

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Environmental impacts of salmon farming

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At a time where there is great concern about the efficacy of antibiotics to treat anthropogenic illnesses I am concerned that this problem will be further exacerbated by the indiscriminate discharge of antibiotic residues to the aquatic environment from fish farming activities.

I note that the report indicates a lack of knowledge in this respect and would suggest that this practice should be discontinued until there is a full appreciation of the effects of aquaculture discharges of antibiotics and similar chemicals.