

\$camon \$cotland, 30 May 2023

### Secret Filming Lifts the Lid on Mass Mortalities at RSPCA Assured Scottish Salmon

- Welfare complaint filed vs M&S supplier re. “unnecessary suffering”
- [Video footage](#) shows tonnes of disease-ridden salmon incinerated in Loch Linnhe
  - Shuna Point salmon farm is a ‘crime scene’
  - Scottish Sea Farms “is like a serial killer destroying the evidence”

[Video surveillance at Shuna Point salmon farm](#) – including evidence of mass mortalities, lice-infestation, infectious diseases and welfare abuse - has triggered complaints to the Scottish Government, the Animal and Plant Health Agency and Police Scotland’s Wildlife Crime Unit.



\$camon \$cotland wrote to Police Scotland last week (18 May 2023): “\$camon \$cotland believes that Scottish Sea Farms (Norskott Havbruk) - exclusive supplier to M&S - has a huge disease, mortality and welfare problem at Shuna Point salmon farm. We believe that Scottish Sea Farms is in breach of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Section 19: unnecessary suffering; and Section 24: ensuring the welfare of animals). Please visit Shuna Point salmon farm urgencies or all the evidence will have been burned in the incinerator - Scottish Sea Farms is like a serial killer destroying the evidence. And Shuna Point salmon farm is currently a crime scene. Please intervene now to stop the unnecessary suffering and welfare abuse of hundreds of thousands of Atlantic salmon. A wildlife crime is being committed at Shuna Point and the criminals at Scottish Sea Farms must be stopped and prosecuted” [1].

Shuna Point salmon farm in Loch Linnhe near Oban is operated by Norwegian-owned Scottish Sea Farms (Norskott Havbruk) – a company which sources farmed salmon exclusively for M&S and is certified as ‘welfare friendly’ via RSPCA Assured.

“Disease-ridden Scottish salmon farming is dead in the water,” said Don Staniford, Director of \$camon \$cotland who filmed at Shuna Point salmon farm. “The camera doesn’t lie, unlike salmon farmers and RSPCA Assured. The shameless greenwashing and welfare washing of Scottish salmon must be stopped dead in its tracks. Please watch the video evidence and judge for yourselves if these poor Atlantic salmon were ‘responsibly’ farmed. RSPCA Assured, M&S, Norskott Havbruk (Scottish Sea Farms) and the Scottish Government should hang their heads in shame for promoting the welfare nightmare that is Scottish salmon.”



“Once again, damning footage from inside a Scottish salmon farm – supplying one of Britain's leading household names – reveals gruesome suffering,” said Lex Rigby, Head of Investigations at Viva. “One hundred per cent of Atlantic salmon on our supermarket shelves is factory farmed in Scotland, hidden behind false 'responsibly sourced' assurances. Promoted as a ‘sustainable’ solution to overfishing, modern aquaculture confines fish in fetid cages by their thousands, creating a breeding ground for disease and causing widespread devastation. It's a disgrace that Scottish salmon producers continue to operate with impunity and it's high time the government took real meaningful action.”



Scamon Scotland filmed underwater inside the cages at Shuna Point on 16 May 2023 capturing video evidence of dead and dying fish (including wrasse and what appeared to be cod):







Further filming took place inside the Shuna Point salmon farm on 5 May 2023:



Scamon Scotland's secret filming inside Shuna Point salmon farm on 16 May 2023 followed surveillance of mortalities being lifted out of cages by workers at Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Linnhe – including photos of dead salmon spilling onto the deck and morts being shoveled into an incinerator:



