



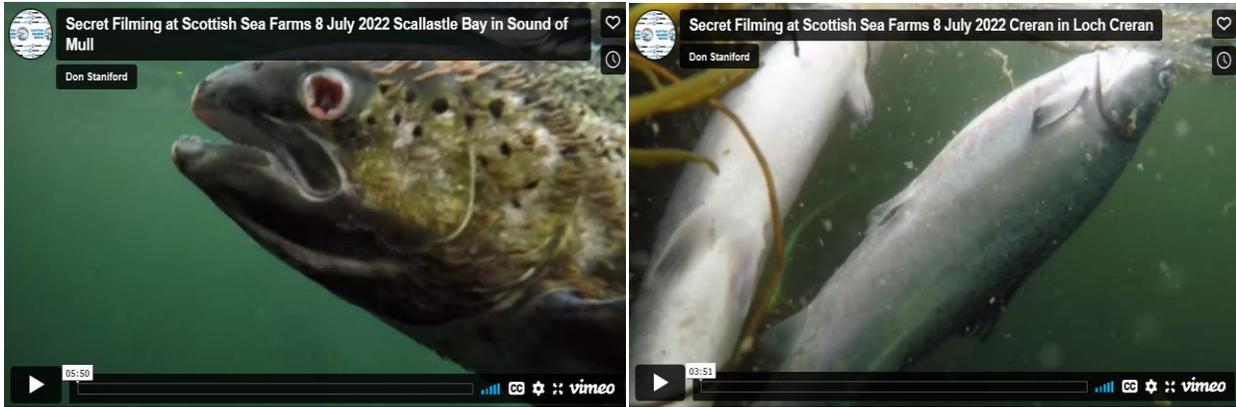
To: Police Scotland's Wildlife Crime Unit; the Animal and Plant Health Agency; Marine Scotland; the SSPCA and the RSPCA

Cc: Scottish Sea Farms (Norskott Havbruk); Marks & Spencer; RSPCA Assured; Salmon Scotland; Scottish Ministers; the Scottish Environment Protection Agency; the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Scottish Greens

Date: 11 July 2022

Please consider this a formal complaint against Scottish Sea Farms (Norskott Havbruk) for breaches of the [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006](#) with respect to '[Unnecessary Suffering](#)' (Section 19) and '[Ensuring Welfare of Animals](#)' (Section 24). Video evidence shot inside four salmon farms in the Sound of Mull (Fiunary, Fishnish B and Scallastle Bay) and in Loch Creran (Creran A) between 3rd and 8th July 2022 presents damning evidence of welfare abuse, lice infestation, infectious diseases and mass mortalities:





