

## Secret Filming at Mowi Scotland's 'Bay of the Dead Heads' (July 2019)



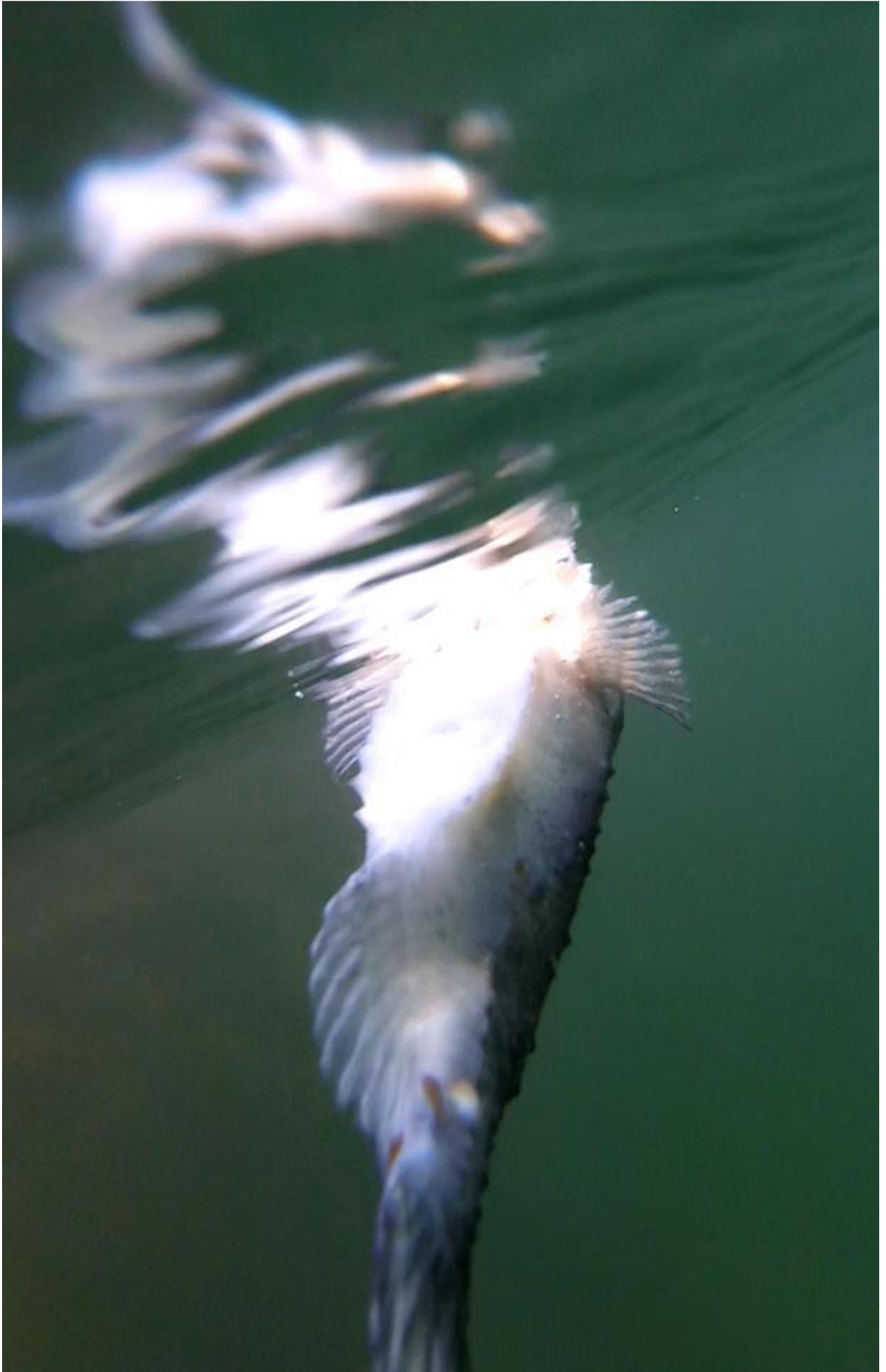
Scottish Salmon Watch were horrified to see dead 'cleaner fish' floating on the surface of a cage when they rowed out to Mowi's salmon farm at [Bagh Dail nan Ceann](#) (Bay of the Dead Heads) in the Sound of Jura earlier this month (2 July).

