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AQUACULTURE LICENCES APPEALS DOARD 1. 7 OCT 2015 RECEIVED NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER SECTION 40(1) OF FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1997 (NO. 23) BRENDAN O'KEEFFE . JOHN Name and address of appellant: Telephone: Fax: Mobile Tel: E-mail address: 🕠 Subject matter of the appeal: AQUACILITURE MEENCE GRANTED AT SHOT WEAR, TRAFRASK, ADRICOLE, CO. PORK. SAN TRY BA Site Reference Number:-(as allocated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine) 75/555 Appellant's particular interest in the outcome of the appeal: TO DENY OR REVERSE THE NEENCE ON GROWD OF FOOD AND HEALTH ISSUES Outline the grounds of appeal (and, if necessary, DOCUMENTS GERMANING on additional page(s) give full grounds of the appeal and the reasons, considerations and HEALTH ISSUES AND THE arguments on which they are based): HARIN TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC . AXHIBITS AND REFERENCES Fee enclosed: 2 CHEEKS TOTAL & 228.55. (payable to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board in accordance with the Aquaculture Licensing Appeals (Fees) Regulations, 1998 (S.I. No. 449 of 1998))(See Note 2) Signed by appellant:/ Date: Warend and K Note 1: This notice should be completed under each heading and duly signed by the appellant and be accompanied by such documents, particulars or information relating to the appeal as the appellant considers necessary or appropriate and specifies in the Notice. Note 2: The fees payable are as follows: Appeal by licence applicant €380.92 Appeal by any other individual or organisation CE152.37 CE76.185 2.28.55 Request for an Oral Hearing (fee payable in addition to appeal fee) In the event that the Board decides not to hold an Oral Heating the fee will not be refunded.

SUMMARY



Shot Head: A popular tourist destination. German Walking Tours increasing visit Shot Head over the past fifteen years. Their rout takes them right along the cliffs overlooking the new salmon farm at Shot Head. Cognitive dissonance between governmental departments, Agriculture, Tourism, Wildlife etc. is blatantly evident.

Farmed salmon is a toxic, dangerous and synthetic food and the cost-benefit to the environment, food safety, and our National reputation is prohibitive.

a. FS's macro and microbiological metabolism is corrupted by "CAFO" feeding. Prof. Chilton.

b. FS has up to 34 toxic chemical residues, the combined effects of which have been ignored by IFSA, EFSA, EPA and FDA. M.M. Robin-Our Daily Poison, T. Colborn-Our Stolen Future.

c. FS is fed GE-GMO food which permeates all genomes through HGT, horizontal gene transfer. This food could make all other Aquaculture unmarketable, seaweed, shell fish etc. and have an imponderable effect on wild fish. This food will endanger any living species with a DNA-RNA structure.

Farmed salmon is Unsustainable. The amount of wild fish need to sustain one lb. of FS is approximately, 5 lbs. of wild fish for the meal and 8 lbs of wild fish for the oil required.

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Countries and large swaths of the planet are going GE-GMO free. Markets are dropping because of GE-GMO food, i.e. the Canadian canola market, Monsanto's profits down 34% etc.

The Location of the proposed salmon farm is not visible from my house. I would have to walk 1/4ml to see the salmon farm. This is strictly a Public Health is in this appeal.

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The granting of a salmon farming licence at Shot Head, Adrigole is the last nail in the coffin of our environment, food and health safety and the Democratic rights we have left.

BIM, a government agency, is applying for its own licence for a mega salmon farm in Galway Bay while it lobbies the government to give a licence to a multi-national company, Marine Harvest at Shot Head, in a location it declared or helped declare, unsuitable in 2009.

Marine Institute produced two studies on Irish seafood, Contaminants and Residues in Irish seafood; 2004-2008., Chemical Residues in Irish Finn Fish; 2011. Drawing conclusions from a study where one (n-1)wild natural salmon was compared to ninety one (n-91) Farmed Salmon (FH) does not constitute science. Suggesting that the benefit of the omega-3's in fish out way the harmful consequences of Persistent Organic Pollutants is morally, ethically and legally wrong. Laws to prevent this slippery slope are written into the laws of many global jurisdictions. From the conclusions in these studies, summaries and an advertisement, with chefs for props, and a garnished salmon, the study can only be considered promotional at best. These studies did not provide warning that these Persistent Organic Pollutants accumulate in the consumer over a lifetime and have an additive effect. When you combine all the POPs you get more than an additive effect in scientific language 20+20=60. And more sinister is the scientific phenomenon, the non-monotonic effect, whereby these pollutants can be more dangerous at lower levels, in a u-shaped rather than the usually accepted linear effect as in "the dose determines the poison (Theo Coburn; Our stolen Future, exhibit enclosed). Like-wise the "acceptable daily intake", ADI, referred to as the EU Recommendation are totally arbitrary as is MRL, "maximum residues limits" and constantly changing, usually upwards to accommodate the rising level of pollution, (Maria Monique Robin; Our Daily Poison, CD exhibit enclosed). Some jurisdictions have banned Norwegian farmed salmon due to new pollutants, cadmium and lead, which the MI studies likewise uncovered in Irish seafood. The Norwegian government then prevailed on the European authorities for a higher MRL. Endosulphan was another toxin the Norwegians were interested in increasing.

