

ARRAN'S SEAS



NOT FOR SALE



Find out why many Arran community groups, businesses and individuals oppose the Scottish Salmon Company's proposal to **DOUBLE** their production of salmon (and toxic waste) that goes into our Marine Protected Area (MPA) and the development of more salmon cages around the island.

Arran's "golden goose" is its wildlife and landscapes. We believe our community should have a say in local economic developments that are likely to jeopardise our future. Our island could become a thriving hub for marine leisure and sustainable fishing industry, why sacrifice it to a large company that has never openly consulted the community or conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment?



MPA - LAMLASH & WHITING BAY

THE IMPACTS OUTWEIGH ANY POSSIBLE BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Jo Totty from **Arran Open Water Swimmers** says: "we have already objected to the original fish farm expansion proposals; why aren't we being listened to!"

Arran's Community Council stated they had: "previously recorded objections for a proposed expansion of the current facility with the associated risk to the key marine environment".

Lamlash Improvements Group are "concerned about the impacts of the unnecessary enlargement."

Arran Wildlife Tours says: "an expansion at St Molios not only poses a threat to the wildlife and biodiversity of Lamlash Bay (...) but it also poses a potential threat to my livelihood, and the wider economic value of nature based tourism that takes place in the bay."

Our local MP and MSP have expressed deep concern and are currently opposed to the proposed expansion.





"MUZZLED" SEPA UNABLE TO CONTROL POLLUTION

It is worrying that a SEPA scientific study published in June 2017 stated "the use of sea lice treatment Emamectin Benzoate is associated with substantial, wide-scale reductions in both the richness and abundance of non-target crustacea. The evidence presented suggests that this approach is failing in its principal aim of protecting the environment around fish farms..."

Based on this study, and according to The Herald, SEPA was to announce a proposal to phase out Emamectin by 2018 but due to pressure from the "Scottish" salmon farming industry "no announcement was made".

AN UNSUSTAINABLE AND CONTROVERSIAL INDUSTRY

The credentials of this Jersey-registered, foreign bank-owned, Oslo-traded "Scottish" Salmon Company (SSC) are very poor. Why should our community and government trust them to "increase operations in Lamlash Bay and the wider Arran area?"

-  NEVER conducted a community consultation
-  NEVER conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment for the Lamlash salmon farm
-  11,000 salmon escaped in August 2017 from a Scottish Salmon Company owned farm near Mull
-  In 2011, 297,000 dead salmon from Lamlash Bay had to be removed in trucks to the mainland

WHAT GOES IN

- 1 Wild forage fish: Between 1 and 5 kg of wild fish are used to produce 1 kg of farmed fish. Also fed pig and chicken by-products
- 2 Colouring chemicals: Farmed salmon are coloured pink to imitate wild salmon
- 3 Pesticides, antibiotics and antifouling chemicals (biocides): Needed to combat sea lice and other diseases
- 4 Unregulated fishing of wild wrasse in the MPA to be used as cleaner fish for sea lice



WHAT COMES OUT

- 1 Sick salmon: Infectious diseases have been reported in Lamlash Bay since 2007
- 2 Potentially toxic shellfish: The current anti-lice treatment used in Scotland KILL crab larvae at levels lower than currently used. This risks the livelihoods of our local creel fishermen
- 3 Non-Scottish Salmon?: 9 out of 10 "Scottish salmon" eggs come from Norway
- 4 Salmon excrement and uneaten fish feed falls onto our seabed (Imagine a 350,000 cat litter box that never gets changed.) Anoxic conditions can increase the effects of algal blooms, putting off tourists and damaging our precious seagrass beds and other sealife
- 5 Farmed salmon escapes: Spreading diseases among wild salmon, breeding with these and reducing the ability of their offspring to migrate, affecting salmon and sea angling tourism

Our community believes there are much better ways of developing Arran's sustainable economy. There is potential for lower impact aquaculture such as scallop or mussel farming, seaweed harvesting or closed containment systems. Please oppose the Scottish Salmon Company's plan to double their production (up to 116%) in Arran's Marine Protected Area to:

- 1 Avoid the large increase of toxic chemicals to our seawater and sealife risking the livelihoods of local creelers who catch shellfish
- 2 Avoid the doubling of excrement and uneaten fish feed depositing and damaging our seabeds, adding to the eutrophication problem that can affect tourism businesses that depend on our pristine landscapes and healthy and biodiverse wildlife, under and above the waves
- 3 Avoid the impact on wild salmon and forage fish
- 4 Allow for locally accountable sustainable aquaculture that we can be proud to say is "made in Arran", developing opportunities for younger people
- 5 Protect the amazing marine habitats and sea life in Arran's Marine Protected Area and our No Take Zone, an internationally praised community reserve that is a "living laboratory" for marine scientists

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Sign up to our mailing list to be informed of the latest developments by getting in touch with the COAST team at info@arrancoast.com or (01770) 600656.

Raise your concerns to your local community group or charity and ask them to request North Ayrshire Council to recognise them as a community consultee for the upcoming Environmental Impact Assessment process.

Write to your elected representatives (email addresses below) and any other political representatives you think would like to be involved.

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