

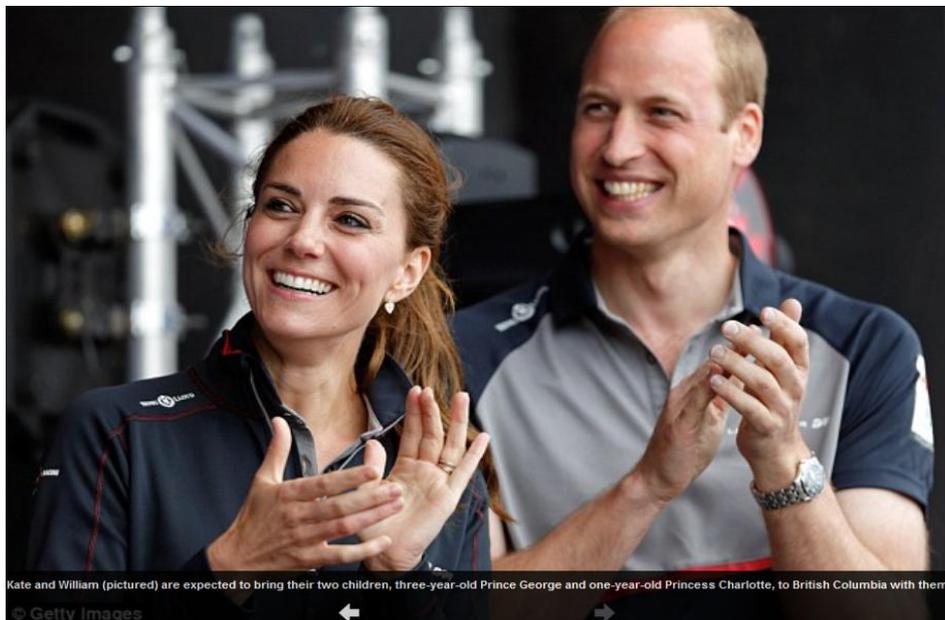
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Salmon Slap for Kate in Canada

Campaigners are calling on the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to endorse wild salmon not farmed salmon during the [royal visit to Canada later this month](#). The royal party will be presented with a gift of wild salmon when they arrive in Victoria (24 September) and challenged to issue a public statement pledging to [boycott farmed salmon](#).



"Shamefully, both William and Kate have been cheerleaders for the disease-ridden salmon farming industry in Scotland," said Don Staniford, Director of the [Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture](#) (GAAIA).



"Serving guests at their [royal wedding](#) diseased farmed salmon was a slap in the face for healthy wild fish and still leaves a nasty taste in the mouth. Farmed salmon is not fit for the Queen's corgis let alone [young children](#) like Princess Charlotte and Prince George. Wild salmon is clearly the King of Fish not the farmed imposter with the [fake tan](#), [lice-infested skin](#), [parasitic mushy flesh](#) and [cancer-causing chemical contamination](#)."

The royals are visiting British Columbia during an upsurge of [protests against salmon farms](#).



Last month, First Nations sent a [letter to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau](#) demanding the eviction of salmon farms from British Columbia.

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72 hours to vacate: First Nation gives eviction notice to salmon farm

Traditional Leaders of Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw board CERMAQ fish farm

By Jon Hernandez, CBC News | Posted: Aug 20, 2016 5:30 PM PT | Last Updated: Aug 20, 2016 5:30 PM PT



Dzawada'enuxw First Nation Hereditary Chief Willie Moon read out an eviction notice to workers at a Cermaq/Mitsubishi fish farm. (Tamo Campos/YouTube)

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"We, the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw view the destruction of wild fish by the fish farming industry as part of the long history of genocide forced on our people by the governments of

Canada," stated the [letter](#). "Salmon are essential to our well-being and the well-being of our world."

"The salmon are our sustenance," [said Willie Moon](#), chief councillor of the Kingcome community. "Without that salmon, we will no longer exist."



