

**Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee**

**Environmental impacts of salmon farming**

**Written submission from Raymond Shepherd**

I write to you to voice my concern of ongoing issues attributed to fish farming and the proposed increase to this sector. Scotland is world famous for the supply of farmed salmon which is a great thing but at what cost? The advantages of local employment can surely not outweigh the environmental side effects – can they?

There can be no denying the impact the fish farms are having, I do not have to waste ink and time to go through the issues but sea lice and chemicals alone should be enough to make the Scottish Government look very carefully at the damage being done. We are constantly being reminded about our carbon footprint and how the Scottish Government want Scotland to be a clean environment. I ask you to look carefully at what is being done off the West Coast of Scotland.