Receiving Water : Sound of Jura



















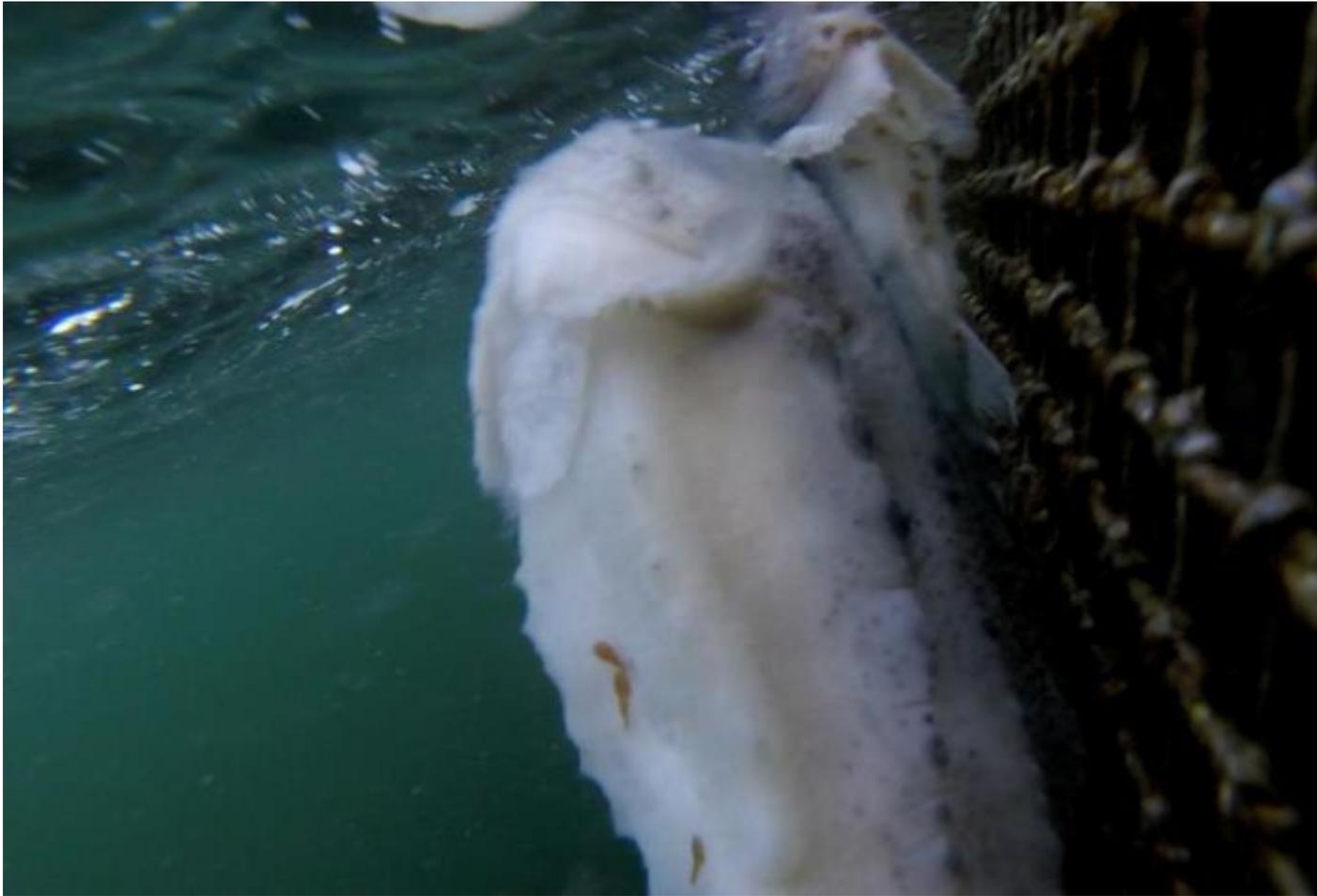














Read about welfare problems of cleaner fish on Scottish salmon farms via:

[New report exposes serious welfare concerns surrounding the use of cleaner fish on Scottish salmon farms](#)

[Cleaner fish welfare on Scotland's salmon farms](#)

[Fish used to help clean salmon of sea lice are at risk, warn animal rights campaigners](#)

[Fish that eat lice off farmed salmon suffer, says report](#)

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

[Cleaner fish hit by health problems](#)



When approaching the salmon farm, Scottish Salmon Watch saw leaping salmon which is a sign of lice infestation according to [peer-reviewed scientific research published in 2018](#) which reported how salmon leap to oust parasites.