"The royal visit to Canada is an opportunity for the Duke and Duchess to learn at first hand the '[genocide](#)' wrought by salmon farms in British Columbia and understand why First Nations are [rising up against salmon farming](#)," continued Staniford. "The royals should be aware that salmon farms around the world are killing wild fish as well as [spreading infectious diseases, toxic chemicals and environmental pollution](#). Please follow the lead [set by Prince Charles](#) and promote healthy wild salmon not diseased farmed salmon. Boycotting farmed salmon during their visit would give a royal seal of approval for wild salmon and shine the global spotlight on the shameful practices of salmon farming."

Last year, the Yaakswiis Warriors [won a famous victory](#) against a new salmon farm in Clayoquot Sound following a [two-week occupation](#).



"We want to get rid of all the fish farms on our territory," John Rampanen, a member of the Ahousaht First Nation, told [DeSmog Canada](#).



During the royal visit to Canada, the Duke & Duchess will visit Victoria (24 September) - scene of a [recent protest](#) against salmon farms in British Columbia.

First Nations deliver anti-salmon farm message in Victoria

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A group of First Nations leaders and environmentalists arrived in Victoria Saturday, ending a journey from Campbell River to demand the removal of fish farms from BC waters.

Leaders of the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw Nations and anti-aquaculture activists sailed into the Inner Harbour on board a vessel loaned by the Sea Shepherd Society. A few weeks ago, Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw hereditary chiefs boarded a fish farm near the Burdwood Islands owned by Cermaq/Mitsubishi to deliver a 72-hour 'eviction notice' to the company, arguing the facility threatens wild salmon.

The royals will also visit Bella Bella (26 September) where they will be [ceremoniously welcomed](#) by the Heiltsuk First Nations community. Known as "[the salmon people](#)", the Heiltsuk have a history of protests against salmon farms and a "[zero tolerance towards the aquaculture industry in their territory](#)".



Heiltsuk

Heiltsuk and Nuxalk hereditary chiefs and elders in traditional regalia protesting against the aquaculture industry at Ocean Falls on 15 January 2003 during an International Day of Action. Protest signs say: "We Are the Salmon People" and "Keep Our Habitat Farm Free." The industrial fish farm is owned by Omega Salmon, a subsidiary of the Norwegian mega corp PanFish. Photo: Forest Action Network



"The Heiltsuk were skilled hunters, fishers, gatherers and traders - and these activities shaped their economy," reported [The Daily Mail](#) in a preview of the royal visit to Bella Bella.

"Salmon was a staple part of their diet, which explains why many camps settled near salmon streams".

Meet the people of Bella Bella: The remote 9,000-year-old Heiltsuk community that William and Kate will visit during their tour of British Columbia

- Bella Bella is a First Nations community on west coast of British Columbia
- The Heiltsuk people have lived in the area for at least 9,000 years
- There are about 1,600 people in Bella Bella, which the royals will visit
- Kate and William to visit community during week-long tour next month

By [CLEMENCE MICHALLON FOR DAILYMAIL.COM](#)

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They have lived on the coast of British Columbia for at least 9,000 years - and the Heiltsuk people are now set to receive a visit from British royals William and Kate in a month.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will embark on a week-long tour of British Columbia from September 24 and October 1.

Their itinerary will take them to the remote community of Bella Bella, whose inhabitants used to occupy about 6,000 square miles of land on the central coast.

To this day, the Heiltsuk people remain in the Great Bear Rainforest, the world's largest coastal temperate rain forest.



Kate and William will visit the Heiltsuk people of Bella Bella (pictured) during their tour of British Columbia in September

If the royal party stops to listen to the [views of the Heiltsuk community](#) then they will be left in no doubt that farmed salmon should never be served to enemies let alone guests.

“The ocean provides us with all our food necessities. We rely on our salmon, we rely on all the resources from the ocean, and we see fish farms that operate open-net pens as a threat to all those natural resources that live in the ocean.”

