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Re. The Scottish Salmon Company's proposal for a huge factory salmon off Arran:
<https://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/OnlinePlanning/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=PW6JPXLE04X00>

Please consider this a formal objection from Scottish Salmon Watch.

The Scottish Salmon Company has an appalling environmental, disease and welfare track record - catalogued in Scottish Government Fish Health Inspectorate 'Case Information' reports and mortality data as well as damning video footage and photos (which lawyers acting for the Scottish Salmon Company attempted to block):

[Mass Mortalities & Disease Ravage Scottish Salmon Farms \(& It's Going to Get Worse!\)](#)
[Official inspections of lice-ridden salmon farm slammed as 'whitewash'](#)
[Welfare Abuse at Scottish Salmon Farms - Why No Legal Enforcement Or Prosecutions?](#)
[The Severely Damaged Scottish Salmon Company - For Sale Now!](#)
[Scottish Salmon's Mort Mountain Piles Ever Higher in 2019](#)
[Mmmm Blind Scottish Salmon with Boils, Anyone?](#)
['Abuse' video sparks major investigation at fish farm](#)
[STV News on Scottish Salmon's Welfare Nightmare - watch online now!](#)
['Sick' salmon film prompts government probe into Scottish fish farm](#)
[Frankenfish Video - The Ugly Face of Lousy Scottish Salmon](#)
[Disease-Ridden Scottish Salmon](#)
[Sick salmon at Scottish fish farm revealed on film](#)
[Salmon firms bid to block diseased photos](#)
[Named: supermarkets selling salmon from 'poor' welfare farms](#)
[Revealed: the fish farms worst on animal welfare](#)
[Hard Evidence: Photos of Diseased & Deformed Scottish Salmon](#)
[Legal Complaint Vs Breaches of Animal Health & Welfare \(Scotland\) Act](#)
[Horror photos of farmed salmon spark legal threat](#)
[EXPOSED: Gruesome Photos of Deformed & Diseased Scottish Salmon](#)

Read more via: "[Media Backgrounder: Disease-Ridden Scottish Salmon is Dead in the Water](#)"

Do you want disease-ridden salmon to be the ugly face of tourism in Arran?

Photos from the Lamlash Bay salmon farm are still being used 15 years after they were [published in the Arran Voice newspaper](#):



Now that The Scottish Salmon Company is owned by Faroese company Bakkafrost (along with [shareholders including Norway's State Pension Fund](#)) you will have blood on your hands and a tourist disaster bigger than Grindadrap if you grant this application.



You only have to read the media this week reporting on salmon farmers in Australia and Canada experiencing huge problems with rising sea temperatures and struggling with climate change to conclude that the warm waters off Arran are the last place in Scotland to be siting a new salmon farm.

Eight years ago I reported on "[Gill Diseases: Scottish Salmon's Dirty Big Secret](#)" with Arran's Lamlash Bay salmon farm featured as ground zero in the outbreak of Amoebic Gill Disease. [In 2019, disease problems and mass mortalities are escalating](#) with higher water

temperatures [prompting a health manager at Mowi to predict "a painful September and October"](#) for Amoebic Gill Disease in Scotland.

Arran's tourist economy will experience pain too if this monstrous proposal is granted. All planning officers should take an unannounced visit to a Scottish Salmon Company salmon farm in the second year of production - when disease and welfare problems are at their worst. You will be shocked by the gruesome conditions you would find. Here's a video I shot in June at one of their salmon farms in Loch Shiel: <https://vimeo.com/341856482>



WATCH LIVE



And Corin Smith's horrifying footage shot inside a Scottish Salmon Company farm in Loch Roag - as featured on BBC's One Show, Landward and Panorama - is enough to out you off salmon farming and farmed salmon for life: <https://theferret.scot/sick-salmon-scottish-fish-farm-film/>



Planning officers and anyone involved in promoting this application has a due diligence to fully research this subject and this woeful company. If salmon farms are not currently breaking welfare laws (and Scottish Salmon Watch strongly believes that they are) then the Scottish Salmon Company is surely still breaking the laws of nature.

[Welfare Abuse at Scottish Salmon Farms - Why No Legal Enforcement Or Prosecutions?](#)

Yours sincerely,

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