

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Environmental impacts of salmon farming

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I wish to register the strongest protest against the expansion of salmon farming because it is poorly regulated and controlled and is responsible for pollution and contamination of the sea bed on a dangerous scale. It threatens the natural sustainable life upon which the long term health of the Scottish seas depend and this in turn threatens the future of tourism in the rural areas.

I live on the island of Jura where there is a proposal to establish a sea farm off the West Coast in an area designated a "Wild Land Area" one of thirty of the most remote and wild areas in Scotland. This must not be allowed; it would be against all the planning laws and would adversely affect tourism, which is the number one provider of jobs on the island.

I hope you will take note of this objection and reject the proposed development.