#### Location.

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Shot Head is located right on the mouth of the small estuary leading to the Dromagoulawn River. This river was known for its wild salmon, sea trout and pearl mussel and should be still known for such even to a lesser extent. Any public person found disturbing or endangering the pearl mussel is subject to a substantial fine (jail time in the UK). The EIS performed on this site-location at Shot Head failed to recognise the existence of this river, least of all its environmental significance.

The residents of Roosk, Trafrask, Adrigole and tourists use Shot Head for subsistence fishing. Local pot fisher boats and fishing boats from as far away as Bantry and Castletownbear fish there on a daily basis. There is a mandatory waiting washout period for farmed salmon following chemical treatment of FS at farms, who will enforce this regulation on fish caught in the farm vicinity during medicine treatment time as the medicines are mixed with the food and are consumed by wild fish around the cages? Definitely not Shellfish De La Mer, the frequent recipient of this oversized catch.

Will we have "no fishing" signs for tourists and local subsistence fisher people? Will the boats observe a "no-go" sign?

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The existing Marine Harvest salmon farm at Raoncarrig and now Shot Head are in close proximity to Castletownbear harbour. The engineer's report on work in that harbour indicated the level of tBt in the silt was such that it had to be set in concrete and shipped to Germany. The second layer of silt was turned down by two West Cork recycling centres. Then it was taken out to sea and dumped near Bull Island (dumped at sea is hear-say or reliable source). Maine Institute has been asked for reports of testing done specifically on the salmon from Roancarrig salmon farm, to no avail.

Local land owners around Shot Head have kindly and in the spirit of tourism, allowed walkers to walk the Shot Head area. This area is frequented mostly by German tourists, guided by a local walking tour operator, and on a regular basis throughout the year. What a fine "Gazebo" they will have to look at, if they continue to come there.

Shot Head is approximately equal distant from Castletownbear, Glengarriff and Bantry . Only Bantry has a sewage treatment plant with the old plant still in operation to dump the overload, untreated, as the new plant is insufficient (2013)All the sewage from the population surrounding Bantry Bay and Shot head flows into the bay, 26Km long and 6Km wide, with the current predominately towards the closed end. The average size salmon farm generates sewage of nitrogen-phosphate equivalent of 30-40,000 people, in salmon food and faeces.

The 2009 Marine Institute and BIM report that declared Shot Head an unsuitable site in 2009, will be added here when, available. The Shot head site was considered too exposed in 2009, and rightly so, the storm of the winter of 2014 ripped the land of parts of Shot Head, land that had been used for potato gardens and grazing for generations.

Shot Head is one of the locations where the Marine Harvest "Well Boat" dumps its load. The load is water in which the diseased fish has been washed with possible added chemicals. Building a fish farm, reported to be "organic" is not appropriate in a dumping area, as this water can be considered "sewage". Due to lack of transparency and information we do not know how much and how often it contains toxic and banned chemicals. Drawing the water and dumping has continued twice a day frequently for four years. The symbolism of the picture attached, showing the Marine Harvest Well Boat dumping its waste, extends far beyond the licencing of a salmon farm at Shot Head.

#### Food safety.

The food safety issue is vast but scientifically clear. A farmed salmon is unmarketable. Put paint on it and viola you have "the lady of the evening meal". "Beef or Salmon" mam? Better not be salmon on the evening of conception or at a critical point during gestation of her baby in the womb. Timing is everything when it comes to hormone disruption, foetal abnormality and birth defects. The European Food Safety Authority, disagreed in their recommendations to girls of child baring age, on

whether to avoid Farmed Salmon for six or twelve months, prior to conceiving. Another "no-go" area?