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

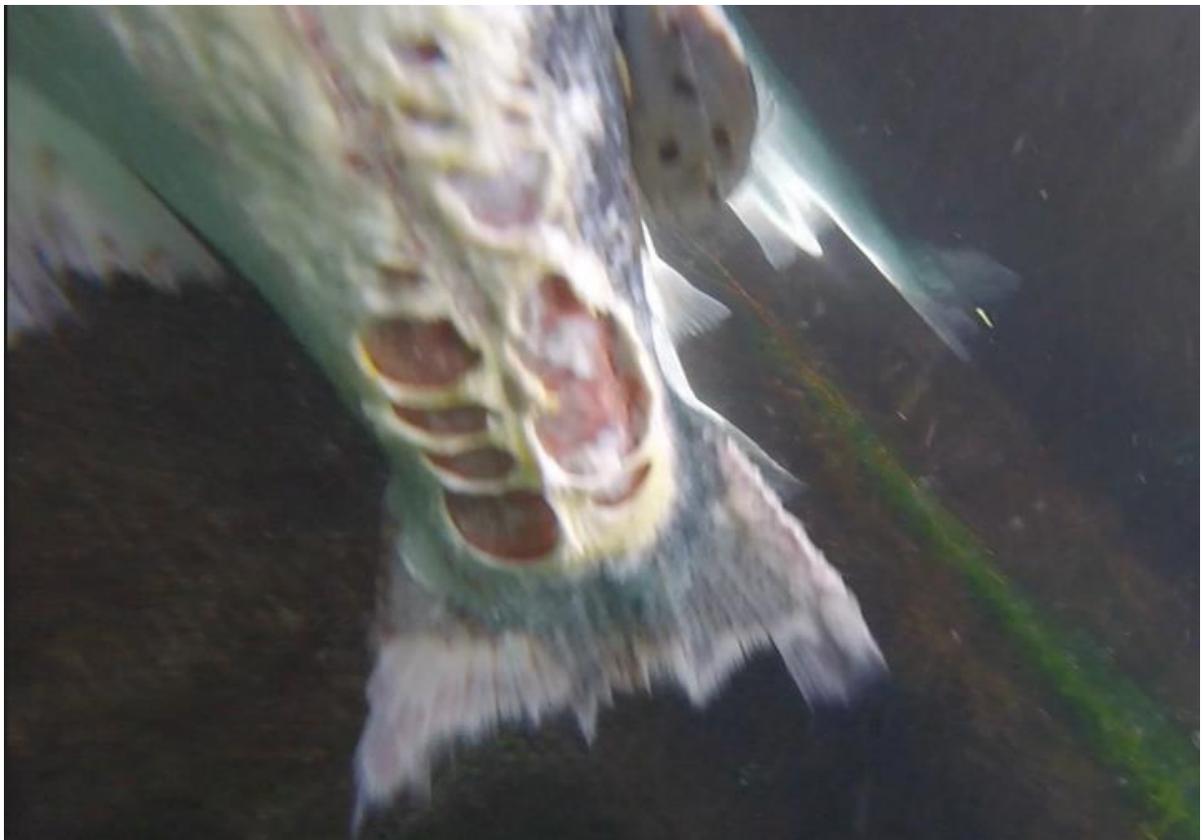
Photographic evidence – sourced from the video footage shot with a Go Pro camera mounted to a telescopic pole inserted into cages – clearly shows unnecessary suffering, intolerable cruelty and rampant welfare abuse across all four salmon farms operated by Scottish Sea Farms (accredited via RSPCA Assured and exclusive supplier to Marks & Spencer):













Read more via: [Photos of Welfare Abuse at RSPCA Assured Scottish Sea Farms](#)

Locational information for the four Scottish Sea Farms sites subject to this welfare complaint is provided below (maps sourced via [Scotland's Aquaculture database](#)):

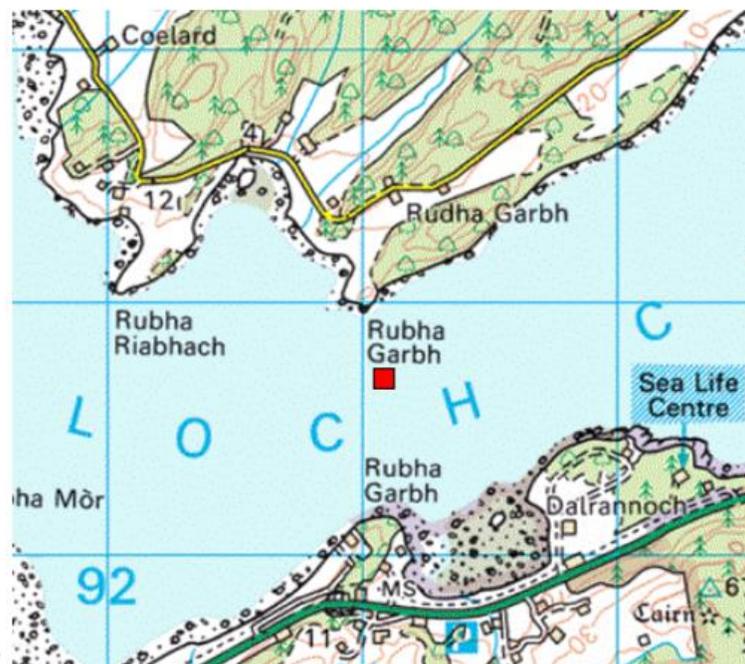
Fishnish B in the Sound of Mull: NM65204280