Scottish Salmon Watch suspected Mowi was in breach of the [Animal Health & Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006](#) - specifically in relation to "[Unnecessary Suffering](#)", "[Cruel Operations](#)" and "[Ensuring Welfare of Animals](#)" - with potential welfare abuse similar to the [gruesome](#)

[photographic evidence obtained from the Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate in 2018.](#)



**"The site was inspected following a report from the operator of increased mortality levels at the site due to amoebic gill disease over the previous couple of months. Mortality levels for the site had reached 11.3% for August and 12.9% for September...All of the fish had severe lice damage to their heads"**

## **Fish Farm: Raineach, East Loch Tarbert, Harris**

Company: Marine Harvest

Problems: amoebic gill disease, lice

Fish health inspection: five fish sampled on 4 October 2016

Case number: 2016-0449

  
**The Ferret**



## **Fish Farm: Groatay, Sound of Harris**

Company: Marine Harvest

Problems: unknown

Fish health inspection: unknown (report due July 2018)

Case number: 2018-0111



Consequently, Scottish Salmon Watch safely and [taking appropriate biosecurity precautions](#) boarded the nearest cage in order to gather video evidence to report to the appropriate authorities (Marine Scotland, the Animal & Plant Health Agency and Police Scotland's Wildlife Crime Unit).



Lumpsuckers - so-called 'cleaner fish' which are used to remove parasitic sea lice from farmed salmon - were seen in distress at the surface either close to death or dead in the water.

