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Scottish Salmon Watch

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### **The Animal Welfare Act and farmed salmon**

Reference is made to your e-mail of 29. May 2018 where you ask whether there have been any prosecutions following violation of the Animal Welfare Act.

A fish farmer recently got a fine issued by the police by order from the public prosecutor, of five million NOK. There was infringement of provisions in the Welfare Act as well as the Food Act, Aquaculture Act and Pollution Act relating to a massive sea lice infestation causing severe injuries on the salmon. The incident was reported to the police by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority as well as by NGOs.

It should also be pointed out that The Food Safety Authority has the competence to issue decisions necessary to ensure compliance with the Welfare Act or regulations under this Act. They have among other things issued violation charges up to 1,4 million Nkr.

Yours sincerely

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