—Harvey Humchitt
A hereditary chief of the Heiltsuk Nation

“For isolated communities, the salmon have been a reliable food source easily caught in local systems. People in the community are worried that if salmon farming is allowed in Heiltsuk territory, the salmon that we have relied on for generations won't be available.”

—Jordan Wilson, Heiltsuk Traditional Knowledge Scientist

“Fish farms are hosts to sea lice, and the methods of disease control used by fish farmers pollute our waters.”

—Harvey Humchitt, a hereditary chief of the Heiltsuk Nation

The Duke & Duchess will learn that farmed salmon is about as welcome as a dose of [smallpox](#).

Nuxalkmc Protest Against Fish Farms Ocean Falls and Vancouver, 2002 and 2003

Right: Nuxalk and Heiltsuk protesters at the Omega (Pan Fish) fish farm hatchery in Ocean Falls, 15 January 2003.

“Enough is enough,” says Nuxalk Hereditary Chief Nuximlayc “It is like when smallpox came into the valley. It killed our people. Now they want to do the same to the salmon.”

Hundreds of people travelled to Ocean Falls to join the Nuxalk and Heiltsuk protest against Omega (Pan Fish) and to try to stop the fish farm from being built in 2003.



Background:

Guests at Kate & William's royal wedding in 2011 were [shamefully served](#) farmed salmon from Loch Duart - a company with an appalling environmental and food safety record including [contamination with listeria](#), [sea-bed pollution](#), [sea lice infestation](#), [toxic chemical use](#) and [killing of seals](#) (watch more via "[Loch Duart: The Toxic Salmon Company](#)").

Loch Duart proud of role at wedding feast

GUESTS SERVED FIRM'S SALMON

The Press and Journal (Aberdeen) 4 May 2011

GUESTS at the royal wedding dined on salmon produced by Loch Duart after the nuptials on Friday, the Sutherland fishfarming company confirmed yesterday.

Loch Duart, based at Scourie, said it was responding to numerous inquiries about its contribution to the feast laid on at Buckingham Palace.

Managing director Nick Joy said: "We are proud to confirm that fresh salmon from the South Uist sites of



The bride and groom on their way to the wedding reception at Buckingham Palace

Loch Duart was served at the dinner after the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

"This is a huge accolade for an independent salmon company. We are absolutely delighted that the taste of

The Sunday Herald [reported](#) just last week that Loch Duart has killed at least four seals in the Sound of Harris during 2016. Last year The Sunday Times [reported](#) last year that the royals were in "opposing camps" when it came to salmon.

Fish cull row puts royals in opposing camps

Mark Macaskill and Jason Affardyce Published: 24 May 2015

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Loch Duart salmon was served at the royal wedding dinner of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (Reuters)

A CONSERVATION charity backed by Prince Charles is calling for a cull of farmed salmon by a firm which supplied the royal wedding dinner of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, amid concerns that it is threatening wild fish stocks.

Statistics show that sea lice, which have been linked to the deaths of free ranging salmon and sea trout, have been above the threshold the industry recommends for treatment in almost every month over the past 2¼ years for farms in the northwest Highlands operated by Loch Duart.

The pro-farmed salmon stance of Princess Kate and Prince William is a slap in the face of Prince Charles who has been a supporter of wild salmon. The Scotsman [reported](#) in 2006 that Prince Charles was sourcing wild Alaskan salmon not Scottish farmed salmon for his food company:



Prince's slap to Scottish salmon with Alaskan order for Highland smokery

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THE Prince of Wales was yesterday accused of snubbing Scottish salmon after it was revealed he has ordered Alaskan fish to sell through his food company.

The prince is patron of the Pitlochry-based Atlantic Salmon Trust, which has been locked in a war of words with fish farmers for years. The Salmon Trust claims that fish farming is putting the future of wild salmon at risk.

The Prince's snub to farmed salmon prompted Sarah Palin to [offer an invitation to visit Alaska](#):

Prince Charles prefers Alaska salmon to Scottish farmed fish; Sarah Palin invites him to visit state

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Juneau, Alaska

By Dennis Zaki - [AlaskaReport.com](#)

The Scottish Salmon Producers' Organization is outraged that the Prince of Wales has snubbed Scottish salmon and ordered Alaskan fish to sell through his food company.