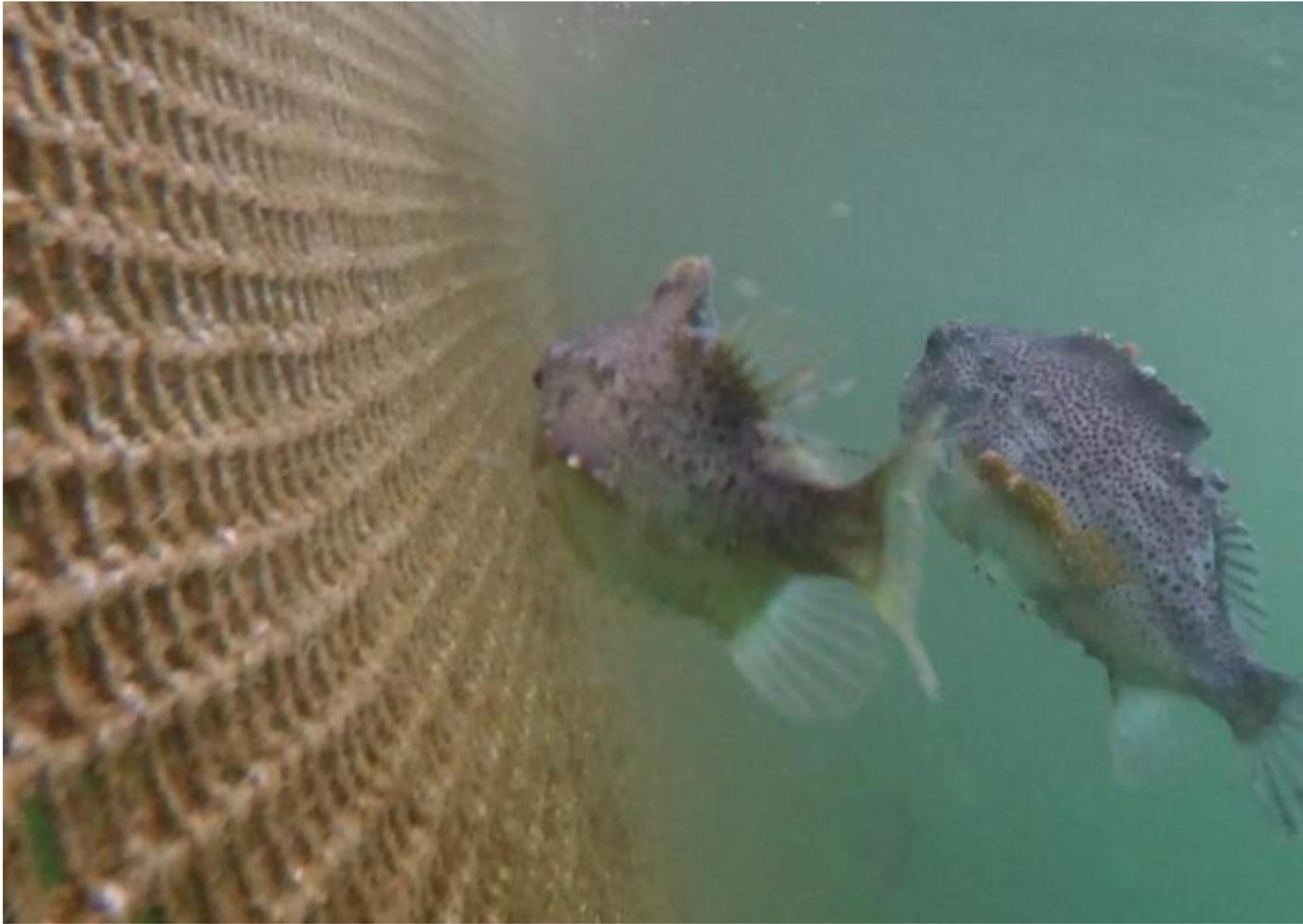






Underwater video footage shows parasites infesting both lumpsuckers and farmed salmon within Mowi's salmon farm. Here's photo stills from the video footage taken on 2 July 2019:















A continuous clicking sound was being emitted by the [Acoustic Deterrent Device](#) employed on the Mowi salmon farm - an [OTAQ Seal Fence](#).





Read more via "[Sounding Off On Salmon Farms - Acoustic Deterrent Devices evade Marine Noise Registry](#)" and SARF report 112: "[Influences of lower-frequency Acoustic Deterrent Devices \(ADDs\) on cetaceans in Scottish coastal waters](#)"



## SARF112: Low-Frequency ADDs and Porpoises (LEAP)

Influences of lower-frequency Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADDs) on cetaceans in Scottish coastal waters



Sign a [petition calling for a ban on ADDs!](#)

Mowi Scotland's salmon farm at Bagh Dail nan Ceann has a history of disease and mortality problems - with [the use of the toxic chemical Azamethiphos reported in March 2019](#).

Fish Farm Monthly Biomass and Treatments Details	
Year	2019
Month	March
Submitted By	Mowi Scotland Ltd
Licence Number	CAR/L/1004226/V6
Licence active at time of report	CAR/L/1004226
Report for Site	FFMC54 Bagh Dail nan Ceann North and South
Max licensed biomass on site (tonnes)	2500
Actual biomass on site (tonnes)	2027
Biomass Exceedance (tonnes)	0
Feed (kg)	474947
Mortalities (kg)	4869.0257201657
Seallice Treatments Used	
Seallice Treatment Product	Quantity Used (grams)
Azamethiphos	2400.0000357628
Cypermethrin	0
Deltamethrin	0
Emamectin Benzoate	0
Teflubenzuron	0
Data supplied by SEPA on 19/06/2019	

Location Details	
Receiving Water	Sound of Jura
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And [again at the same Mowi salmon farm in November 2018](#):

Fish Farm Monthly Biomass and Treatments Details	
Year	2018
Month	November
Submitted By	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd
Licence Number	CAR/L/1004226/V6
Licence active at time of report	CAR/L/1004226
Report for Site	FFMC54 Bagh Dail nan Ceann North and South
Max licensed biomass on site (tonnes)	2500
Actual biomass on site (tonnes)	513
Biomass Exceedance (tonnes)	0
Feed (kg)	223452
Mortalities (kg)	1583.1158476454
Seallice Treatments Used	
Seallice Treatment Product	Quantity Used (grams)
Azamethiphos	400.0000059605
Cypermethrin	0
Deltamethrin	0
Emamectin Benzoate	0
Teflubenzuron	0
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And lobsters in the vicinity of Mowi's salmon farm were [subjected to another dose of the toxic Azamethiphos in October 2018](#):

