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<p>A report by independent conservation charity, Wildfish, found that in 2022 two-thirds of Scottish sea farms breached the industry's own Code of Good Practice sea lice thresholds. This leads to contamination of the seabed and wider environmental pollution.</p>	<p>The latest figures, published by the Fish Health Inspectorate, show that 13.5 million salmon mortalities were reported by Scottish farms from January to October in 2023 compared with 11.5 million during the same period in 2022. That year saw salmon deaths on farms almost double, due to growing levels of disease, parasites and jellyfish swarms.</p>	<p>I think greed is fuelling the growth of this industry leading to seabed pollution, increased sea lice and jellyfish swarms and an unacceptable farmed fish mortality rate.</p> <p>The need for ever increasing profits needs to be carefully weighed against the damage to the environment and the inhumane conditions that the fish are forced to endure.</p> <p>The question is, is it worth the result? Is this practice producing a nutritionally valuable food when compared to the damage it causes?</p>	<p>Not Answered</p>		