

North Atlantic Salmon Fund & Animal Concern, 18 September 2021

**Secret Filming Exposes Welfare Abuse Inside Salmon Cages in Iceland & Scotland
- Go Pro cameras lift the lid on the horrors of factory fish farming**

Campaigners are calling on open pen salmon farms to be closed down in the wake of horrific video footage shot inside salmon farms in Iceland and Scotland.

Video footage shot by Scottish Salmon Watch inside The Scottish Salmon Company's salmon cages in Loch Carron in North West Scotland last week (6 September 2021) [reveals lice infestation, dying fish and endemic welfare abuse.](#)



Last month, the North Atlantic Salmon Fund [published gruesome video footage shot inside salmon farms in Iceland.](#)



“This is simply what I immediately saw when I stuck the Go Pro camera into the pen, absolutely horrific to see the state of the fish in the pen,” said Veiga Grétarsdóttir who has filmed with a Go Pro camera inside salmon farms in Iceland. “I have been shooting in the area for a few days this week and I watched dead salmon being pumped out of the pens for 90 minutes straight but when I came back there were always more and more dead. They have been floating and rotting for a long time amongst fish that is then exported to be eaten. This is horrible to see and contrary to what the industry says this is the norm, eight thousand dead salmon per day on average so far this year”.



“We have had to go to some considerable lengths to obtain this kind of footage and images. The firms keep tight security around the pen and state we are breaking the law when we reveal how they themselves are breaking law in regards of animal welfare. We want salmon farming to be moved onto land. It is the only viable option if the authorities want to promote salmon farming. Open pen salmon farming will lead to the North Atlantic Salmon becoming extinct, the fjords will die and then the Norwegian salmon firms will simply pick up the pens and move them elsewhere leaving the locals without jobs. This is clearly not a sustainable industry, offering UK grocery stores lice infested and medicated open pen salmon with an environmental damage we cannot accept in a country known for its clean environment,” said Elvar Örn Friðriksson from the North Atlantic Salmon Fund”.

New images from September 15-16th Iceland



Dead salmon floats to the surface 14th September 2021 in the Reyðarfjörður East Iceland



Dead and rotting salmon can be seen in every pen, photos shot in East Iceland September 15-16th



Salmon intended for consumption is still alive amongst severely rotten salmon, East Iceland September 15-16th

Read more via a [Press release from North Atlantic Salmon Fund 17th September 2021](#)

“Factory fish farming is a welfare nightmare which must be closed down now,” said Don Staniford of Animal Concern's 'Scottish Salmon Watch' campaign who has been filming inside salmon farms in Scotland and Ireland since 2018. “Secret filming inside salmon farms has captured horrific evidence of welfare abuse including ‘death crowns’ where parasitic lice are literally eating into the flesh of the fish. Supermarkets should stop selling farmed salmon as ‘responsibly sourced’ when they know full well the poor fish come from torture chambers”.



“Don Staniford has been working with us for just over a week and he has already exposed one of the worst cases of farm animal cruelty I have seen in my 41 years with Animal Concern,” said John Robins of Animal Concern in a [press release](#) (12 September 2021). “The numerous dead and dying fish he filmed have obviously been left to suffer for several days if not weeks. The salmon are literally being slowly eaten alive by parasites. Animal Concern is going to push for this farm to be prosecuted for cruelty and neglect and we want the Scottish Government to start taking this matter seriously”.



“Scottish salmon leaves me sick to the stomach,” said Jamie Moyes, a vegan activist who acted as boat support to Scottish Salmon Watch and [filmed mort disposal in Loch Carron](#). “I used to work as a salmon farmer and I am ashamed that the Scottish Salmon Company is causing such horrific distress and suffering. Anyone who watches this video footage will be put off eating Scottish salmon for life”.