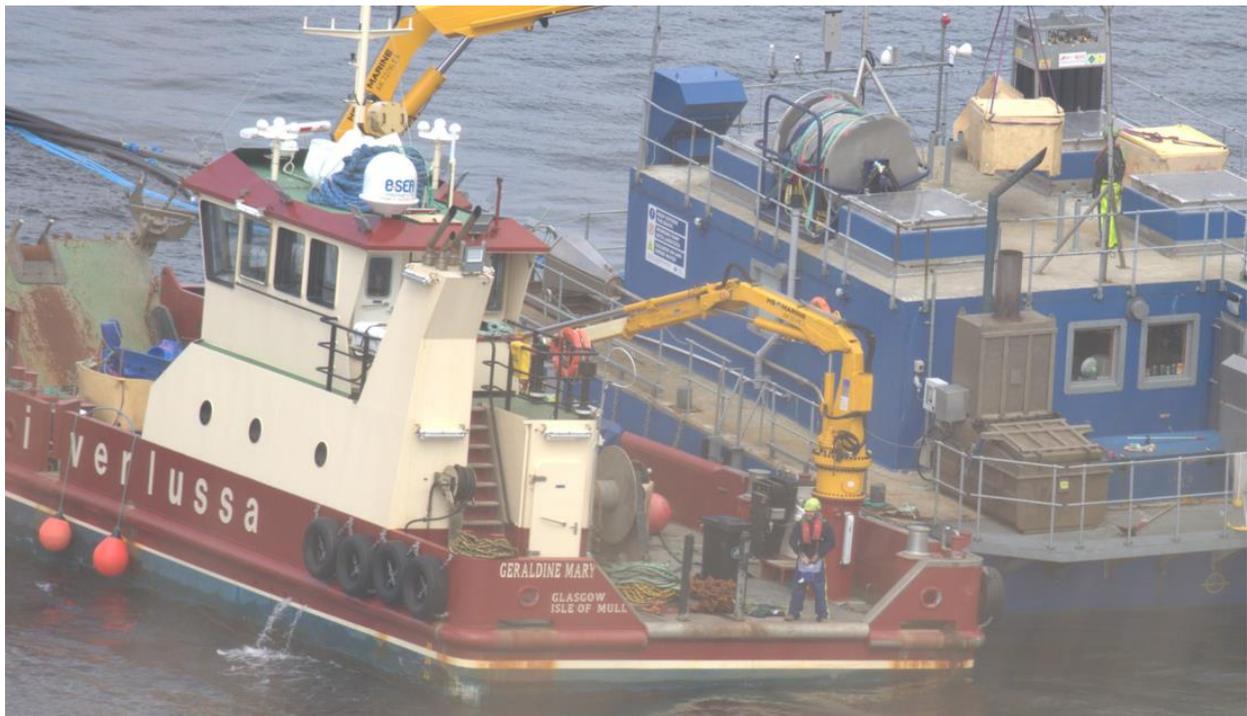


When on board the feed barge operated by Scottish Sea Farms – which includes an incinerator and storage for bins of dead salmon - \$camon \$cotland literally lifted the lid on tonnes and tonnes of lice-infested RSPCA Assured Scottish salmon:





Scottish Sea Farms, RSPCA Assured and M&S are certainly taking the piss when they claim Scottish salmon is “responsibly sourced” – like this worker caught urinating off the back of the Geraldine Mary workboat:



Scamon Scotland is calling on consumers to boycott RSPCA Assured Scottish salmon:



RSPCA Assured Scottish salmon belongs in the bin not your shopping basket!



Earlier on 16 May 2023, Scamon Scotland filmed at Dunstaffnage salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms just off Ganavan beach near Oban – capturing shocking evidence of a dead seagull hanging on one of the nets:



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**Notes to Editors:**

[1] Complaint filed with Police Scotland's Wildlife Crime Unit (similar complaints were filed at the same time with the Scottish Government and the Animal and Plant Health Agency):

From: **Don Staniford** <salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, May 18, 2023 at 4:55 AM

Subject: Complaint re. Shuna Point salmon farm

To: SCD Wildlife Crime <SCDWildlifeCrime@scotland.pnn.police.uk>

\$camon \$cotland visited Shuna Point salmon farm on Tuesday evening (16 May) and during the afternoon we witnessed at least 4 tonnes of morts being uplifted and incinerated. Preliminary video footage is attached to this email.