Scotland's fish-farmers insist that Scotland has plenty of top-quality salmon. Julie Edgar, a spokeswoman for the organization, described the move as a snub. "I think our members will be quite annoyed over this decision and would have liked the opportunity to show the duchy what they have to offer."

In recognition of his upper-crust palate, Alaska gubernatorial candidate [Sarah Palin](#) has invited Prince Charles to Alaska.

"The Prince clearly has a taste for the real-deal," said Palin. "He can catch the salmon if he wants to, but we'll take care of the rest. He may have a cadre of chefs on stand by, but nobody prepares salmon like Alaskans."

"Our salmon are the most spectacular in all of the world," adds Palin. "There's a reason people ask for it by name."

The Prince sells his fish under the Duchy Selections' Smoked Salmon brand to over 70 supermarkets across the UK and has more lined up next year.

A spokeswoman for Duchy Originals said the salmon was line-caught in "icy clear Alaskan waters". She added it had been picked ahead of Scottish salmon because it [had been certified](#) by the independent Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) for its sustainability.

Meanwhile, Her Majesty the Queen (who earns rental income from [issuing salmon farm licences in both Canada](#) and [Scotland](#)) has been a long-standing supporter of farmed salmon.

The Sunday Express [reported](#) in 2005:

Queen caught up in row over Scots farmed salmon

By **Derek Lambie**

THE Queen has been embroiled in an environmental row after it emerged salmon served at her Highland estate comes from controversial fish farms.

Special guests invited to dine at Balmoral might well presume the fine smoked salmon on offer was caught fresh from the waters of the royal estate.

But it has emerged supplies come from a fish farm hundreds of miles away, sparking concern from experts who claim salmon farms have been linked with serious damage to the marine environment. The news may also alarm Prince Charles, who has lobbied against factory farming as patron of the Salmon and Trout Association.

The Sunday Express can reveal Balmoral supplier John Ross Jr – which holds the Royal Warrant “By Appointment to Her Majesty the Queen” – is to be named on a list of firms that disguise the fact their fish is farmed rather than wild.

Bruce Sandison, who runs the Salmon Farm Protest Group, said he planned to list the Aberdeen-based firm among 24 others he claims are



CONCERN: A controversial salmon farm, above, and the Queen

misleading customers. He said: “I can imagine the Queen being a bit upset about this – particularly the way Prince Charles thinks of salmon farms.

“Nowhere on the John Ross Jr site will you find they’re selling farmed salmon. To me it’s quite clear they’re pretending – they’re saying they’ve got the Royal Warrant and implying it’s good enough for the Queen, when we know farmed salmon

is second rate fish. According to the firm’s website John Ross Jr has been “smoking Scottish salmon in Aberdeen, in the traditional time honoured way”.

The site then gives detail about how the fish is smoked using “truly traditional” methods, but there is no mention that the fish are not wild.

The Sutherland-based Salmon Farm Protest Group believes many firms are using their web-

sites to disguise the fact their fish is farmed. Mr Sandison said: “I approached John Ross Jr and asked if their salmon was farmed or wild. They said farmed, and admitted their website could have been misleading.”

Buckingham Palace confirmed the Aberdeen firm held a Royal Warrant and supplied fish to the Queen. However, a spokeswoman refused to discuss the issue of the fish being farmed.

Her Majesty the Queen's support for salmon farming was further questioned following her decision to serve farmed salmon sourced from Loch Duart at her [Diamond Jubilee luncheon](#).

Queen dines on Loch Duart salmon

Salmon from the Scottish farmer served at Queen's diamond jubilee luncheon.

by Tom Seaman

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Salmon from Scottish company Loch Duart was served at the diamond jubilee luncheon given for HM Queen Elizabeth II by the Livery Companies of The City of London at Westminster Hall on June 5.