“Yet another salmon farm welfare scandal makes it clear that either the Scottish Government is grossly incompetent or willfully colluding with the salmon farming industry to cover up the appalling horrors of open cage salmon farming,” said Corin Smith of [Inside Scottish Salmon Feedlots](#) who has [filmed inside dozens of salmon farms in Scotland](#). “The Scottish Government was left in no doubt in 2018 by an Environment Committee report that there were huge problems with this industry and a lack of regulation and enforcement. The Scottish Government said ‘the status quo was not an option’, but this type of horror show recurs again and again. This is what corruption looks like in today's society, Scotland's environment and scruples being sacrificed in favour of big business at the altar of independence”.

More on recent secret filming at The Scottish Salmon Company in Scotland via:

[Breaking News: "Horror Videos Reveal Welfare Abuse Inside Scottish Salmon & Trout Cages" Videos of Mort Disposal by The Scottish Salmon Company - like a serial killer disposing of dead bodies before the police arrive!](#)

[Videos of Welfare Abuse at The Scottish Salmon Company in Loch Carron \(West Strome salmon farm\)](#)



Photos of inside Scottish salmon farms:

[Photos of Welfare Abuse at The Scottish Salmon Company in Loch Carron \(West Strome salmon farm\)](#)

[Secret Filming Exposes Welfare Abuse at RSPCA Assured Mowi](#)

[Photos from Compassion in World Farming](#)

The shocking video footage shot by Veiga Grétarsdóttir [featured on Icelandic TV](#) and in [newspapers across Iceland](#).



The secret filming was [carried out by Veiga Grétarsdóttir](#) - follow Veiga on [Facebook's 'Against the Current Iceland'](#).

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Starfsmaður Arctic Fish hringdi í Veigu og snupraði hana fyrir myndir af afmynduðum eldislögum

Kajakræðarinn **Veiga Grétarsdóttir** tók upp söguleg myndskleið af afmynduðum eldislögum í sjókvíum í Armarfirði og Dýrafirði. Starfsmaður Arctic Fish og oddviti Sjálfstæðisflokksins á Ísafirði, **Daniel Jakobsson**, hringdi í Veigu og snupraði hana eftir að RÚV birti frétt um málið um helgina.

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Scottish Salmon Watch [filmed inside RSPCA Assured Mowi salmon farms in the Sound of Shuna and Sound of Jura in July 2021](#) leading to [1 million views on Seaspiracy's Instagram](#):

Revealed, the nauseating underbelly of Scotland's £1 billion salmon farms

By Georgia Edkins

SCOTLAND'S largest salmon producer is being probed by police and animal welfare authorities after undercover cameras captured sickening footage from its fish farms. Fish infested with lice are seen swimming through filthy water just hours before being harvested and processed for sale in supermarkets up and down the country. One section of footage – taken at four Mowi fish farm sites on the West Coast last week – shows a dead salmon floating to the top of the water, its flesh coming loose as it decomposed. Now The Scottish Mail on Sunday can reveal the farms are being probed by the RSPCA. If investigators find salmon in the same state of distress, Mowi could lose its 'RSPCA Assured' labelling, which guarantees consumers the fish is reared in line with the highest welfare standards. The Norwegian company could even face

Fish eaten alive by lice, cages awash with faeces, dead salmon left to rot. As No1 producer is probed by cops, what are you putting on YOUR plate?



DISEASED: A lice-ridden salmon in a Scottish Mowi fish farm this month

'The RSPCA should hang their heads in shame'

sometimes administered with their feet in a desperate attempt to stave limit their portions to one fillet every two months, growing from open wounds, and chunks of their flesh missing, take those responsible for this suffering before a court of law.'

