

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Environmental impacts of salmon farming

Written submission from Peter Roberts

I was not aware of the damage that industrial fish farming was doing until I came to live on the west coast of Scotland.

The evidence of the environmental impact of chemicals to try to limit the effects of lice is over whelming and can be changed by moving to closed containers as other countries are doing.

Intensive farming of all forms poses problems and if we are to continue to enjoy a varied diet whilst protecting the environment from these long term effects more imaginative way must be found even if this necessitates increase investment.

I would be grateful if the committee would seriously engage with the science and research about fish farming in open cages and move to far stricter legislation to limit further the pollution. This could lead to the industry seeing the viability and long term sustainability of closed containers rather than damaging our natural environment which at present is at no cost to the industry.

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