Salmon from the company's South Uist sites were harvested on the previous Thursday, delivered to London early on Saturday morning and filleted and delivered to the caterer's chef by 7a.m.

About 75 kilogram of its Uist salmon fillets were then marinated for three days for the 700 guests.

A similar preparation of our salmon was used for the dinner at Buckingham Palace in April 2011 following the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

"We are absolutely delighted that the taste of our salmon has this recognition and thrilled to be chosen for a second royal occasion," said Nick Joy, managing director, "It's a huge honor to have been involved in this momentous day for our Queen, celebrating the wonderful traditions and history of our country."

"Do you know if the farmed salmon from Loch Duart which Her Majesty the Queen served at the Diamond Jubilee luncheon was contaminated with Chlamydia, Pancreas Disease and/or Winter Ulcer?" wrote GAAIA in a [letter to Her Majesty the Queen in November 2012](#).

"[Disease data](#) obtained from Marine Scotland via Freedom of Information in August 2012 (for the period April to July 2012) [revealed](#) that Loch Duart's operations in Lochmaddy were riddled with infectious diseases including [Epitheliocystis](#) (Chlamydia), [Salmonid Alphavirus](#) (Salmon Pancreas Disease Virus) and [Vibrio species](#) (Winter Ulcer):

Business Name	Site name	Results Type Name
Loch Duart Ltd	Lochmaddy	Salmonid alphavirus
Loch Duart Ltd	Lochmaddy	Epitheliocystis
Loch Duart Ltd	Lochmaddy	Vibrio species

A [press release](#) issued by GAAIA in November 2012 included:

“[Chlamydia-infected](#) farmed salmon is not fit for the Queen’s corgis let alone the Royal Family,” said [Don Staniford](#) of the Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture (GAAIA) who will deliver the letter on behalf of APES. “Loch Duart markets itself around the world as ‘The Sustainable Salmon Company’ but if truth be told it should re-name itself ‘The Chlamydia Company’.”



“Loch Duart is a mange-ridden wolf in salmon’s clothing who has duped [Her Majesty the Queen](#), [Prince William](#), the [Marine Conservation Society](#) and some of the world’s top chefs including [Rick Stein](#),” continued Staniford who visited Loch Duart’s operations in Lochmaddy yesterday (18 November). “The [fact](#) is that Loch Duart is a company which uses known shellfish-killing chemicals such as Teflubenzuron, Azamethiphos, Cypermethrin, Deltamethrin and Emamectin benzoate and has an appalling [history of escapes](#). Chlamydia-infected farmed salmon from Loch Duart should be avoided like the plague.”

Read more via "[Fit for the Queen & Residents of Nova Scotia - Loch Duart’s Chlamydia-Contaminated Salmon?](#)"

In December 2015, GAAIA [wrote to Her Majesty the Queen](#) in her role as patron of the RSPCA (an organisation which endorses the killing of seals at salmon farms certified by [RSPCA Assured](#)). "GAAIA implores Your Majesty to intervene to end the slaughter of seals at salmon farms across Scotland," stated the letter. "As [Royal patron of the RSPCA](#) (who certify over 70% of Scottish farmed salmon via the [RSPCA Assured scheme which sanctions the killing of seals](#)), you have the blood of dozens if not hundreds of seals on your hands."



"Given RSPCA Assured's ['shoot-to-kill' policy on salmon farms](#), the RSPCA should be renamed the Royal Seal Culling Association!" continued the letter.



"Will Your Majesty give seals are early Christmas present by pledging to introduce a cease-fire on RSPCA-certified salmon farms? Or will you continue to sanction the slaughter and allow yourself to be drenched in the blood of Scottish seals?"



Your Majesty may not be personally pulling the trigger or loading the bullets but your royal patronage of the RSPCA is endorsing the bloody slaughter of seals at salmon farms across Scotland."

Here's [photos from GAAIA's protest outside Buckingham Palace](#) in December 2015:



Read more via [Dear RSPCA, please wash the blood of Scottish seals off your hands!](#)