Receiving Water : Sound of Mull



Creran A in Loch Creran: NM93084170

Receiving Water : Loch Creran



Fiunary in the Sound of Mull: NM59194762

Receiving Water : Sound of Mull



Scallastle Bay in the Sound of Mull: NM68853964

Receiving Water : Sound of Mull



Unedited video footage is also available online here:





GOPR1868 Inside fourth cage dead cleaner fish & licey salmon 7 July 2022



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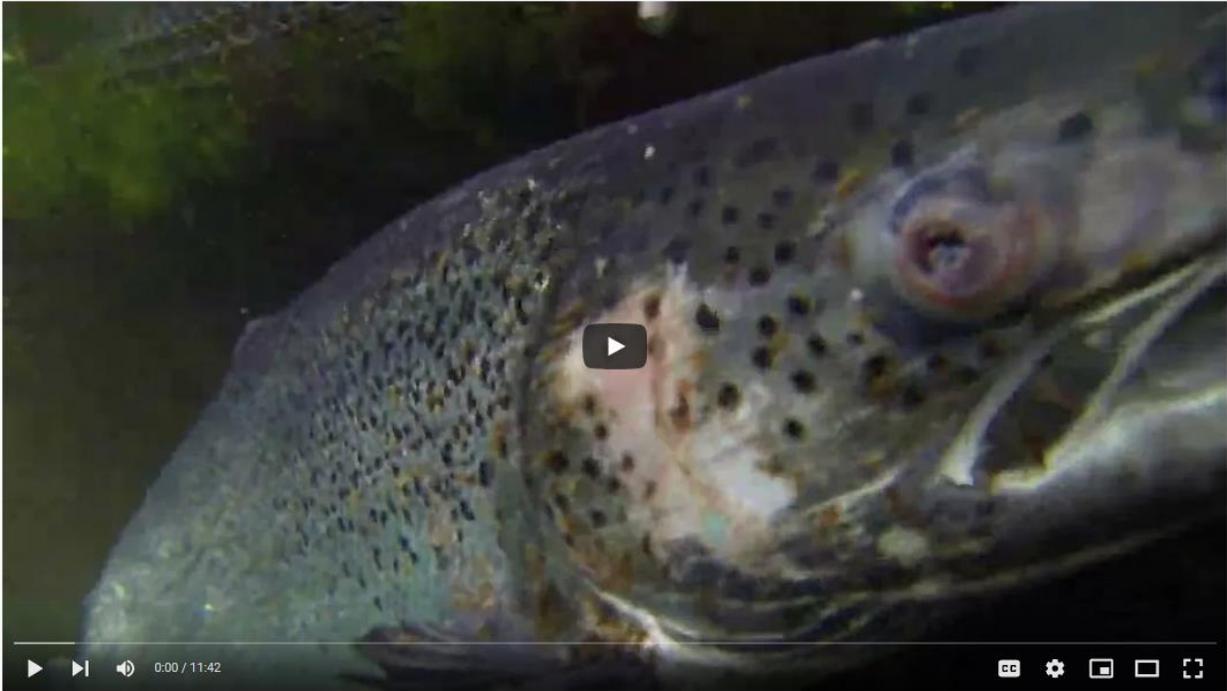
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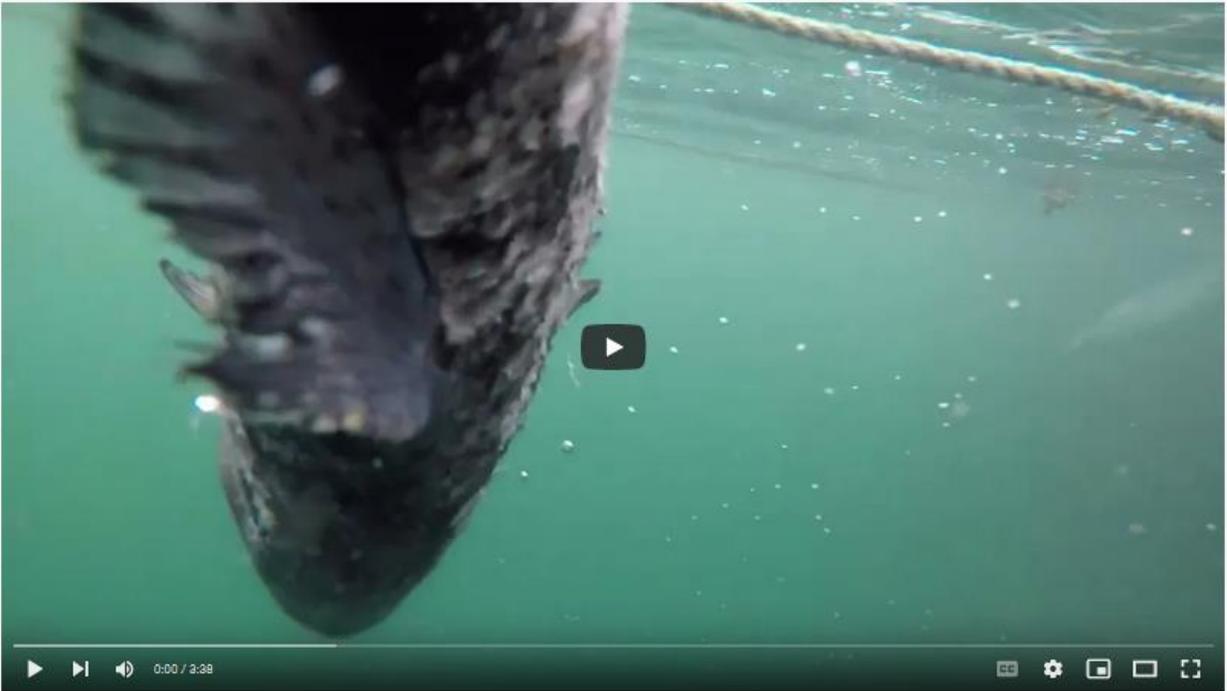
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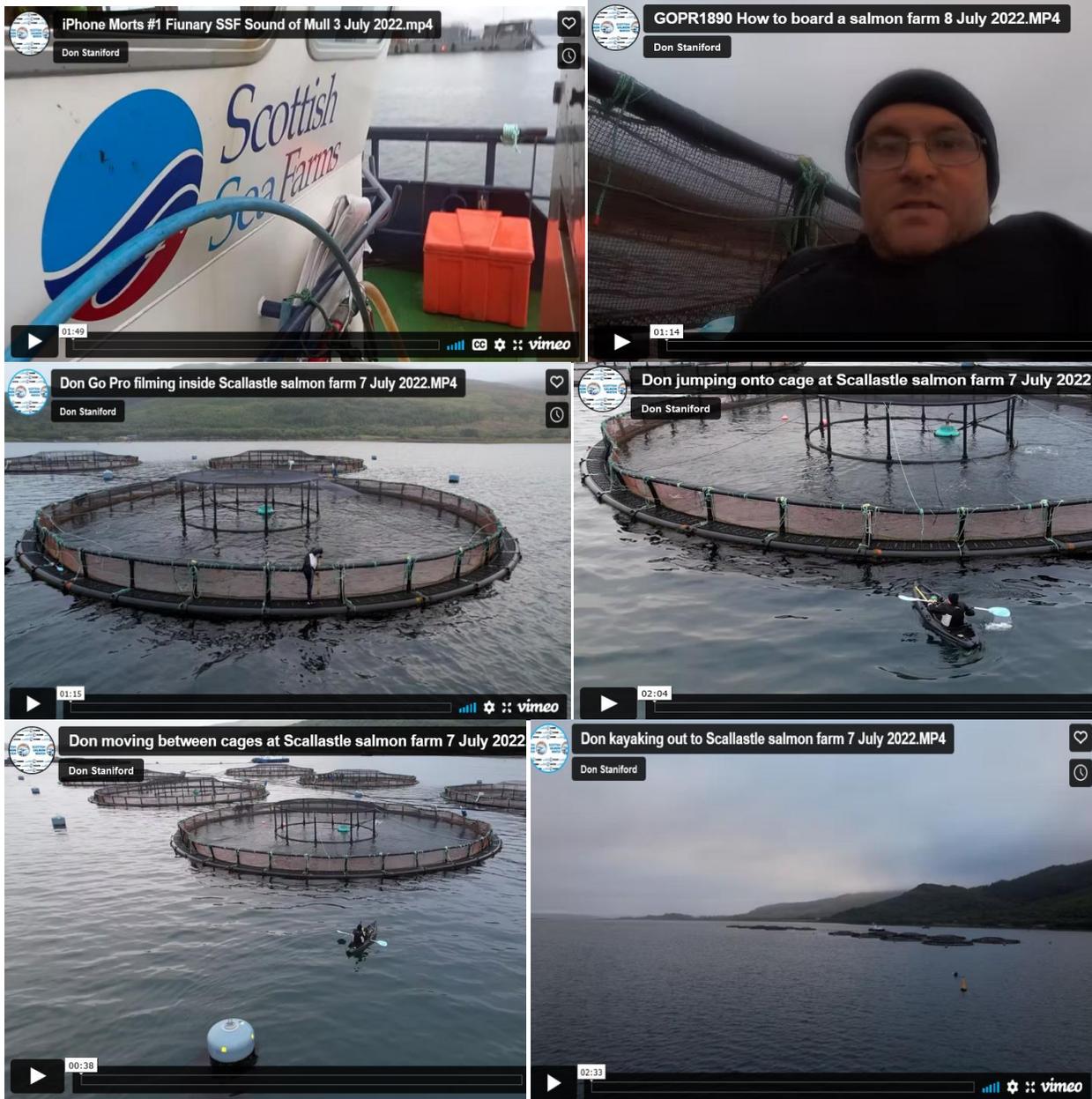
GOPR7065 Longer telescopic pole & dead fish with 2nd Go Pro 4 July 2022



