

**Wild Salmon First! 28 February 2013**

**Solidarity for Salmon: United Against Filthy Fish Farms!**



Support for the '[March for Wild Salmon](#)' is building in both the Atlantic and Pacific with events taking place tomorrow (1 March) in [Oslo](#) and [Vancouver](#) and on Saturday (2 March) in [Galway](#). 'March for Wild Salmon' is a month-long series of events with peaceful protests also planned in Bergen (6 March) and Edinburgh (30 March) before closing on 31 March with a global vigil for wild salmon. The [message](#) from First Nations, fishermen and wild salmon advocates in Ireland, Iceland, Scotland, Denmark, Germany, the United States, Canada and Norway is loud and clear: Stop Norwegian Fish Farms Killing Wild Salmon!



In Oslo, Norway, [Wild Salmon First!](#) will deliver the ‘[United Declaration for Wild Salmon](#)’ to the King of Norway, the Norwegian Parliament, the Canadian Embassy in Norway, the Norwegian Ministry of Trade & Industry and Cermaq (1 March). In Vancouver, Canada, the Indigenous Salmon Defenders will lead the ‘[March for Wild Salmon – Idle No More!](#)’ rally outside the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (1 March). In Ireland, [Galway Bay Against Salmon Cages](#) will lead a protest march against the Irish Government’s plans for a 15,000 tonne super-size salmon farm (2 March).

“Stop Norwegian fish farms killing wild salmon,” is the message from Elena Edwards, founder of [Wild Salmon First!](#), who is leading the ‘March for Wild Salmon’ in Oslo. “As a symbol of the international opposition to salmon farming we will be delivering the ‘[United Declaration for Wild Salmon](#)’ signed by First Nations leaders, fishermen and Fin Donnelly, MP in Canada, to the Norwegian Parliament and the King of Norway. Solidarity for wild salmon is making waves in Canada, Norway, Scotland and Ireland - wherever there are fish farms compromising the future of wild salmon, people are uniting to get the fish farms out. Wherever you are please [flood the inboxes](#) of the Norwegian companies who are compromising wild salmon to death. We must place wild salmon first - there can be no compromise in defense of wild salmon!”



“Wild salmon need to be protected from disease-ridden salmon farms,” said [Orri Vigfússon](#) of the [North Atlantic Salmon Fund](#) in Iceland who is attending the event in Galway on Saturday (2 March). “Ireland, Iceland, Scotland, Norway and Canada must unite to fight the expansion of salmon farming in both the Atlantic and Pacific. We must move farms off wild salmon migration routes before it is too late.”



“The Irish Government, along with various commercial interests, have misguided plans to vastly increase the number of salmon farms around the coast of this island,” said Damien O’Brien of [No Salmon Farms at Sea](#). “No Salmon Farms At Sea (NSFAS) are vehemently opposed to any such development taking place and are determined to stop this madness. We are asking all right thinking people to support the people of Galway in their day of protest on the 2nd of March to help stop the catastrophic plans for Galway Bay. NSFAS will march in solidarity with others on the day and wish all those conducting similar protests in Norway and Canada every success. To stand by and do nothing is not an option!”



Watch more via [“Fish Farms: Nothing But A Dirty Industry”](#) and [“Feck Off! to Fish Farms in Galway Bay”](#)

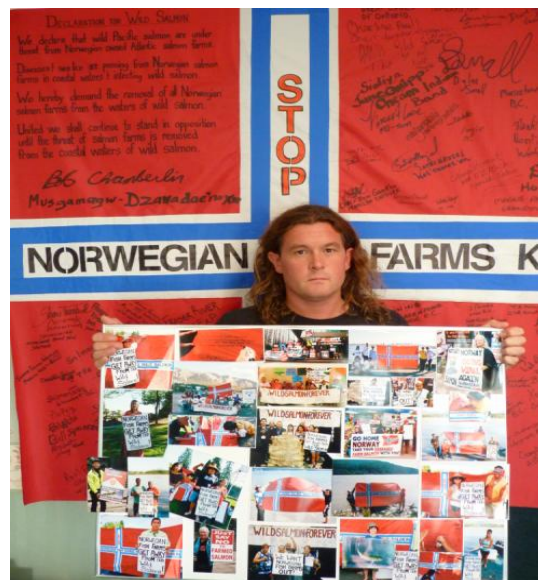
“The Norwegian company Marine Harvest – who control over 60% of Irish salmon farming production - is infested with sea lice and is spreading Amoebic Gill Disease around Ireland's coastline,” said Tony Lowes of [Friends of the Irish Environment](#). “Now there are plans for a 15,000 tonne super-size salmon farm in Galway Bay which would double salmon farming production. The message to Marine Harvest in Norway is simple: NO WAY!”



“We ask as many people and families as possible to turn up for the event and show the Government that Galway Bay is not for sale to salmon farmers – most likely multi-nationals,” said Michael Canny of [Galway Bay Against Salmon Cages](#). “It is our Bay and it is our duty to protect it, not alone for ourselves but for our children’s children and beyond. We need a very strong show of unity on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Come along and show the Government that we care for Galway Bay.”



“If people want wild salmon then they must all stand up and be counted,” said Don Staniford of [GAAIA](#) who will be joining the [March for Wild Salmon](#) in Oslo along with fishermen from Denmark and Norway. “The weight of scientific evidence from around the world screams that healthy wild salmon populations and diseased salmon feedlots are incompatible. Consumers must send a signal to supermarkets that lice-infested and disease-ridden farmed salmon is unacceptable. A consumer boycott is the only sure-fire way of stopping salmon feedlots from killing off the King of Fish. Hear the call of the wild salmon!”



Watch a video report from outside the Norwegian Embassy in Dublin, Ireland, [online here](#)

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Read the schedule for the Vancouver event on 1 March [online here](#) and listen to an interview with the Indigenous Salmon Defenders [online here](#)

For more details on the Galway event on 2 March visit [online here](#) and [online here](#)

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