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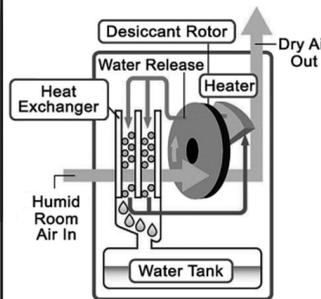
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Farms turning pristine waters 'to toxic toilets'

FOCUS

By **Paula Murray**



WHEN China pulled the plug on the import of Norwegian farmed salmon after imprisoned dissident Liu Xiaobo was awarded the Nobel peace prize in 2010, Alex Salmond was quick to step in to sign a new trade deal with the Communist superpower.

The move was hailed as a shrewd one with hopes the industry would double its production to satisfy demand in the Far East, creating jobs and income – particularly on Scotland's islands.

But the ink on the commercial treaty had barely dried before doubts were expressed over some of the country's salmon farms, with allegations of pesticide use and seal killings, blatant contempt towards the communities around them, and fears over diseases and sea lice.

Amid the pressure to produce more fish for the lucrative new market, there are concerns that environmental considerations may have taken a back seat.

The industry is adamant it is doing everything by the book, but it is still coming under fire from animal rights groups and conservationists.

Among the critics is the Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture (GAAIA), which claims to have unearthed evidence that formalin – diluted formaldehyde and a highly toxic chemical to animals – has been used to control the spread of deadly amoebic gill disease (AGD).

The infectious condition, which affects salmon, has struck farms around the Scottish coast, and back in September it caused a spate of deaths in Orkney.

Then last week the Salmon & Trout Association (S&TA) – Prince Charles is the patron of the trust – expressed "major concern" over the RSPCA-run Freedom Foods certification scheme for farmed salmon.

A new report by the charity revealed that some farms with a "dismal record on pollution and parasite control" were still being



CONTROVERSIAL: Don Staniford, below, of the Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture is one of salmon farming's most vocal critics



granted recognition for higher animal welfare standards.

Hughie Campbell-Adamson, chairman of S&TA Scotland, called the Freedom Foods scheme a "convenient fig leaf" to deflect "legitimate criticism", and added that by "certifying farms that fail to meet basic environmental standards, the credibility of the RSPCA is at stake and it runs the risk of being charged with hoodwinking supermarkets and their customers".

THE allegations have been vigorously denied by the animal charity which says the scheme is "100 per cent committed to improving the welfare of all animals – in tandem with respect for the marine environment".

Scotland's first salmon farm was built in 1967 in Loch Ailort, near Lochaber in Inverness-shire, and since then another 249 have been given a licence to operate.

Critics say stocks of wild salmon and sea trout have collapsed north of the Border, with many conservationists blaming the decline

on pollution and disease coming from the farms. Again, the allegations are disputed by the industry. The Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation (SSPO) says statistics "clearly prove" problems with wild fish started decades before any salmon was farmed in Scotland, and insist farmed and wild fish can exist side by side.

But Don Staniford, of the GAAIA, does not agree. He is convinced the industry is polluting Scotland's waters, killing wild stock and generally having a negative impact on the environment.

According to him, salmon farms regularly use chemicals such as formalin and chloramine-T to fight AGD and other diseases.

Mr Staniford said: "Formalin is the same stuff Damien Hirst uses to pickle his animals for his art. It is a powerful chemical which is turning farmed salmon into pickled salmon."

"They are turning pristine Scottish waters into toxic toilets."

"Effectively salmon farms are like battery farms for chicken. With a high concentration of animals in confined spaces spread of diseases and parasites is inevitable."

"The Scottish Government has declared production will be expanded by 50 per cent by 2020 – it will come at the expense of local communities

and wild salmon stocks. But profits from the farms will go to Norwegian companies who own most of them while the salmon will be eaten by the Chinese, not Scots, yet Scotland will be left with an ecological disaster."

Another challenge for the fish farms is their reputation as seal shooters. Hundreds of the marine mammals are killed every year as "the last resort" to protect stocks.

Salmon producers do not dispute that they occasionally kill seals – which can eat up to seven kilograms of fish a day – but insist firearms are not brought out "willy-nilly".

In a further blow to the industry's reputation, leaked emails from the foreign-owned Scottish Salmon Company – which produces one-fifth of Scotland's farmed salmon – last week revealed locals on Lewis had been described as a "vipser's nest".

The company planned to locate small salmon cages on a loch and "let the locals get used to it".

But, despite the negative publicity, the industry continues to thrive in Scotland and is worth about £285million in exports every year.

It supports around 6,000 jobs, and earlier this month data revealed an astonishing 1.172 per cent increase in export to the Far East since 2010.

The SSPO said it is accepted that fish farming is an effective way of producing food and that aquaculture will play an essential role in feeding the world in the coming decades.

CHIEF executive Scott Landsburgh believes many of the attacks on his industry are politically motivated – and he has little time for Mr Staniford, who is among the most vocal critics.

He added: "We have no intention of having dealings with a person with his history and reputation."

"He is a campaigner who earns a living criticising salmon farming around the world. He is not credible and therefore we are not prepared to listen to or engage with him. The public should do the same."

The SSPO believes campaigners hope to push the industry from sea to the dry land, something that at least one firm is planning to do.

But salmon farmers can't see that happening on a large scale.

SSPO's Ken Hughes said: "People are trialling different ways to farm foods around the world because we are going to have a shortage in 30 years' time. The reason the Scottish Government and the European Parliament are supporting the development of aquaculture is because it is an efficient way of producing food – and the critics don't like that."

At the end of the day the success of any industry is down to the end product and those who buy it. If consumers are unhappy it will reflect on sales – and for the time being, it seems the Scottish salmon industry has their seal of approval.