



Amoebic Gill Disease in Salmon

- We are aware that there is an outbreak of Amoebic Gill Disease on salmon farms in Scotland.
- This disease is caused by a parasite (*Neoparamoeba perurans*) normally found living amongst marine life which can proliferate under certain conditions, typically in late summer to early winter. The parasite attacks fish's gills, making it difficult for them to breathe.
- We are taking advice from Marine Scotland and any Freedom Food members who have an outbreak of the disease on their farm are asked to notify them.
- All Freedom Food approved salmon producers are required under the RSPCA standards to treat any sick animals appropriately and swiftly, seeking the advice of their vet where necessary.
- Unfortunately it is a sad reality of the farming of any species that disease outbreaks can occur from time to time and it is essential that sick animals are treated appropriately.



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