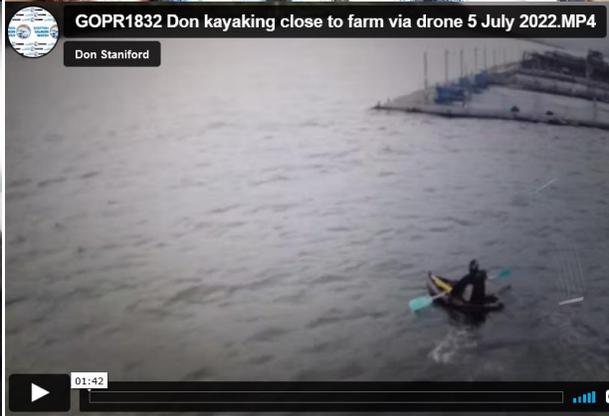
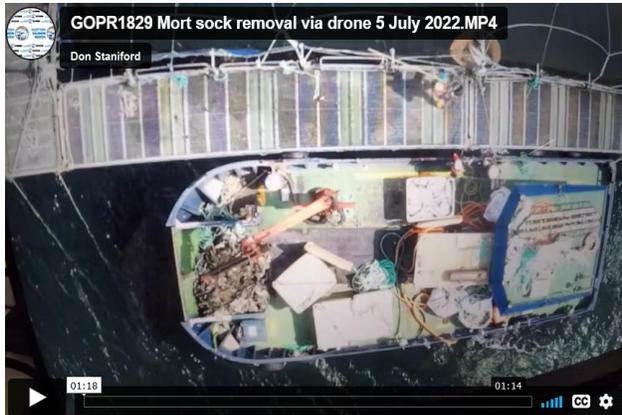
GOPR1818 Lousy dying salmon 4 July 2022



Video evidence ground-truthing how [Scamon Scotland](#) safely and secretly accessed Scottish Sea Farms in a kayak and filmed with a Go Pro camera inside the lice-infested salmon cages is available online here:



Video evidence detailing mass mortalities, biosecurity precautions undertaken prior to secret filming and legal issues is available online here:



\$camon \$cotland (formerly Scottish Salmon Watch) believes that Scottish Sea Farms is guilty of breaching animal welfare laws and immediate inspection and intervention is warranted to stop ongoing welfare abuse inside the RSPCA Assured salmon farms at Fiunary, Fishnish B, Scallastle Bay and Creran A.

