms](#)

[Legal Complaint Vs Breaches of Animal Health & Welfare \(Scotland\) Act](#)

[Hard Evidence: The Welfare Nightmare of Scottish Salmon Farming \(July 2018\)](#)

[Horror photos of farmed salmon spark legal threat](#)

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

[Hard Evidence - Photos of Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon \(June 2018\)](#)

[Letter to Scottish Ministers re. Welfare Abuses at Scottish Salmon Farms](#)

[Deaths, Deformities & Welfare Abuse at Scottish Salmon Farms - Breach of the Animal Health & Welfare \(Scotland\) Act?](#)

[EXPOSED: Early Harvesting at Scottish Salmon Farms Due to Disease & Mortalities](#)

[Hard Evidence: Fast-Tracking Disease-Ridden Scottish Salmon](#)

[Letter to the Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare: Thermoliced to Death](#)

[Hard Evidence: Dossier of Data on Lice, Diseases & Mortalities at Scottish Salmon Farms](#)

[The Herald: "Video: Disease concern as Scots salmon farmers' produce "stomach-churning" record levels of fish deaths"](#)

[Scottish Salmon's Mort Mountain Leaps Over 10 Million - FOI reveals 2.3 million dead salmon at Marine Harvest farms in 2017](#)

[Photo Gallery: Dead Salmon from Scotland's Disease-Ridden Salmon Farms](#)