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Firstly, separate the chemical contaminants, residues and pollutants from the corrupted biology of the farmed salmon, the corrupted biology caused by feeding a salmon unsuitable food and confining it to a cramped area where each salmon has an average space of a small bathtub makes it unsuitable for human consumption. Feeding farmed salmon unsuitable food, collision and stress, pushes an inflammatory cytokine, arachidonic acid (AA), to toxic levels. This phenomenon is potentiated by the "Salmon Paradox". The farmed salmon produces copious amounts of AA from corn and soya as it metabolism is set up to process algae. Humans do not have this problem unless they eat a 4oz helping of farmed salmon which can have 1,300-2,000mgs of AA. This level of AA causes the blood cells in the arteries to become sticky and increases the chances of a heart attack. "Salmon or steak, Sir?" could turn "the painted lady" into a widow maker. A helping of steak may have 20-30mgs of AA, yes two-0 to three-Omgs. Ref: Inflammation Nation, pages 75-99; Floyd H. Chilton, Ph.D. with Laura Tucker(book included in exhibit). Professor Chilton has extended his warning since that publication. He has said "I can no longer stand by while cardiologists continue to recommend the "Inflammation Blue Plate Special" to someone with heart disease and already elevated levels of inflammation". Even though Prof. Chilton points out that it would be unethical to test FS in humans in a scientifically significant frequency, these tests can now be done in a few months, ethically, in humans by looking at the human genome, or with Itamar-100 PAT, again, ethically, in humans after a few meals of farmed salmon. The coveted fish oil, omega-3. EPA and DHA are now available in purified form in Dr's prescription and Health and Organic food stores, enabling people to avoid the unacceptable risk-benefit of eating FS.

Of the POPs, PCBs and mercury have attracted the most criticism. Irish farmed having the highest PCB levels in the world according to EWG. See graphs in exhibit. Dr.Coborn describes in her book "Our Stolen Future" (book exhibit) how PCBs and Mercury has entered our food chain and travelled to the Inuit's food chain with catastrophic consequences. These POPs are endocrine disrupters causing gender alteration and confusion, neurological damage, foetal abnormalities and even diabetes and obesity.

#### Non Substantial Equivalence.

Comparing a natural salmon to a farmed or organically farmed salmon shows little equivalency in nutritional and metabolic value. The toxic chemical profile of FS compared to a natural salmon is little equivalent and seriously dangerous. There are thirty four chemical residues in farmed salmon according to M.M. Robin's research (CD-exhibit). These chemicals are stored in fatty tissue, FS have double the space to store these chemicals compared to natural salmon, and the fish oil fed to FS is a product of other fish's fat and loaded, concentrated with POPs. See att.

Nutritional and metabolic values. FS. 100-200 iu of vit-D, Natural 600 to 800 iu vit-D. Fat in FS is nearly double that of Natural wild salmon. Protein in FS is approx. half the amount in Natural. Omega-3, EPA, DHA is significantly less in FS compared to Natural, a hotly debated topic due to disruption of the enzyme necessary to convert omega-3 to EPA-DHA in farmed salmon. Astrazanthin,

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one of the most beneficial and plentiful (krill) anti-oxidant on the planet is totally absent from FS or organic FS, leaving the FS a pasty grey colour before a petrochemical based, synthetic dye is added.

This lack of "equivalency" calls for toxicological testing of FSs, in keeping with international standards applied to other foods that have been altered substantially from their natural state.

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The adding of chemicals other than and macro and micro nutrients to FS and organic FS, such as canthrazantin and chemicals in the form of medicines that persist in the fat of FSs ,despite the hundred day wash out i.e. Endosulphan, makes the FS a candidates for toxicology testing for food safety before releasing to the public.

Precautionary Principle. Genetically Engineered Food, a Game Changer.

Ireland voted to allow GE-GMO corn into Europe in in 1999, due to US pressure on the Irish Government, ironically during the Irish St. Patrick's day visit to the US. See; Genetic Concern, "US multinationals have more influence than Irish electorate"

What we know and what we do not know here again is confounded by "trade secrets" and lack of transparency in our system. Having had several visits to the Dept. of Agr. Food and Marine in 2012 were unhelpful. We sat opposite Mr John A Kelly who gave us little oral information and refused to arrange for us to look at certain documents and discouraged us from going to the Freedom of Information office as most of the information was "trade secrets". The experience was discourteous and condescending. Questions such as who permitted the use of water from the water table within a mile of our bored wells, for use in the well-boat to wash diseased fish? As we are outside the public water supply we need to draw possibly from the same water table. Likewise was the water tested for contaminants? When I asked the Co. engineer he told me "I looked and it looked fine to me". Was there a permit to dump the water in the ocean and at what location? What chemicals were in the sewage water being dumped? We pointed out to him that they were swimming schools on beaches adjacent to these dumping areas and existing salmon farms.