This site operated by Scottish Sea Farms is in Loch Linnhe north of Oban near Appin - details via:

[http://aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk/data/site\\_details\\_record.aspx?site\\_id=FS1354](http://aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk/data/site_details_record.aspx?site_id=FS1354)

Standing on the cages, we saw lesions and flanks missing on the sides of salmon - as well as dead cod and wrasse floating dead on the surface of cages. Lice infestation was apparent in the dead fish filmed inside the bins stored on the top deck of the feed barge. Inverlussa's Geraldine Mary was on site lifting up tonnes of dead fish and the Inter Caledonia was moored North of the site.

Further video footage and photos are being uploaded and I can pass on over the coming days - I am still in the field and do not have my laptop but wanted to communicate how urgent the problem is.

Suffice to say that \$camon \$cotland views the situation as an emergency with the disease disaster and welfare abuse at a critical point. Please visit the salmon farm this week to take samples for disease analysis and gauge the level of the problem.

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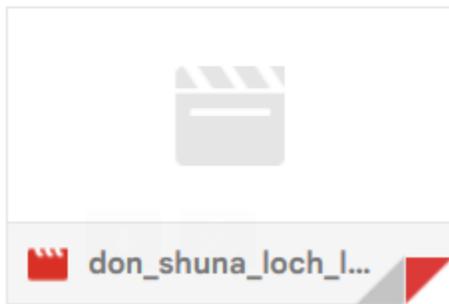
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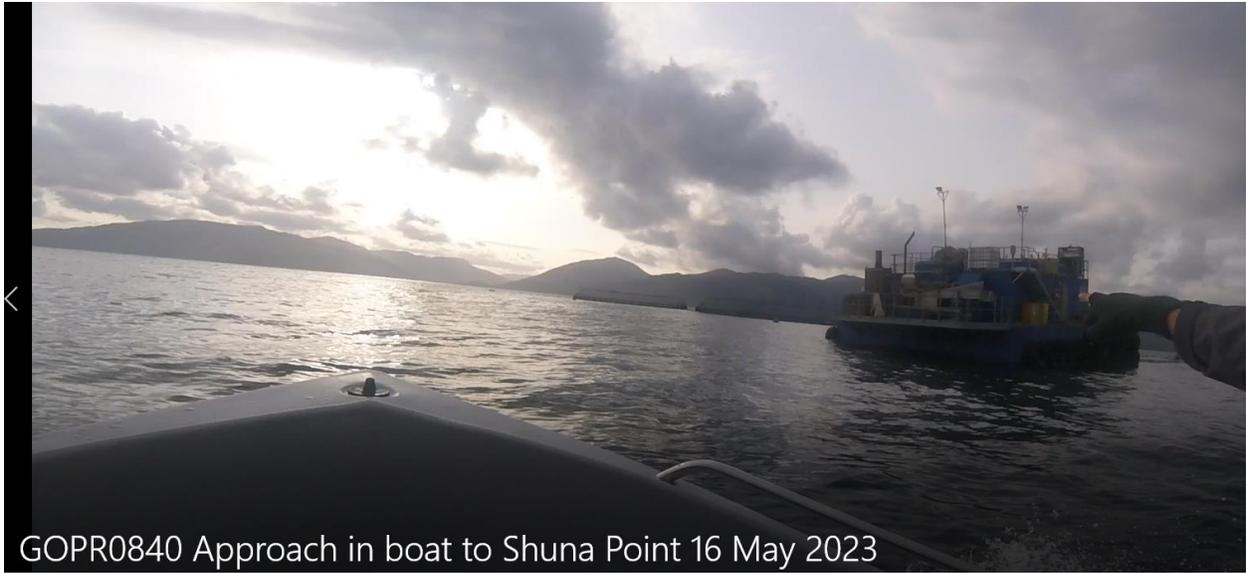
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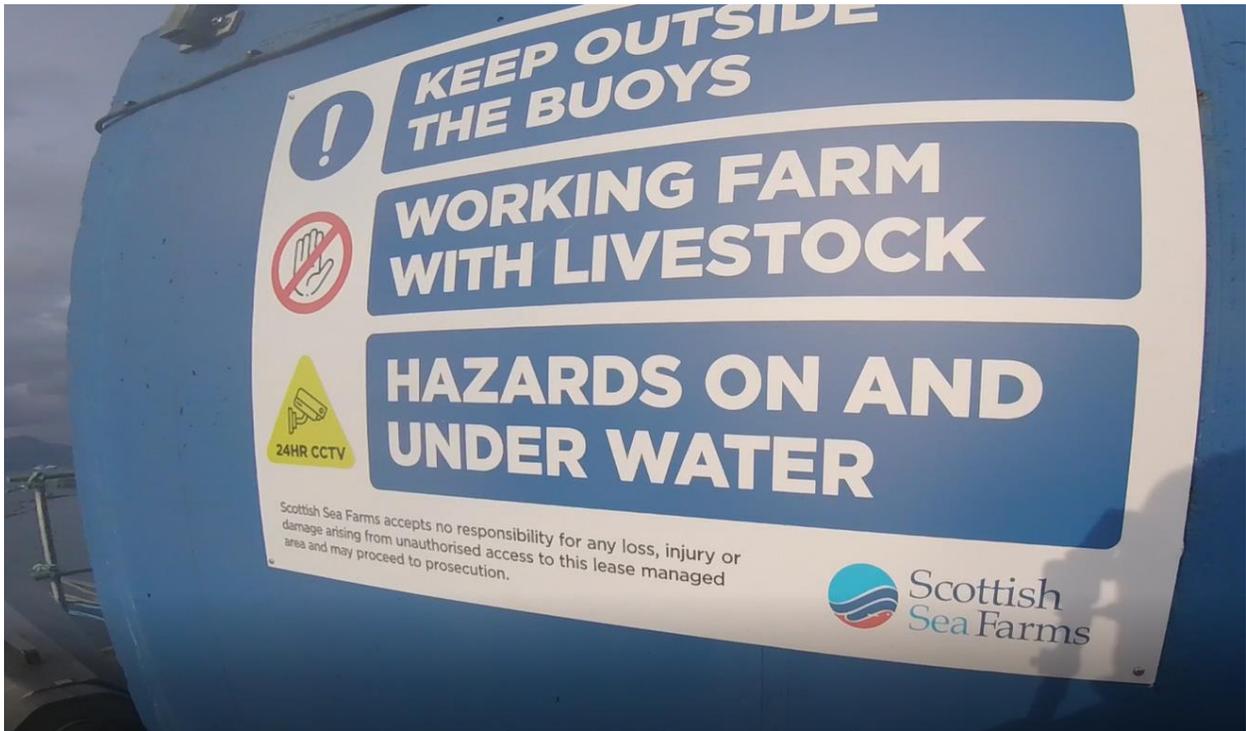