“Farmed fish are owed a duty of care and the protection from unnecessary suffering under animal welfare law,” said Edie Bowles, Solicitor, [Advocates for Animals](#) in response to viewing the video footage. “The findings in this most recent investigation suggest that these legal requirements are not being adequately enforced and that fish are suffering as a result. One of the

issues in Scotland is that the industry has largely been able to self regulate, it is of fundamental importance that official bodies uphold their responsibility to ensure that the welfare protections afforded to farmed fish are being followed.”

Scamon Scotland urges those agencies responsible for upholding animal welfare laws to investigate Scottish Sea Farms as a matter of urgency with a view to prosecution. This complaint has been filed extremely quickly – filming only ended on Friday (8th July 2022) – due to the severity of the systematic welfare abuse inside RSPCA Assured salmon cages.

Scottish Salmon Watch started secret filming inside fish farms in 2018 – with a [welfare complaint first filed in July 2018](#) followed by complaints against [The Scottish Salmon Company in June 2019](#), [Mowi in July 2019](#), [Kames in September 2020](#), [Scottish Sea Farms in May 2021](#), [Mowi in July 2021](#), [Kames in September 2021](#) and [The Scottish Salmon Company in September 2021](#). Out of over 30 salmon farms where secret filming has taken place, these latest cases represent the worst examples of systematic welfare abuse that I have experienced. Please end the torture and stop the unnecessary suffering of hundreds of thousands of RSPCA Assured salmon farmed by Scottish Sea Farms.

Scamon Scotland also encourages unannounced site inspections at other salmon farming companies over the course of this Summer and into the Autumn when problems with mass mortalities, infectious diseases, lice infestation and welfare abuse will only escalate. When Scottish Salmon Watch [wrote to you back in July 2018](#), I pointed out:

However, Scottish Salmon Watch firmly believes that the damning photographic evidence [published by The Ferret in June 2018](#) and case information via Fisheries Health Inspectorate reports are merely the tip of an iceberg. Enhanced inspections and an increased number of inspections at salmon farms [towards the end of their harvest cycle](#) would surely uncover further damning evidence of welfare abuse.

With mass mortalities, infectious disease and welfare problems [expected to peak in late Summer and early Autumn](#), Scottish Salmon Watch recommends that Police Scotland and APHA conduct targeted inspections at salmon farms reaching maximum biomass and in the last few months of their harvest cycle.

Finally, Scamon Scotland is pleased to hear that [APHA will soon be replaced by the Scottish Veterinary Service](#). It is obvious that the current system of surveillance, inspections and policing of welfare laws with respect to farmed salmon are simply not fit for purpose. As I [wrote to the Secretary of State in April 2021](#):



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Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
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20 April 2021

Dear Secretary of State,

Systemic Failures to Capture Evidence of Welfare Abuse on Scottish Salmon Farms

Scottish Salmon Watch is writing to you with respect to the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) and their failure to inspect salmon farms in Scotland. In summary, Scottish Salmon Watch would like to raise complaints in relation to the following three issues:

- 1) **The lack of quantity of salmon farm inspections**
- 2) **The lack of quality of salmon farm inspections**
- 3) **APHA's failure to disclose information on salmon farm inspections via FOI**

Recent video footage and a report [published by Compassion in World Farming and OneKind](#) adds weight to [damning evidence of widespread welfare abuse](#) on salmon farms in Scotland which is being willfully ignored by APHA 'inspectors'.

As a frame of reference, a critique of APHA's 'inspections' of salmon farms in Scotland during 2020 was published by Scottish Salmon Watch last week (15 April 2021) via: "[Whitewashing Welfare Abuse of Scottish Salmon \(as sponsored via RSPCA, SSPCA & APHA\)](#)".



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Whitewashing Welfare Abuse of Scottish Salmon!
Read the inside story - sourced via FOI - into how
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eye to welfare abuse [@SSPOsays](#) [@scotseafarms](#)
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Hopefully it is not too late to stop the suffering of millions of Scottish salmon this Summer and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

Don Staniford, Director of \$camon \$cotland

Read more via: <https://scottishscamon.co.uk/news>

VIDEO EXCLUSIVE: SECRET FILMING EXPOSES ABUSE (JULY 2022)



RSPCA Assured Salmon Scam!

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