What we do know is that practically all animal foods for cattle and poultry in Ireland contain GE-GMO corn, soya and others. Winter Plus 3500 is an Aquaculture food used by Maine Harvest globally and the company that owns Winter Plus has a patent on Genetically Engineered corn.

We do know the toxins from GE-GMO food travel into the micro biome of the consuming animal and through the gut lining into the muscle tissue. Variable amounts may not be destroyed by the acid in the stomach or in cooking.

HGT or Horizontal Genetic Transfer is the mechanism by which the GE-GMOed, mutated, corrupted DNA, RNA and sometimes the miss-folded proteins are transferred from plant to animal to man, short-circuiting hundreds of thousands of years of adaption. Let us not ponder the consequences of the children at these swimming schools inadvertently swallowing some of the food that can often drift for miles from the salmon farms.

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Most of illnesses caused by GE-GMO products meld in with the prevalence of chronic diseases such as Cancer, Rheumatoid arthritis, Autoimmune disease, Alzheimer's disease, Chron's and Ulcerative colitis. Few let a footprint like Thalidomide and L-Tryptophan, L-Tryptophan caused Eosinophilic Myocitis Syndrome that killed one hundred and crippled thousands. Luckily L Tryptophan was genetically engineered by one company amongst many who produced it conventionally; otherwise it would continue to kill, under the radar. The conventionally produced L-Tryptophan was without problems.

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Many other genetically engineered products that were found to be harmful in short and less than optimal testing went to market none the less. One such GE-corn StarLink was found to be harmful but could not be retrieved and is still out the among the other corn verities.

#### Jobs, the final solution.

There is little demand for the vacancies in the local salmon farms in Bantry Bay. These jobs are minimum wage, temporary and dangerous. Farm hands are often worked from 8am-10am and dismissed and brought back again to resume work in a few hours to keep their hours worked in line with temp-hours.. Divers at salmon farms in Bantry Bay have reportable been solo-diving.

As already stated, the essential fatty acids found in fish are best obtained in a purified, extracted form. The global market for fish oil is upward of 5-Billion Euros. Extracting fish oil for human consumption is high tech and creates quality employment. The fish have to be processed at port for quality product to avoid spoiling. By-catch and discards in Irish waters can reach 3-5 million tons per year some estimates are higher. Fish oil producing companies who run their own fishing fleet can make 1,000 euros profit- plus per ton of whole fish. This is not low hanging fruit but it is quality employment which would give an enormous boost to the economy. We submitted this plan in more detail to the "Harnessing our Ocean Wealth" project. BIM personnel are already involved in fish oil production but not for human consumption. Norway and Peru are leaders in this field. Purity and Ethics go hand in hand, as in one Peruvian fish oil Co., all employees take an Oath of Ethics.

What Did We Know. What Do We Know and When Did We Know.

Some of the people and groups of people referred to in this appeal are unaware of the science and the consequences and dangers of that lack of awareness. Our Ethical responsibility now rest with a realisation "What Did We Know, and When Did We Know" and what we did within our intrusted power to rectifying the danger and safety issues. The weight of evidence in this appeal would at least call for Legislated "Precautionary Principle" to be applied.

I, John Brendan O'Keeffe the under signed swear that the material contained in this appeal is accurate and correct to the best of my efforts and knowledge.

Signed: John Brendan O'Keeffe, M.D. CCD. FAARFM. 02/10/2015

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Co-lateral Damage.

The Dust Bowl of GE-GMO Seeds.

Spreading the Dung of the Devil

Minister Coveney's handing of an Aquaculture Licence to Oligarch, John Fredriksen and Multinational Company, Marine Harvest has implications far more sinister than the pollutions dumped on the volceless people of the Shot Head area. We have been further marginalized in Mr. Coveney's EIS referring to our location adjacent to the proposed site as "deserted" and fails to mention one of the larger rivers, the Dromagoulawn River, that flows into the estuary at the salmon farm site at Shot Head. As a rural area it could be considered densely populated.