[2] Video evidence ground-truthing Scamon Scotland's investigation at the Shuna Point salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms (Norskott Havbruk) in Loch Linnhe in May 2023 is available. Here are some photos and stills sourced from video footage:





GOPR0840 Approach in boat to Shuna Point 16 May 2023



Scottish Sea Farms accepts no responsibility for any loss, injury or damage arising from unauthorised access to this lease managed area and may proceed to prosecution.





GOPR0848 Masterburn still hot 16 May 2023



GOPR0848 Masterburn still hot 16 May 2023





GOPR0845 Mort bin #1 Shuna Point 16 May 2023





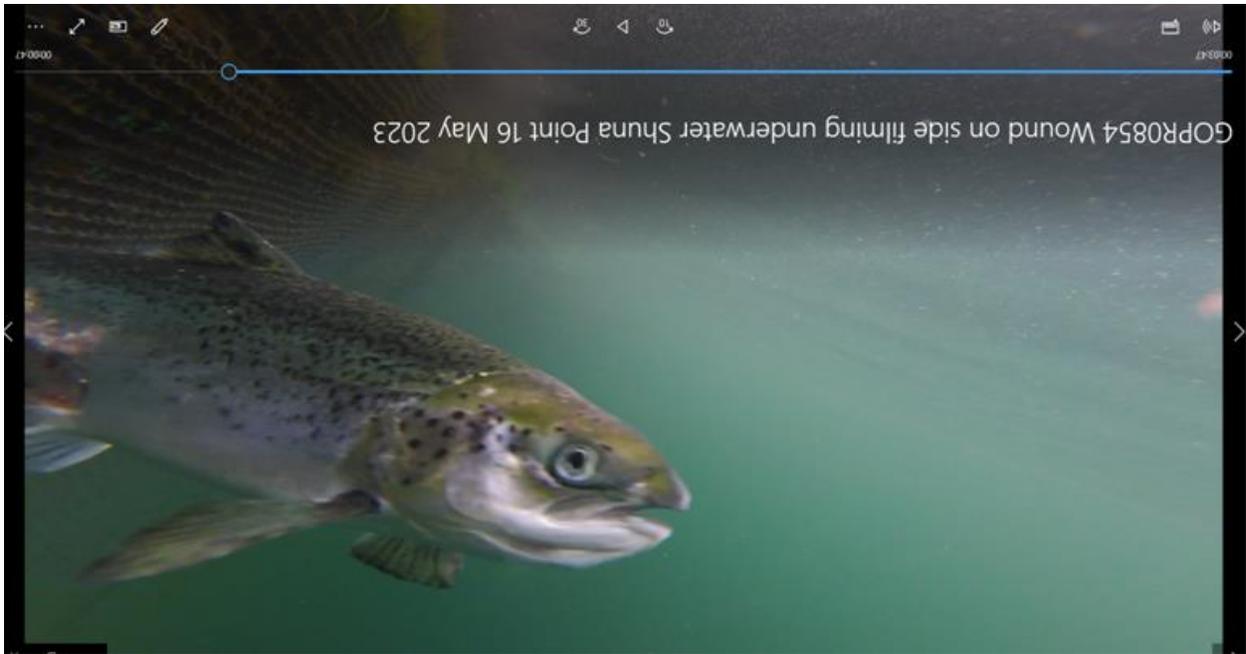
GOPR0845 Mort bin #1 Shuna Point 16 May 2023



GOPR0850 Cage #1 dead salmon 16 May 2023







[3] Filming inside Shuna Point salmon farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms (Norskott Havbruk) in Loch Linne took place on 5 May 2023:



Drone footage was also shot of Shuna Point salmon farm in Loch Linnhe on 5 May 2023:



[4] Read more via:



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Photo Exclusive from M&S supplier Scottish Sea Farms - do these farmed salmon look "responsibly farmed"? @rspcaassured @marksandspencer @scotseafarms @LeroySeafood @marinescotland @tavishscott @ScotlandSalmon @AnimalEquality @EcoHustler @ScottishSPCA @ciwf @HSIGlobal @PETAUK



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[Photo Horror of M&S Supplier Norskott Havbruk \(Scottish Sea Farms\)!](#)

[The Herald: "Net Gain: Attacked by activists, MSPs and micro jellyfish, fish farmers argue their cause"](#)

[Leaked Videos Expose Welfare Nightmare of RSPCA Assured Scottish Salmon](#)

[64% Mortality at RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Nevis - as sold by M&S as "responsibly sourced"?! \(& ASC-certified as 'responsible'\)](#)

[74% Mortality Reported by RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms \(Supplier to M&S\) in Loch Nevis - soon to be ASC-certified as 'responsible'!](#)

[8,000 tonne shortfall for Scottish Sea Farms \(Norskott Havbruk\) due to "biological challenges"!](#)

[Scottish Scamon: Piscine Reovirus, skin lesions/boils & "hanging" salmon in Loch Creran \(sold by M&S as "responsibly sourced" & certified via RSPCA Assured\)!](#)

[Salmon Farming is Criminal - breaches of welfare laws by RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms!](#)

