

Scottish Salmon's Worst Escapes Since 1995

Official data [published online via Scotland's Aquaculture](#) (escapes over 10,000 listed):



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Escape Id	Escape Start Date	Escaped Species	Final Number of Fish Escaped	Site Id	Site Name	Operator	Actions
2000292	25/12/2011	Atlantic Salmon	336,470	FS0871	Winna Ness	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd	More
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2000112	24/12/2002	Atlantic Salmon	238,420	FS0948	Score Holms	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	More
2000339	29/01/2000	Atlantic Salmon	230000	FS0883	Ghlas Mhor	Finfish Ltd	More
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2000402	19/01/2014	Atlantic Salmon	154,569	FS1043	Ness of Copister	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd	More
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2000338	29/01/2000	Atlantic Salmon	62000	FS0908	Quanerness	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd	More
2000248	13/09/2009	Atlantic Salmon	58,880	FS1056	Strone Point	The Scottish Salmon Company	More
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2000110	16/01/2003	Atlantic Salmon	47,176	FS0733	Loch Caravat	The Scottish Salmon Company	More
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2000307	15/12/2012	Atlantic Salmon	25623	FS0597	Meil Bay	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd	More
2000405	11/02/2014	Atlantic Salmon	25,259	FS0946	North Voe	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd	More
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2000059	14/01/2005	Atlantic Salmon	12,000	FS0304	Greinam Island	The Scottish Salmon Company	More
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2000256	02/03/2010	Atlantic Salmon	10,775	FS0150	Loch Lochy	Mowi Scotland Ltd	More
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13) Fine companies for escapes & tag all farmed salmon

Four million farmed salmon have escaped from Scottish fish farms since 1998 in over 200 incidents. Financial penalties and tagging would act to as a deterrent to escapes.

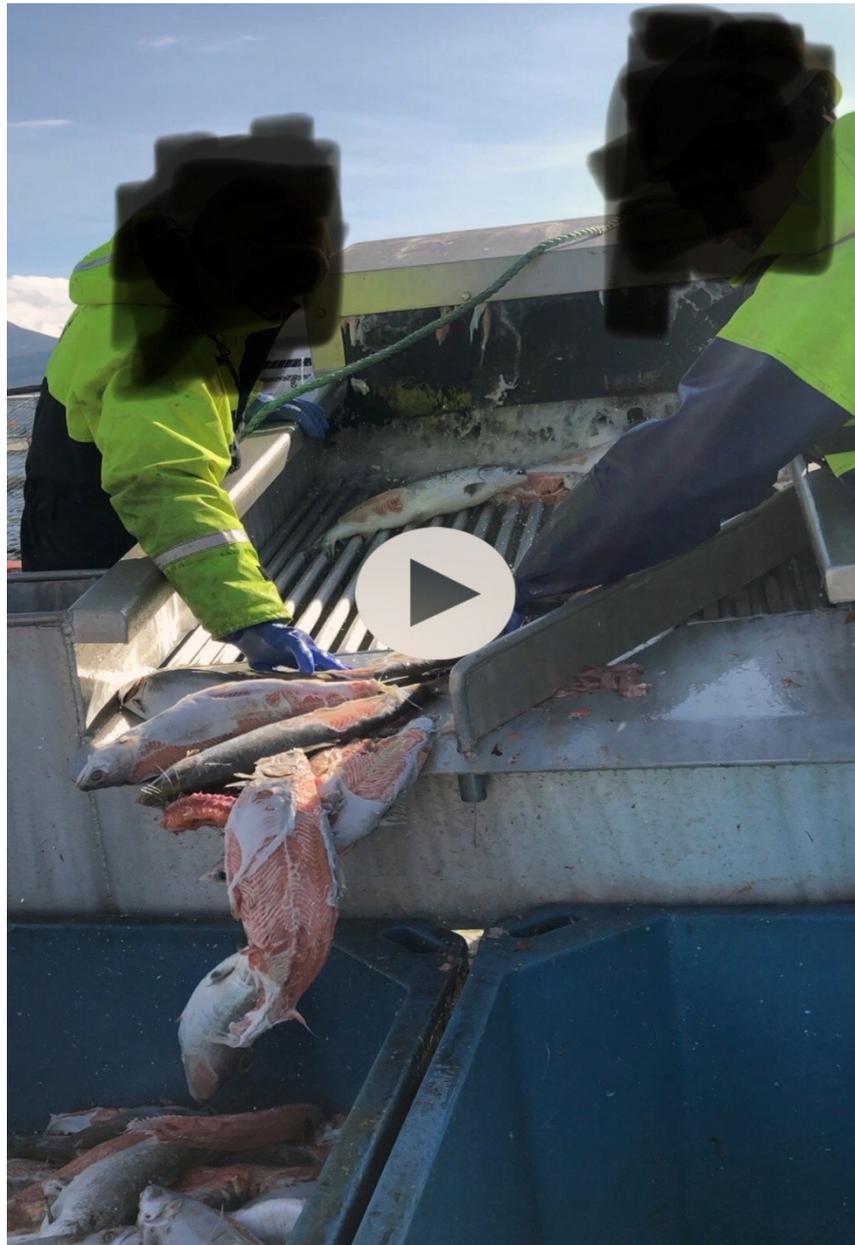
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Read more via [Call to jail fish-farm bosses who allow escapes](#) and [Scottish Salmon's Great Escape](#)

