

[Scottish Salmon Watch](#), 15 October 2018

The Skinny on Scottish Salmon



Photos: Salmon skinned alive at a Marine Harvest farm ([300,000 fish died in March 2018 at Carradale](#) - despite a [denial by Marine Harvest](#))

In advance of a [BBC Landward documentary on 'Saving Our Salmon'](#) to be [broadcast tomorrow \(16 October\)](#), a [Scottish Parliamentary report on salmon farming](#) (to be published in "[late autumn](#)") and a new survey on fish farming production to be [published today](#) by the Scottish Government, Scottish Salmon Watch [dishes the dirt](#) on Scottish salmon farming.

"This is battery, factory fish farming," explains Don Staniford, [Director of Scottish Salmon Watch](#), in a [video report](#). "Salmon farming cages are a malignant cancer on the coast that have spread infectious wastes and toxic chemicals. We've seen welfare problems on salmon farms from [secret filming](#) and the [discharge of blood water effluent](#). Wherever the industry operates it is a [marine hazard](#). Salmon farms should be quarantined and labelled as a biohazard."



"Scottish Salmon Watch are conducting [secret filming inside salmon farms with a Go Pro camera](#)," continued Staniford. "We've [discovered welfare problems](#), deformities and lice - not just on the farmed salmon but also on the [cleaner fish](#). We've [discovered mort bins](#) full of dead fish. It's quite literally like lifting the lid on the can of worms. In Scotland the mortality rate on salmon farms is [over a quarter](#) - and from the full life cycle it's over 50%."



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Watch video reports from Don Staniford [online here](#)

[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):



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')

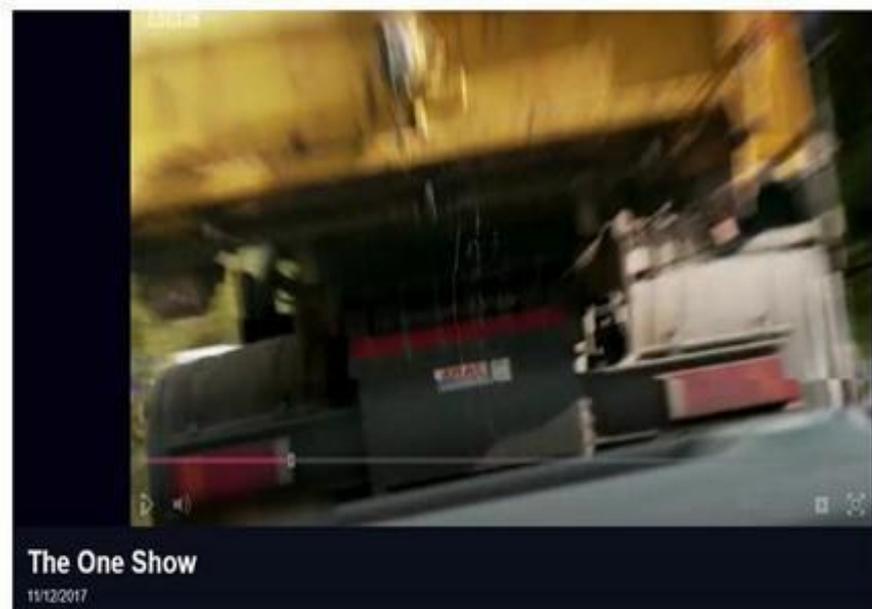
"I'm about to vomit with the smell," said Don Staniford, [Director of Scottish Salmon Watch](#)) climbing up a Billy Bowie skip at [The Scottish Salmon Company's salmon farm at Strondoir Bay in Loch Fyne on 16 September 2018](#). "This is Category 2 material - dead farmed salmon not fit for animal consumption. 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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In December 2017, the [BBC's 'The One Show' broadcast](#) footage of dead and diseased farmed salmon leaking from haulage trucks on "[The Dead Salmon Run](#)".



In September 2018, [The Sunday Post reported](#) that the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy & Connectivity Committee "is expected to demand tougher regulations to cut down on waste pollution from farms, the number of sea lice cases and harm to wild salmon stocks."

Here's a summary of Scottish salmon's problems over the last year via:

Scottish Salmon's Diary of Disaster

November 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](#).

October 2018 - [STV News reported on the "nightmares"](#) for Scottish salmon farming following a [damning report on non-compliance](#) by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

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.

