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):

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

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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”.

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”
Following the circulation in 2009 of damning details of escapes, chemical use and sea-bed pollution at Loch Duart, Nick Joy admitted via email that: “I am not ashamed to say that we could do better. I wish we were perfect but we are not”.

Loch Duart has only been operating in the Outer Hebrides since 2008 when they started operations in South Uist. In 2010, Loch Duart relocated into Lochmaddy in North Uist following an oil leak. In June 2012, Loch Duart also defended the slaughter of seals at their Scottish operations following the publication of damning data by GAAIA.

In conclusion, it seems clear to me that Loch Duart farmed salmon is not fit for your corgis!

A reply would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

Don

For more information please visit my blog: http://donstaniford.typepad.com/my-blog

From: Don Staniford [mailto:salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com]
Sent: 14 June 2012 10:01
To: 'webeditor@royal.gsx.gov.uk'; 'press@royal.gsx.gov.uk'; 'contact@royal.gsx.gov.uk'; 'info@royal.gsx.gov.uk'
Cc: 'contact@princeofwales.gov.uk'
Subject: Loch Duart kills seals, uses toxic chemicals & has escapes

Please pass this onto Her Majesty the Queen and the royal household responsible for catering:

Your Royal Highness,

I read in Intrafish (see article enclosed below) today that you dined on farmed salmon sourced from seal-killer Loch Duart at your diamond jubilee luncheon.

Was this farmed salmon sourced from any Loch Duart farms which kill seals?
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
Queen dines on Loch Duart salmon

Salmon from the Scottish farmer served at Queen’s diamond jubilee luncheon.
Salmon from Scottish company Loch Duart was served at the diamond jubilee luncheon given for HM Queen Elizabeth II by the Livery Companies of The City of London at Westminster Hall on June 6.

Salmon from the company’s South Uist sites were harvested on the previous Thursday, delivered to London early on Saturday morning and filleted and delivered to the caterer’s chef by 7 a.m.

About 75 kilogram of its Uist salmon fillets were then marinated for three days for the 700 guests.

A similar preparation of our salmon was used for the dinner at Buckingham Palace in April 2011 following the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

"We are absolutely delighted that the taste of our salmon has this recognition and thrilled to be chosen for a second royal occasion," said Nick Joy, managing director, "It’s a huge honor to have been involved in this momentous day for our Queen, celebrating the wonderful traditions and history of our country. “

Online via: http://www.intrafish.com/global/news/article1322448.ece