

The Scottish Salmon Company

Aquaculture in Scotland

- Aquaculture is a vital growth industry within Scotland and contributes significantly to the country-wide economy and particularly the economy of the Highlands and Islands.
- Salmon farming provides valuable and stable employment in rural communities and is being strongly encouraged in terms of development by the Scottish Government.
- The Scottish Salmon Company is the leading salmon farming company headquartered in Scotland, with 40 sites from Loch Fyne in the south to the west coast of Lewis. We thrive on local Scottish knowledge, from senior management to site workers.
- The Scottish aquaculture industry operates to the very highest environmental and production standards, making every effort to minimise risks to biodiversity and impact on the environment and other aquatic activities. The Scottish Salmon Company is at the forefront of those efforts.





Proposed site – Cock of Arran

Why are we looking to develop a new site on Arran?

- The Scottish Salmon Company is looking to grow as a company and increase production by developing a number of new sites on the west coast of Scotland.
- We are keen to develop a long-term sustainable investment in Arran which will deliver direct economic benefits to the area. The development will deliver three full time and two part time jobs to the north of the island.
- A favourable site off the Cock of Arran has been selected as a potential site for development.
- This proposal is still at a very early stage, which is why we are keen to hear the views of the local community on the potential new development
- The proposed new site is shown on the map below (red)

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Isle of Arran – Potential new site location





A Summary of Proposed Farm Site

The proposed Arran site

- Any new site would consist of around 12-14 circular cages serviced from a barge moored alongside.
- All fish, fuel and feed movements will be carried out by sea to reduce pressure on road networks.
- In addition we would anticipate any new development would generate 3 full time and 2 part time jobs. These would be sourced locally where possible.

Why this site off Arran?

- Deep water close to the shore – easily accessible, yet protecting natural habitats
- Shelter from the elements from the land to the south west
- Strong currents reduce biological risks
- Sensitive positioning - not overlooked or in a protected site
- Local workforce with local knowledge of these waters

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Working with Arran

Our track record

- The salmon farming industry is a significant contributor to the local businesses such as shops, accommodation, ferry services, regional delivery networks etc.
- Arran is just one of a number of new sites being looked at by The Scottish Salmon Company across the Highlands & Islands
- Positive feedback has been received from Community councils in other areas of the West of Scotland with particular interest on the potential for creating local jobs.

Planning with the community

- The Scottish Salmon Company is aware of the sensitivities that can surround planning applications of this sort. We want to hear the opinions of local people on our proposals before we submit a planning application, so that their views can help to shape our approach to it.

Timescale

- If such a development were to go ahead we would anticipate between 12-18 months before full planning permission was granted. We will endeavour to keep all interested parties updated as plans progress and exact details become known.



Community partnerships

Our record in community partnership

- Focussed on helping to bring wider benefits to the health and culture of the communities in which we work.
- Actively looking to engage with local communities on how best to invest in their futures

Previous initiatives include:

- Sponsoring the Scottish Youth Flyfishing Team
- Match-funding and project support for wild fisheries trusts and river owners
- Contribution towards the Lochgilphead 'Learn to Swim' programme
- Healthy Living campaign in primary schools in the Western Isles
- Sponsorship of Lochcarron shinty team
- Supporting judo classes for young people in the Western Isles
- Moorings work for local sailing clubs