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Subject: RE: Loch Duart kills seals, uses toxic chemicals & has escapes

Further to previous correspondence on Loch Duart (enclosed below), do you know if the farmed salmon from Loch Duart which Her Majesty the Queen served at the Diamond Jubilee luncheon was contaminated with Chlamydia, Pancreas Disease and/or Winter Ulcer?

[Disease data](#) obtained from Marine Scotland via Freedom of Information in August 2012 (for the period April to July 2012) [revealed](#) that Loch Duart's operations in Lochmaddy were riddled with infectious diseases including [Epitheliocystis](#) (Chlamydia), [Salmonid Alphavirus](#) (Salmon Pancreas Disease Virus) and [Vibrio species](#) (Winter Ulcer):

Business Name	Site name	Results Type Name
Loch Duart Ltd	Lochmaddy	Salmonid alphavirus
Loch Duart Ltd	Lochmaddy	Epitheliocystis
Loch Duart Ltd	Lochmaddy	Vibrio species

Please note that in June 2012, Her Majesty the Queen and her guests at her Diamond Jubilee luncheon dined on farmed salmon from [Loch Duart's](#) operations in the Uists. Last year, [Loch Duart](#) supplied farmed salmon for the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton at Buckingham Palace.

In July 2012, following a FOI request, Marine Scotland also [revealed](#) that escapees from Loch Duart's operations in Lochmaddy in December 2011 had "some Amoebic Gill Disease" (Read more via "[Gill Diseases: Scottish Salmon's Dirty Big Secret](#)").

Chlamydia-like agents in fish were originally recognised in 1969, with the first molecular characterisation in 2002. A new species associated with epitheliocystis in farmed Atlantic salmon, *Piscichlamydia salmonis*, was proposed in 2004. Subsequently it has become clear that the chlamydia-like agents associated with epitheliocystis are remarkably heterogeneous and a further Candidatus species, *Clavochlamydia salmonicola* was described in 2008.

Read more via "[Piscichlamydia and other chlamydia-like agents in epitheliocystis diseases of fish](#)" and "[Chlamydia and gill disease ravage Scottish salmon: GAAIA](#)"

Read more background via "[Chlamydia and Disease Backgrounder: Scottish Farmed Salmon Killed by The Clap \(Chlamydia\) –World's Largest Salmon Farmer \(Marine Harvest\) Affected](#)"

Loch Duart reported the following infectious diseases to the Scottish Government in 2007 (obtained via a FOI request from the [Pure Salmon Campaign](#)):

Loch Duart Ltd	Gyrodactylus derjavini	Salmon
Loch Duart Ltd	Epitheliocystis	Salmon
Loch Duart Ltd	Flavobacterium (histology)	Salmon
Loch Duart Ltd	Unidentified bacteria (histology)	Salmon
Loch Duart Ltd	Adhesions	Salmon
Loch Duart Ltd	Flavobacterium species	Salmon
Loch Duart Ltd	Aeromonas hydrophila	Salmon

In 2006, Loch Duart also reported the following infectious diseases (obtained via FOI from the [Scottish Government](#)):

Loch Duart Ltd	Flavobacterium species	Salmon
Loch Duart Ltd	Flavobacterium psychrophila (RTFS)	Salmon
Loch Duart Ltd	Bacterial gill disease	Salmon

Read more via [Fishyleaks](#)

For details on Chlamydia and other infectious diseases, pathogens and viruses lurking on salmon farms read “[Fish Farmageddon: The Infectious Salmon Aquacalypse](#)”

In September 2012, [Fishyleaks](#) published damning data on [Loch Duart’s](#) use of toxic chemicals. According to the [data](#) supplied by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Loch Duart was the fifth largest user of toxic chemicals in Scottish salmon farming using a total of 89350.988g in the period 2008-2011 – including 53490g of the organophosphate Azamethiphos; 23555.1g of the insecticide Teflubenzuron, 5949.538g of the pesticide Emamectin benzoate; 3565.5g of the lobster-killing Cypermethrin; and 2790.85g of the bath treatment Deltamethrin.

For more background read “[Loch Duart – The Toxic Salmon Company](#)”

In September 2012, the Salmon & Trout Association also [published](#) damning data on how 68% of Loch Duart’s farms were classified as “unsatisfactory” by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. Nick Joy, the Managing Director of Loch Duart, admitted to [The Sunday Times](#) that some sites had “not been performing to our standards”. In 2010, Loch Duart also [refused](#) the Scottish Government to publish audits claiming that “inaccurate critical reports could destroy a company or business”.



Was the farmed salmon sourced from a Loch Duart farm which uses the toxic chemical Emamectin benzoate (SLICE) which is lethal to lobsters and other shellfish?

Was the farmed salmon sourced from a Loch Duart farm which has had an escape?

Last month, for example, Loch Duart reported what it is believed the 9th escape since 2000:
<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/2794595>

The other reported escapes at Loch Duart include:

April [2011](#): "Up to 100 fish" from Loch Duart's Loch Carnan site (later officially reported as [40](#))

December [2008](#): 6,500 from Loch Duart's Oldany site (more details [online here](#))

November [2007](#): 10,400 from Loch Duart's Loch Laxford site

October [2005](#): 3,000 from Loch Duart's Badcall Bay site (according to the Scottish Government, the escapees had also been treated with EXCIS - Cypermethrin)

May [2004](#): 200 from Loch Duart's Torgawn site

August [2003](#): 18,416 from Loch Duart's Calva Bay (Calbha Beag) site (according to the Scottish Government, the escapees also came from a site affected by "Clinical Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis")

June [2002](#): 8,147 from Loch Duart's Badcall Bay site (according to the Scottish Government, the escapees had also been treated with SLICE - Emamectin benzoate)

In [2000](#), Loch Duart also reported an escape of 9,108 salmon from a site in Loch na Thuille

For more details read: "Loch Duart's 'Sustainable' Salmon Scam Exposed":

<http://salmonfarmingkills.com/blog/loch-duarts-sustainable-salmon-scam-exposed>

Yours sincerely,

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Intrafish, 14th June 2012



Queen dines on Loch Duart salmon

Salmon from the Scottish farmer served at Queen's diamond jubilee luncheon.