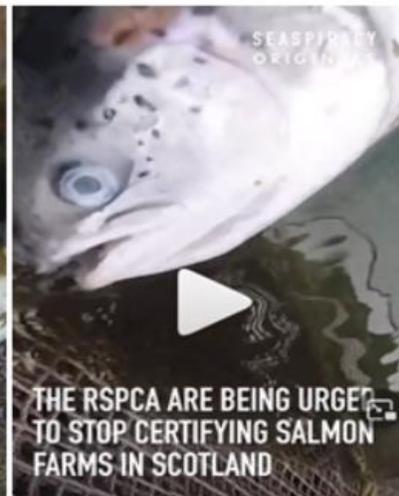
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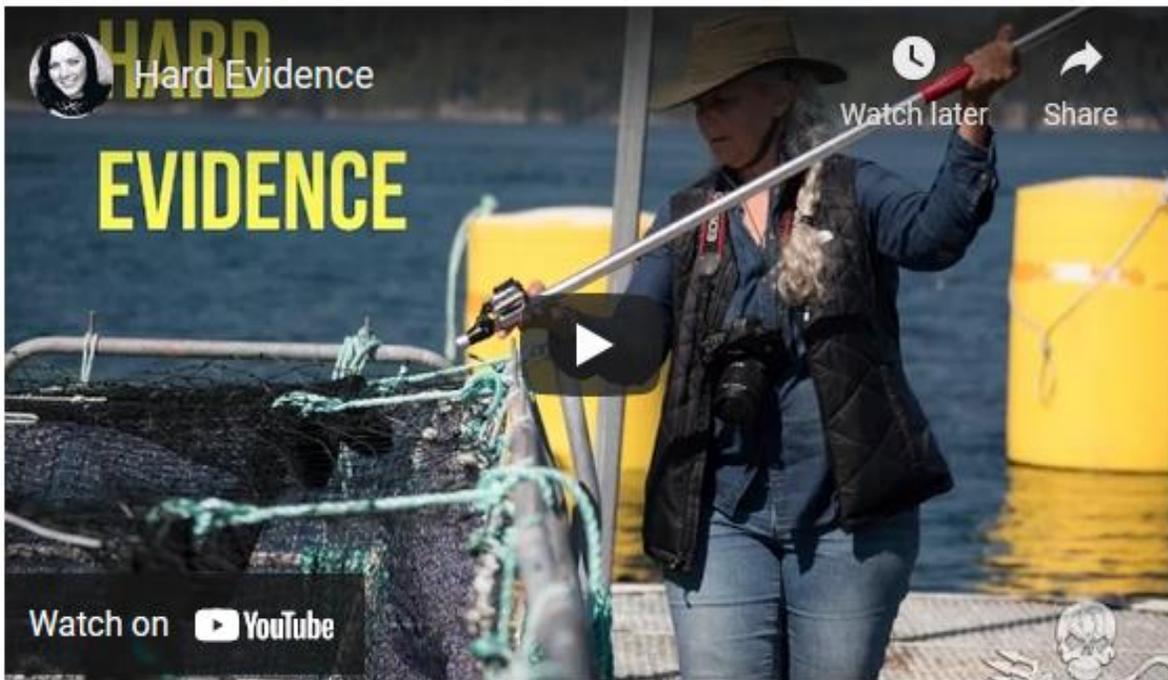
seaspiracy This shocking leaked footage shows salmon being eaten alive by lice at a fish farm in Scotland!



Netflix's '[Seaspiracy](#)' features secret video footage shot by Inside Scottish Salmon Feedlots and Scottish Salmon Watch at The Scottish Salmon Company and RSPCA Assured and ASC-certified Mowi.



Secret filming inside salmon farms was [pioneered in British Columbia, Canada, by Alexandra Morton in 2016](#) and then [developed by Sea Shepherd](#) (including [Pamela Anderson](#)) and [First Nations](#) in 2017, 2018 and 2019.



Secret filming by [Compassion in World Farming](#) inside 22 salmon farms – [published in March 2021](#) – reveals shocking welfare abuse inside salmon farms operated by The Scottish Salmon Company, Mowi, Scottish Sea Farms and other companies.



A new film narrated by Kate Winslet is [expected to lift the lid further on salmon farming](#). 'Eating Our Way to Extinction' [premiered last week in London](#) and is [screened in UK and US cinemas from 16 September](#). The film is [available for digital download in the autumn](#).

