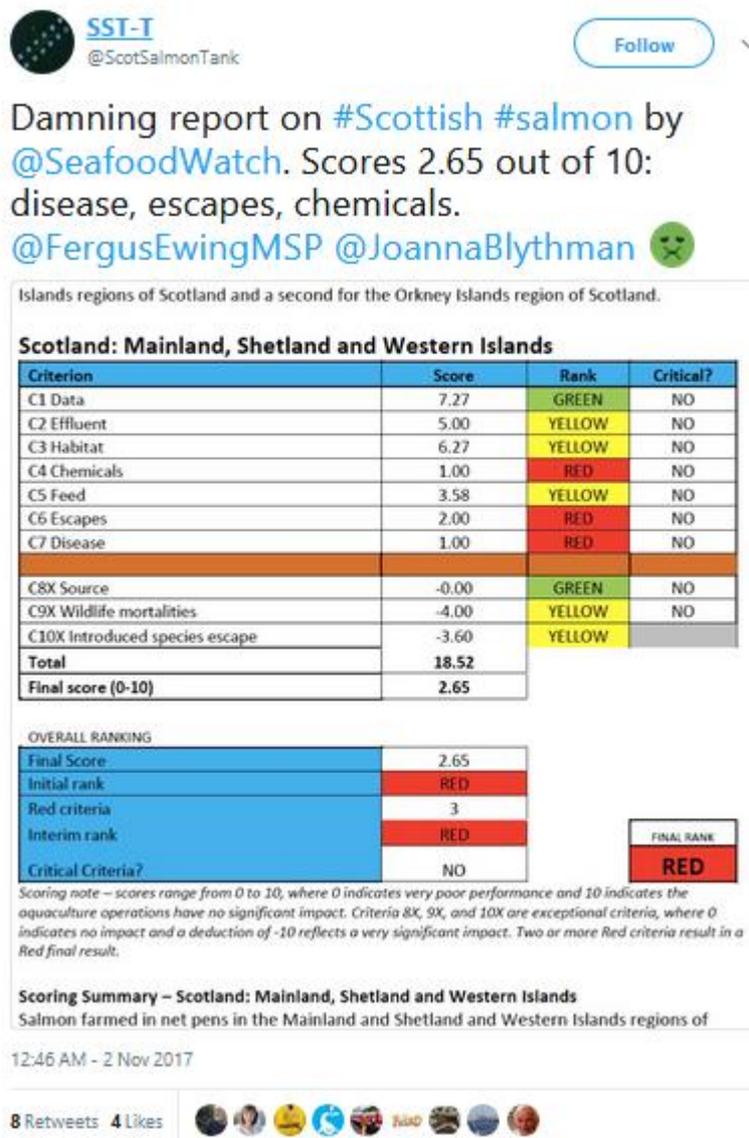


The Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture, 12 November 2017

Red Light for Scottish Salmon - Scotland is ranked worst in the world

Farmed salmon from Scotland is ranked as the world's worst - according to recent assessments by [Seafood Watch](#) which recommends avoiding farmed salmon from Scotland, Norway, Chile and Atlantic Canada [1]. The red ranking for Scottish farmed salmon - which scored a woeful 2.65 out of 10 - was attributed to poor performance in terms of chemicals, disease and escapes [2].

Read more via [The Sunday Times](#)



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Scotland: Mainland, Shetland and Western Islands

Criterion	Score	Rank	Critical?
C1 Data	7.27	GREEN	NO
C2 Effluent	5.00	YELLOW	NO
C3 Habitat	6.27	YELLOW	NO
C4 Chemicals	1.00	RED	NO
C5 Feed	3.58	YELLOW	NO
C6 Escapes	2.00	RED	NO
C7 Disease	1.00	RED	NO
Subtotal			
C8X Source	-0.00	GREEN	NO
C9X Wildlife mortalities	-4.00	YELLOW	NO
C10X Introduced species escape	-3.60	YELLOW	NO
Total	18.52		
Final score (0-10)	2.65		

OVERALL RANKING

Final Score	2.65
Initial rank	RED
Red criteria	3
Interim rank	RED
Critical Criteria?	NO

FINAL RANK
RED

Scoring note – scores range from 0 to 10, where 0 indicates very poor performance and 10 indicates the aquaculture operations have no significant impact. Criteria 8X, 9X, and 10X are exceptional criteria, where 0 indicates no impact and a deduction of -10 reflects a very significant impact. Two or more Red criteria result in a Red final result.