Quote in reaction to the [recent escape at Mowi's Colonsay salmon farm of 73,600 farmed salmon](#):

"Scottish salmon are being battered by storms with mass escapes from [disease-ridden salmon farms](#) inevitable," said Don Staniford, Director of Scottish Salmon Watch. "Moving salmon farms further offshore is a recipe for ecological and welfare disaster. Scientific research [published by RAFTS in 2013](#) showed that [one in four 'wild' Scottish salmon was genetically polluted with genes from Norwegian origin escaped salmon](#). And scientific research [published by the Royal Society of London in 2003](#) reported that repeated escapes of farmed salmon precipitated an 'extinction vortex' in wild salmon. The Scottish Government need to close the net on escapes and that means fines to deter repeat offenders."

[Here's photos of farmed salmon flayed and skinned alive during the 'Beast from the East' in March 2018 - leaked by a whistleblower working at Mowi's salmon farm at Carradale in Kilbrannan Sound](#) when [300,000 fish were battered to death](#):





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[Sunday Mail: "Gutted - 300,000 salmon are killed as storm batters fish farm"](#)

SEAFood GIANTS' £9M LOSS IN ROUGH SEAS

Sunday Mail June 17, 2016 17

GUTTED

■ Craig McDonald

One of Scotland's biggest salmon farms lost stock worth £9million after being hit by a heavy storm.

About 300,000 fish died at the Marine Harvest site at Carradale, Argyll.

The company are investigating new ways to weigh down nets at the huge site, which has up to 20 pens in which salmon are grown.

The fish are believed to have weighed about 1kg each – about a fifth of their target weight. Salmon can fetch about £30 per fish when fully grown.

The dead stock were removed from the pens and taken away in waste tankers.

Norwegian-based Marine Harvest are one of the world's largest seafood farms and the biggest producer of Atlantic salmon.

They employ about 500 people at sites in Scotland. The company are trialling a new net-weighting system at eight pens at the site.

The firm hope that introducing a different way of storing the fish will prevent further losses during extreme weather conditions.

A source said: "The fish died because the nets were blowing up in the rough sea. This caused the fish to be rubbed by the nets, damaging the scales."

Because of this loss, the company are having to change the weighting system on the pens.

which are 120m in circumference and weighing nine tons each, on the seabed.

"Basically, the weight system was inadequate and is being re-assessed."

Steve Bracken, of Marine Harvest, said: "During a severe storm in March, with exceptionally heavy seas and gale-force winds, 300,000 fish died at our Carradale farm.

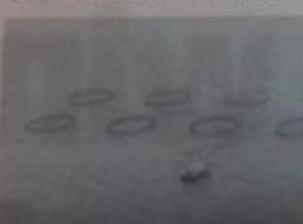
"This was a very rare incident, largely due to the wind coming from the east and north-east, which is unusual at this site. To prevent this happening again, we are carrying out trials of a new net weighting system.

"The weights which usually hold down the pen nets are being stored on the seabed while the trial is under way and will be moved once it is over. This has been approved by Marine Scotland."

The new net weighting system has been assessed by marine watchdogs.

The Scottish Government said "Marine Scotland have investigated and concluded there has not been a breach of any net weighting rules."

300,000 salmon are killed as storm batters fish farm



NET LOSS Marine Harvest fish farm

[Blowing the Whistle on Scottish Salmon](#)

[Whistleblower Photos of Marine Harvest](#)