

Tölvupóstur 31. júlí 2024

Dear Sir/Sirs

Good morning.

I wish you well in your deliberations on the above matter.

I am 100% in FAVOUR of establishing a long term fish farming industry on the island of Iceland.

I am 100% AGAINST siting this in the marine environment for very obvious and well known reasons.

Recent/continuous history shows this to be the case.

I live in Aberdeen, and have fished all the local rivers since I moved from Yorkshire some 50 years ago. Prior to my move to Aberdeen I fished the River Wharfe for brown trout.

I have no work connection to the fishing industry at all, and no anti feelings or views to any fish farming.

It is a natural progression to feed a rising world population, but to continue using a known flawed methodology is sheer folly. (Too many easy option /vested interest decisions taken leads to the present (can of worms).

The problems of siting fish farms in a marine environment are well known and catalogued. Ignore these at your peril, both short and long term.

My arrival in Aberdeen occurred at the same time as the fledgling salmon farming industry was evolving in Scotland. It soon became apparent that all was not well, and this is still the case.

My solution in broad terms is as follows, but simple.

Site all fish farms adjacent to the marine environment, and draw filtered water from the sea. It is now being done by enlightened governments. All the benefits flow from this major decision.

Utilise your tax system to encourage development, and use this same tax system "to persuade" closing down of the marine cage system over a stated time frame. No grants/ freebies etc.

Deter any foreign investment. Scotland did not, and now it is overwhelmingly owned by foreign firms, particularly Norwegian/North American.

I repeat my opening remarks in wishing you well in your deliberations.

David Crawshaw.