[The Times: "Scottish salmon supplier to M&S cleared over welfare claims"](#)

[Video: Norskott Havbruk \(Scottish Sea Farms\) is a Sham, Scam & Consumer Con - Stop Salmon Farming Now!](#)

[The Times: "RSPCA investigates Scottish salmon supplier to M&S over lice accusations"](#)

[RSPCA Assured "now investigating" welfare abuse at Scottish Sea Farms in the Sound of Mull & Loch Creran!](#)

[Video Exclusive: Secret Filming Exposes Horrific Welfare Abuse Inside RSPCA Assured Scottish Salmon Farms](#)

[Photos of Welfare Abuse at RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms](#)

[M&S Irresponsibly Sourced Scottish Salmon \(as greenwashed by RSPCA Assured\)!](#)

[Norskott Havbruk \(Scottish Sea Farms\) Report "Biological Challenges" \(i.e. Deaths & Disease\)! Anyone for M&S's Virus-Laden Scottish Salmon \(don't worry, it's "responsibly sourced" & RSPCA Assured\)?!](#)

[It's Official: Infectious Salmon Anaemia Back to Haunt Scottish Salmon - reported to the World Organization for Animal Health for the first time since 2012!](#)

[ASC-Certified/Audited Mass Mortalities Pile Up at Lousy Mowi & Scottish Sea Farms!](#)

[Dead in the Water - Scottish Salmon's Mortality Mountain Piles Ever Higher in 2021!](#)

[ISA hits Scottish Sea Farms owner SalMar in Norway - how many hidden cases are lurking on salmon farms in Scotland?](#)

[Bullshit Called on M&S's "Responsibly Sourced" Scottish Salmon!](#)

[Ecohustler sticks it to "responsibly sourced" Scottish salmon sold by M&S!](#)

[The Salmon Dance - M&S petition hand in event](#)

[Breaking News: ISA reported at RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms on the Isle of Mull](#)

[Damning Disease Report for RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Spelve](#)

[Fish Farmer: "RSPCA Assured lifts Loch Spelve suspension"](#)

[RSPCA Sponsored Welfare Abuse of Salmon Farms - A Guide to Getting Away with Mass Murder \(Theriacide\)!](#)

[Video Scoop: RSPCA Assured Diseased Salmon from M&S](#)

[Herald On Sunday: "Scottish M&S supplier blames seals for salmon wounds as RSPCA Assured status is suspended"](#)

[RSPCA Suspends Spelve Salmon Farm & 'Urgently Investigates' M&S Supplier Scottish Sea Farms!](#)

[Secret Filming Exposes RSPCA 'Abused' Scottish Salmon - Welfare Complaint Filed Against M&S Supplier Scottish Sea Farms](#)

[2.2 Million Missing Mortalities at Scottish Sea Farms?](#)

[Locals Horse in Opposition to Scottish Sea Farms](#)

[The Killing Farms - Scottish Salmon's Horror Story Continues!](#)

[BBC Countryfile features lice-infested RSPCA Assured salmon!](#)

[Leaked Email: Staff Cuts at Scottish Sea Farms Compromise Fish Welfare](#)

[Welfare Warning for Scottish Salmon - stormy waters & prolonged periods of pain forecast!](#)

[Herald: "Scottish salmon found in 'sickening' conditions across Scotland as sea lice problem escalates"](#)

[Video Exposes Welfare Abuse at RSPCA Assured salmon farm sourced by M&S 'Lochmuir' Caveat Emptor - M&S's Fake 'Lochmuir' Scottish Salmon \(sourced from Norwegian-owned Scottish Sea Farms\)](#)

["Over 50" Lice Per Fish at Scottish Sea Farms in Loch Kishorn](#)

[Sick 'Scottish' Sea Farms](#)

[Photo Dossier of Diseased, Deformed & Abused Scottish Salmon](#)

[Scottish Government rejects industry pleas on sick salmon photos](#)

[Salmon firms bid to block diseased photos](#)

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