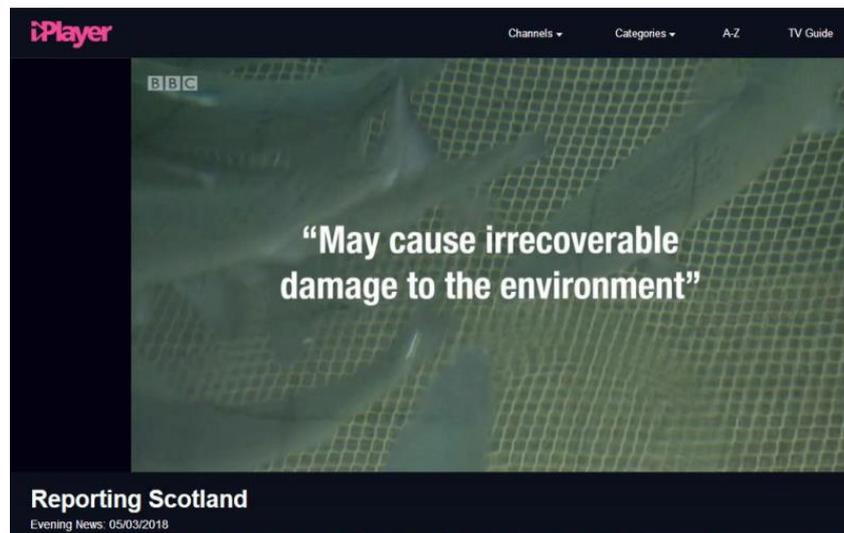
May 2018 - A [43,000-strong petition by SumOfUs](#) calling for the testing of salmon farming operations for infectious diseases, pathogens and viruses was [delivered to the Scottish Government](#).

March 2018 - [300,000 fish died at Marine Harvest's salmon farm at Carradale](#) - despite a [denial by Marine Harvest](#).



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.

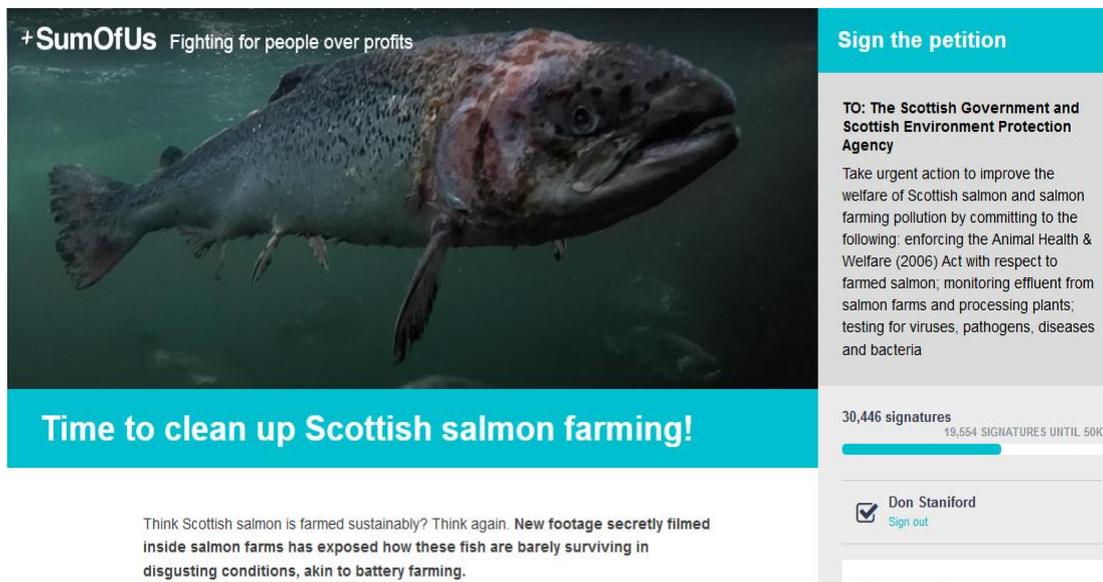
December 2017 - The BBC's 'One Show' [broadcast damning footage](#) of leaking haulage trucks disposing of diseased farmed salmon on ['The Dead Salmon Run'](#).

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.



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](#).



+ SumOfUs Fighting for people over profits

Sign the petition

TO: The Scottish Government and Scottish Environment Protection Agency

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

30,446 signatures 19,554 SIGNATURES UNTIL 50K

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Time to clean up Scottish salmon farming!

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.**

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

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

[The National: "Concerns raised over Scottish salmon roe imports"](#)

[Sunday Mail: "Off the Scale - Air system failure killed £15m worth of salmon farm stock"](#)

[STV News on the "Nightmares" for Scottish Salmon!](#)

[Times: "Fears for environment as more fish farms fail to comply with standards"](#)

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

[Sunday Post: "Underwater film reveals salmon with twisted spines as fears mount over cages"](#)

[Sunday Post: "Clampdown looms for salmon farms as Holyrood probe sparks ultimatum to protect fish and safeguard lochs"](#)

[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](#)

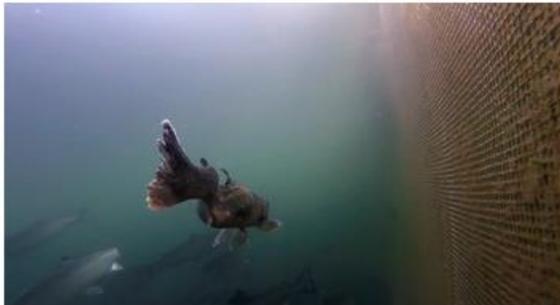
[The Herald: "Video: Disease concern as Scots salmon farmers' produce "stomach-churning" record levels of fish deaths"](#)

[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](#)



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Lifting the Lid on Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon
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Lousy Scottish Salmon - Secret Filming by Corin Smith in Loc...
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Toxic Marine Harvest (Marine Pollutant)
 Don Staniford | 16 plays



Marine Hazard: Open Net Cage Salmon Farming
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