Irish Farmers are feeding their stock GE-GMO altered food, corn and soya. Poultry Breeders are feeding GE-GMO altered food, corn and soya, to the poultry we are eating and to the hens they are selling us. Vegetable Farmers are spraying GE-GMO altered pesticides on the vegetables that are GE-GMO altered to withstand the pesticides, Round-up Ready, all of which we are consuming. Some of this GE-GMO is engineered to withstand heat and acid, acid stronger than the acid in our stomachs and sometimes heat higher than we use for cooking.

Chardon LL. A GE-GMO altered corn was approved in UK in 2004, it killed the chickens on which it was tested, and it was still released for sale. The shelves are full of GE-GMO altered products that failed to pass safety tests and were still released for consumption. How did it come to this, well just ask Minister Coveney, just ask the IFSA, just ask the EUFSA, Yes "A" stands for Authority. Just read Colborn's "Our Stolen Future", Jeffrey M. Smith's "Seeds of Deception" Prof Floyd Chilton,s "Inflammation Nation", hard copies of which are included with this appeal. Down load on to any reading device Stephen Drucker's "Altered Genes, Twisted Truth" and you will be led along the trail, frequented by politicians and "Authorities" intrusted to safeguard our health. Reading publications published in low impact journals or in self-published documents, with tax payer's money will not enlighten us. The above material has exhaustive lists if references to scientifically conducted science, peer reviewed and published in the leading scientific Journals, Lancet-BMJ-NEJM etc. and material found in pre-trial discoveries.

Tax payer's money has been spent over the past few decades, determining the appropriate distance between salmon farms and rivers, the 20-30Km recommendation has been ignored. Can we now begin studying how far salmon farms should be from seaweed farms, mussel farms and oyster farms to prevent contamination caused by the GE-GMO food and waste that is waterborne from salmon farms? Our great prospect of seaweed cultivation is in jeopardy. There are GE-GMO free zones presently being established in vast areas all over the globe. These zones are being spear headed not by scientist and food safety authorities, allergies, but by medical doctors and medical personnel, who are on the front line, dealing with proliferation of GE-GMO related diseases, allergies, cancer, neurological and reproductive diseases. The world renown and prolific scientific researcher, Prof Ted Dinan, UCC, has highlighted the significant rise in Psychiatric and intestinal diseases, which he has attributed to disruption of the bacteria in our gut. To quote other scientists we are turning our gut into a pesticide factory by consuming GE-GMO food. Ireland, being an Island nation is in an ideal position to adopt a GE-GMO free system. A GE-GMO free tourist destination?

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#### Dear People.

As you know Marine Harvest has announced development of Salmon Farm by Shot Head. Your heritage and your livelihood are at stake. God knows a lot has been taken already. So much for good Governance and Guardianship.

The biggest problem is sewage. Average size Salmon Farm [SF] generates sewage equivalent to 10-20,000 people. Nitrogen, phosphates, bacteria, antibiotics, antifungals, red dye, lead, copper fowling, mercury, PCBs, in levels higher than could be possible from land in the area. The tax payer will be left with the cost of the destruction, just another "Bail-out" for big business. This sewage will contaminate the lobster, crab and scallop, which are plentiful at Shot Head. Equal amounts of these contaminants are found in fish within 150 meters and decreasing amounts thereafter.

Local fishing boats have an average of three crew aboard each fishing boat. Who will compensate these fishermen when their catch is contaminated, or wiped out? Such wipe-outs caused by fish farms are familiar to fishermen all around the Irish coast, Scotland, Chile, British Columbia and the eastern Canadian shore. They are also familiar to Irish Ag and Marine Dept and BIM who regulate and monitor these projects. Environmental Study on this farm was done by Watermark and Neil Bass for Marine Harvest, a major Conflict of Interest. Google "Nitrates and Nonsense watermark Bass" a cartoon in the power point displays a cavalier attitude to the environment.

Next would be the distortion of the nutrition value of the Salmon as compared with Wild Salmon. Fat and Omega-3 are distorted in Farmed Salmon. Reversing the ratio of the Omega-3 to Omega-6 negates the food value of fish. Prof Chilton has done years of research with NIH grants in his lab at Wake Forrest on this issue. If you don't have time to read his book "Inflammation Nation" he says the decrease of Omega-3, the increase of Omega6 and Arachidonic Acid [AA] which he found in farmed salmon, indicated that it would be unethical to test farmed salmon in humans. The production of cytokines, reduction of Omega-3, increased Omega-6, he goes on to say, increases the risk of Arthritis, Heart Disease, Strokes and Cancer. He shows that other farmed fish such as rainbow trout have a healthy increase in these medicinal compounds. "Global assessment of organic contaminants in farmed salmon" Science 2004 PubMed, Scientists tested 2 metric tons of farmed and wild salmon and stated "Risk analysis indicates that consumption of farmed Atlantic salmon may pose health risks that detract from the beneficial effects of fish consumption. If you Google "The Salmon Paradox you"ll note I assumed Joan's dinner was farmed salmon, not wild" you will understand this paradox.