Fish Farm Monthly Biomass and Treatments Details	
Year	2018
Month	October
Submitted By	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd
Licence Number	CAR/L/1004226/V6
Licence active at time of report	CAR/L/1004226
Report for Site	FFMC54 Bagh Dail nan Ceann North and South
Max licensed biomass on site (tonnes)	2500
Actual biomass on site (tonnes)	295
Biomass Exceedance (tonnes)	0
Feed (kg)	148604
Mortalities (kg)	2612.8177097660
Seallice Treatments Used	
Seallice Treatment Product	Quantity Used (grams)
Azamethiphos	400
Cypermethrin	0
Deltamethrin	0
Emamectin Benzoate	0
Teflubenzuron	0
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As well as a [dose of the toxic lobster-killer Emamectin benzoate in September 2018](#):

Fish Farm Monthly Biomass and Treatments Details	
Year	2018
Month	September
Submitted By	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd
Licence Number	CAR/L/1004226/V6
Licence active at time of report	CAR/L/1004226
Report for Site	FFMC54 Bagh Dail nan Ceann North and South
Max licensed biomass on site (tonnes)	2500
Actual biomass on site (tonnes)	107
Biomass Exceedance (tonnes)	0
Feed (kg)	35117
Mortalities (kg)	3369.4320135666
Seallice Treatments Used	
Seallice Treatment Product	Quantity Used (grams)
Azamethiphos	0
Cypermethrin	0
Deltamethrin	0
Emamectin Benzoate	46.40
Teflubenzuron	0
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Read more on the toxicity and lethality of Azamethiphos and Emamectin benzoate via:

[New salmon sea lice treatment threshold serves industry not oceans](#)

[Effects of pharmaceuticals used to treat salmon lice on non-target species: Evidence from a systematic review](#)

[Fish Farmageddon: Scottish Salmon's Lethal Legacy](#)

[Silent Spring of the Sea](#)

[Dispersion and toxicity to non-target crustaceans of azamethiphos and deltamethrin after sea lice treatments on farmed salmon, \*Salmo salar\*](#)



Scottish Salmon Watch did not dive under Mowi's salmon farm at Bagh Dail nan Ceann but diver David Ainsley has [dived under a nearby Mowi salmon farm at Poll na Gille](#).



Dead salmon at the bottom of a cage in a salmon farm

Mowi's Poll na Gille salmon farm was assessed as the worst for welfare according to a report - "[Fish Welfare on Scotland's Salmon Farms](#)" - published by OneKind in August 2018 - with [Mowi's Bagh Dail nan Ceann salmon farm ranked the third worst in Scotland](#).

## The 12 fish farms rated the worst for animal welfare

Fish farm	Company	Negative welfare score
Poll na Gille, Argyll	Marine Harvest	11
MacLeans Nose, Kilchoan, Highland	Marine Harvest	9
Bagh dail nan Cean, Argyll	Marine Harvest	9
Vuiabeag, Isle of Lewis	The Scottish Salmon Company	9
Badcall Bay, Sutherland	Loch Duart	8
Loch Carnan, South Uist	Loch Duart	8
Inch Kenneth, Argyll	The Scottish Salmon Company	8
Basta Ness, Shetland	Cooke Aquaculture	6
Cloudin, Shetland	Cooke Aquaculture	6
North Havra, Shetland	Grieg Seafoods Shetland	6
Calva Bay, Sutherland	Loch Duart	6
Loch a Chairn Bhain, Highland	Loch Duart	6

Source: [OneKind](#)

BBC Panorama [broadcast video footage of Mowi's dead salmon in May 2019](#):

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Salmon Farming Exposed

Watch a [video report shot under the Mowi salmon farm at Poll na Gille](#):

Scottish Salmon Watch is calling for video surveillance of salmon farms - including CCTV.



Read more via:

- [The Scotsman: "Salmon farms targeted in environmental campaign"](#)
- ['Salmonwatch' Launched in Scotland](#)

Earlier this month, Mowi [pledged to close down salmon farms in Loch Duich and Loch Ewe](#).

## Mowi offers to exit two 'contentious' Scottish sites

9 July 2019



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Scottish Salmon Watch hopes that "[morally bankrupt and environmentally repugnant](#)" Mowi will close down all their salmon farms.