Scoring Summary – Scotland: Mainland, Shetland and Western Islands
Salmon farmed in net pens in the Mainland and Shetland and Western Islands regions of

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"It's official - Scottish farmed salmon is now the worst in the world," said [Don Staniford](#), Director of the [Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture](#). "Scottish salmon farming is a global embarrassment and red warning lights can be seen all over the globe. You can put lipstick on a salmon but it's still a farmed salmon loaded with lice, doused on toxic pesticides,

contaminated with cancer-causing chemicals and artificially coloured an unnatural red colour. The warning message to consumers is simple: avoid Scottish salmon like the plague and stop eating such a lousy product!"



[Left to right: John Robins, Allan Berry, Roderick O'Sullivan, Don Staniford, Elseanne Staniford and Ewan Kennedy: download high res image [online here](http://www.JohnNeed.co.uk); photo credit: John Need: <http://www.JohnNeed.co.uk>]



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["Red Alert for Label Rouge - Lousy Label Goes Rogue"](#)

[25 Reasons to Boycott Scottish Salmon](#)

[25 Years of Scottish Salmon Shame](#)

[Press & Journal: "Demo as salmon industry alliance marked"](#)

[SSPO admit Label Rouge "is not a standard designed to assess environmental or animal welfare criteria"](#)

[Video: "Red Alert: Scottish Salmon's Lousy Label Goes Rogue"](#)

[Press Release: "Red Alert for Scottish Salmon - Protest Against Label Rouge in Edinburgh"](#)

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Notes to Editors:

[1] [Seafood Watch](#) recently [ranked Scottish farmed salmon as the worst in the world](#) - giving Scottish farmed salmon a red ranking and recommending that consumers avoid it.

The screenshot shows the Seafood Watch website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following links: Ocean Issues, Seafood Recommendations, Consumers, Businesses & Organizations, About Us, and Resources. The main heading is "Salmon Recommendations". Below this, a sub-heading reads: "Our recommendations help you choose seafood that's fished or farmed in ways that have less impact on the environment." The central part of the page features a large image of a salmon. To the right of the image, the word "Salmon" is written in a large, bold font, with "All Recommendations for Salmon" underneath. Below the image and text, there is a search bar with the text "SEARCH AGAIN" and "Search seafood" followed by a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar, there are three circular icons representing different recommendation levels: a green circle with "7 BEST", a yellow circle with "42 GOOD", and a red circle with "12 AVOID".

Seafood Watch's [global assessments](#) for farmed salmon published in September 2017 ranked [Scotland in last place with a score \(out of 10\) of 2.65 closely](#) followed by Norway, Chile and Atlantic Canada also with red rankings:





[2] The Seafood Watch report - "[Scotland: Marine Net Pens](#)" (18 September 2017) - includes:

Scotland: Mainland, Shetland and Western Islands

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C1 Data	7.27	GREEN	NO
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Total	18.52		
Final score (0-10)	2.65		

OVERALL RANKING

Final Score	2.65
Initial rank	RED
Red criteria	3
Interim rank	RED
Critical Criteria?	NO

FINAL RANK
RED

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Scoring Summary – Scotland: Mainland, Shetland and Western Islands

Salmon farmed in net pens in the Mainland and Shetland and Western Islands regions of Scotland has a final score of 2.65 out of 10 and has three Red-ranked criteria (Chemical Use, Escapes and Disease), and therefore the final recommendation of “Avoid.”

Scotland: Orkney Islands

Criterion	Score	Rank	Critical?
C1 Data	7.27	GREEN	NO
C2 Effluent	5.00	YELLOW	NO
C3 Habitat	6.27	YELLOW	NO
C4 Chemicals	8.00	GREEN	NO
C5 Feed	3.58	YELLOW	NO
C6 Escapes	2.00	RED	NO
C7 Disease	6.00	YELLOW	NO
C8X Source	0.00	GREEN	NO
C9X Wildlife mortalities	-4.00	YELLOW	NO
C10X Introduced species escape	-3.60	YELLOW	
Total	30.52		
Final score (0-10)	4.36		

OVERALL RANKING

Final Score	4.36
Initial rank	YELLOW
Red criteria	1
Interim rank	YELLOW
Critical Criteria?	NO

FINAL RANK
YELLOW

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Scoring Summary – Scotland: Orkney Islands

Salmon farmed in net pens in the Orkney Islands of Scotland has a final score of 4.36 out of 10 and one Red-ranked criterion (Escapes), and therefore the final recommendation is “Good Alternative.”

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Read the report in full via [Scotland Farmed Atlantic Salmon Seafood Watch Report](#)