Promoting farmed salmon, as a source of omega-3 to expectant mothers, or as a good source of omega-3 [DHA-EPA] would be criminal. Mothers to be can more reliably obtain this essential nutrient from responsibly purified fish oil found in the Health Food stores. Lack of this essential fatty acid can cause premature births, mental retardation and is now being investigated in the pathophysiology of Autism. The much touted [by Fish Industry] European Nutrition Study used the purified form of omega-3 in their studies.

Further health issues arise in regards to fish feed. As it takes 3-4 lbs of wild fish feed to produce 1 lb of FS. The FS industry is looking for a more economical feed. Corn and soya are being used in some areas and may be produced in countries that allow Genetically Modified [GM] seed. Only the bravest of Scientists have published what they know about GM food [Search www.mercola.com on Roundup and GMO] and they have coined the word "Frankenfood". I will not address the new GM salmon which they want to farm. It grows to 30+ lbs in 12 months. They still have some work to do to prevent it from reproducing in the event of an escape. The US Congress had hearings on this issue. It had a lot of support. "Escapes" of FS are aggressive and attack wild salmon and other large fish. The Bald Eagle and other birds get killed diving into the open pens. Seals get trapped and die or are shot.

Continuing on about the health aspects of other additives to the feed. FS have a grey colored flesh until a Red Dye is added to the feed. This dye causes crystals in the eyes of humans. Crystals are reversible if the Dye is removed before it causes blindness. Antibiotics, Tetracycline, Ciprofloxin, Antifungals used regularly with FS linger in the fish flesh. This is considered one of the sources MRSA i.e. bacterial resistance caused by antibiotics in the food chain.

Native fish in the area can be diminished or totally wiped out. Sea Lice from SFs can kill up to 90% of Smolt migration out to sea, so no traditional return of the famed egg-laden salmon. Young salmon scale is not developed enough to protect the Smolt from the lice. The lice eat the Smolt's skin off and it bleeds to death. Interestingly Marine Harvest's web site says its salmon does not spread sea lice because the original eggs, seed or Smolt did not have lice when introduced to the farms? Norwegian studies have shown 12 miles to be the minimal ideal distance between salmon farms to prevent viral and lice spread. Their own studies are now recommending more than 20 mls. Cuan Baoi salmon farm is 4 miles or less and Roancarraig salmon farm is 6 mls approx from Marine Harvest proposed site.

Mussel farms in this area will be exposed to toxins produced by bacteria from SFs. Toxins not destroyed by cooking can be lethal to humans. Fish that swim near mussel farms are not harmed in any way. Fish that swim by SFs ingest the feed containing chemicals, parasites and dye. A local fisherman told me they have caught mackerel near a SF that had red dye in its meat. Harmful Bloom can develop from the high nitrates and phosphates released from SF's which in turn cuts off the oxygen supply and results in fish kills. Infective Salmon Anemia (ISA) wiped out Chilean SFs. ISA virus has been compared to Swine Flu H5N1 and Avian Flu. ISA virus could mutate and be transmitted to humans.

Environmentally, Shot Head is a Special Area of Conservation [SAC]. Shot Head maybe the only place in Bantry Bay that you find the rare Black Pollock, steeped in local folklore it can only be caught in December. I have met line fishermen from the Continent who spend weeks in local guest houses to fish specifically in that area. Jerry Murphy a "Grand Old Man of the Sea" rowed to this area from Glengarriff-8 miles- to fish for scallop. He put his children through top class educational facilities and on to prestigious professions with that bounty. The family now have thriving business in Glengarriff. Presently there are fishing boats potting in Shot Head Area. Each boat has two to three people on board indicating good employment. We cannot jeopardize the fishermen's heritage with minimum wage jobs.

Boats heading back in high winds to Adrigole, Castletownbere and Bere Island tack closer to Shot Head to avoid the open sea and when they reach Adrigole harbor they then have shelter from Bere Island to get around the next head. Yachts in high winds will have difficulty avoiding these acres of nets. Fish pens strung across this area could result in human tragedy. Large ships anchor in that specific area to wait for suitable weather to be guided to Whiddy and inner Bantry Bay. These ships slip their anchors and shift location in high winds. Are the Harbor Master, Life Boat and the Whiddy Island Oil Terminal politically independent and secure to afford comment on this danger?

In regards to much needed employment in the area we can look at wages, working conditions and experience from other areas where Marine Harvest set up SFs. Chile, British Columbia, Vancouver, Nova Scotia, other parts of Canada and Norway. Accidents, deaths, safety violations, fines, workers rights and fair pay violations abound. Chilean SF workers got \$200-300 a month in wages. The Canadian Parliament is about to legislate laws to Govern SFs. Five 8hr days a week, holidays, workman's injury law and medical Insurance coverage, to prevent this "race to the bottom".

We do not think the Irish Government has the time or the money to police this open pen farming. The area in question can be 30-70 meters deep, making the sea bed difficult to monitor. Closed arms are now in operation in Canada and China and proving economical and totally environmentally mendly farms. The vacated Fleming-Tarmac quarry in Adrigole is a possible site for such, a 4-6 acre lake where a mountain once existed. Take the "discards" from the Trawlers in Castletownbere and filter extract omega-3, natural vitamin D3, and Astaxanthin locally. The quality is determined by the freshness of the fish. The state of the art in this multi billion euro business is not to ship it in tanks but in a UV protected bottle. See standards for purified fish oil.

Jobs I Jobs I Jobs Let's equate in the jobs lost in Tourism when the environment is harmed or obstructed. Jobs lost in the local fishing industry. Jobs lost when visitors no longer come to line fish. Jobs lost when visitors find out the truth about the ingredients and health risks of the "Organic" salmon we are serving in our gourmet restaurants. There are four houses looking right over this proposed site. The Murphy, Cody, O'Sullivan and Crowley families have renovated these homes. Sometimes they are occupied by family, sometimes by guests. I have met people from Great Britain, the Continent and US who had come to stay in those houses. The EIS referred to this area as deserted. If this salmon farm goes ahead these families will be cheated. Their sense of place corrupted.

Dyed...Dosed...Doused and Domiciled. Dyed with synthetic coloring agent presently made from petroleum, otherwise farmed salmon would be pasty white. Dosed with antibiotics, antifungal chemicals and vaccinated when necessary against ISA. Doused frequently with anti parasitics, to delouse (fleas). Domiciled in cages, non-free range. Despite all this it is labeled Organic and carries the Irish Green Logo, as a guarantee of Excellence. All somewhat contrary to Irish Standards for the Organic Label?

The greatest economic loss to the peninsula is the Wild Salmon that in our life time teamed through its estuaries and rivers. Wild Salmon has 600 IUs of Vit D3 per 6 ozs, 60 IUs in farmed salmon. Wild salmon

has significant amount of omega-3 compared to farmed salmon and 80% less of harmful omega-6 than farmed. The natural Astaxanthin propels the salmon against currents and over high rapids, this is replaced with synthetic dye, cantrazanthin, synthetic astazanthin etc., put in farmed salmon feed. Google these three compounds with athletic performance, muscle spindles, fracture reduction, cancer prevention, Alzheimers, strokes and heart attacks. The new feeding formulas have not corrected this problem due to the unique metabolism of the salmon. Repeating a mistake and expecting a different result does not make scientific sense.

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## Changing ratios of omega-6 to omega-3 fatty acids can differentially modulate polychlorinated biphenyl toxicity in endothelial cells.

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#### Abstract

Exposure to persistent organic pollutants, such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) can cause endothelial cell (EC) activation by inducing pro-inflammatory signaling pathways. Our previous studies indicated that linoleic acid (LA, 18:2), a major omega-6 unsaturated fatty acid in the American diet, can potentiate PCB77-mediated inflammatory responses in EC. In addition, omega-3 fatty acids (such as alpha-linolenic acid, ALA and 18:3) are known for their anti-inflammatory properties. We tested the hypothesis that mechanisms of PCB-induced endothelial cell activation and inflammation can be modified by different ratios of omega-6 to omega-3 fatty acids. EC were pretreated with LA, ALA, or different ratios of these fatty acids, followed by exposure to PCB77. PCB77-induced oxidative stress and activation of the oxidative stress sensitive transcription factor nuclear factor kappaB (NF-kappaB) were markedly increased in the presence of LA and diminished by increasing the relative amount of ALA to LA. Similar protective effects by increasing ALA were observed by measuring NFkappaB-responsive genes, such as vascular cell adhesion molecule-1 (VCAM-1) and cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2). COX-2 catalyzes the rate limiting step of the biosynthesis of prostaglandin E(2) (PGE(2)). PCB77 exposure also increased PGE(2) levels, which were down-regulated with relative increasing amounts of ALA to LA. The present studies suggest that NF-kappaB is a critical player in the regulation of PCB-induced inflammatory markers as modulated by omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids.

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#### Developmental neurotoxicity of industrial chemicals.

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#### Abstract

Neurodevelopmental disorders such as autism, attention deficit disorder, mental retardation, and cerebral palsy are common, costly, and can cause lifelong disability. Their causes are mostly unknown. A few industrial chemicals (eg, lead, methylmercury, polychlorinated biphenyls [PCBs], arsenic, and toluene) are recognised causes of neurodevelopmental disorders and subclinical brain dysfunction. Exposure to these chemicals during early fetal development can cause brain injury at doses much lower than those affecting adult brain function. Recognition of these risks has led to evidence-based programmes of prevention, such as elimination of lead additives in petrol. Although these prevention campaigns are highly successful, most were initiated only after substantial delays. Another 200 chemicals are known to cause clinical neurotoxic effects in adults. Despite an absence of systematic testing, many additional chemicals have been shown to be neurotoxic in laboratory models. The toxic effects of such chemicals in the developing human brain are not known and they are not regulated to protect children. The two main impediments to prevention of neurodevelopmental deficits of chemical origin are the great gaps in testing chemicals for developmental neurotoxicity and the high level of proof required for regulation. New, precautionary approaches that recognise the unique vulnerability of the developing brain are needed for testing and control of chemicals.

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Introduction

#### First Global Sampling Study Reveals Health Risks Associated with Consuming Farm Raised Salmon

In the most comorphensive analysis of larmed and wild salmon to date, researchers analyzed toxic contaminants in approximately 700 farmed and wild salmon (totaking 2 metric tons) collected from around the world to be representative of the salmon typically available to consumers. The study, which was eponsored by the Pew Cherritable Trusts, examined salmon produced in eight major farmed salmon producing regions and obtained from retail outlets in 16 major North American and European cities.

The study found that concentrations of several contaminants associated with senous health risks from neurological effects to cancer are significantly higher in farmed salmon than in who salmon.

The authors concluded that concentrations of several cancer-causing substances are high enough to suggest that consumers should consider restricting their consumption of farmed salmon. In most cases, consumption of more than one meal of farmed salmon per month could pose unacceptable cancer nieke according to U.S. Environmental Protector Agency (EPA) methods for calculating fish consumption advisories.

Because of the rapid growth of farmed salmon production, consumption of farmed salmon now excessis consumption of wild salmon in U.S. and European diets.



This study in the news:

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oil. In many cases, aquaculture, or the practice of fish farming, places enormous amounts of LA into the top bucket of those salmon. In humans, eating lots of LA isn't such a big deal, because, as we discussed, we aren't good at turning LA into AA. But because the salmon are so very good at moving those fatty acids through those conversions, when salmon eat a lot of LA, a great deal of AA ends up in that last bucket. And, of course, when we eat that AA-loaded salmon, we end up with lots of AA in our own buckets.

Joan might find the following piece of news even more upsetting while fatty fish like mackerel and salmon are a rich source of the heartand inflammatory-healthy fatty acids EPA and DHA, the farmed varieties contain considerably *lower* ratios of EPA and DHA to AA than the wild ones. In the example above, four ounces of the farmed salmon contains 700 mgs of beneficial EPA, while the wild Chinook salmon has 893. So in addition to getting huge levels of AA, Joan's not even balancing the health benefits of this AA with the beneficial EPA or DHA that she thought she was getting.

It's important to point out that I'm not against squaculture, per se. Clearly, this industry arose at a time when our waters were overfished and there was an acute need for more fish. It's also important to note that not all fish farming results in "bad" fish. For example, according to the USDA, wild oysters contain more AA than farmed ones (they also contain more EPA). There are even circumstances where the farmed fish have better fatty-acid characteristics than wild fish. For example, farmed rainbow trout contains 260 milligrams of EPA and 25 milligrams of AA. Wild rainbow trout has less of the good EPA (167 milligrams) and four times *more* AA (109 milligrams) per serving.

So the objective of this book is certainly not to dismiss aquaculture out of hand. My only interest is to zero in on those fish that are likely to be the most pro-inflammatory because they contain very high levels of AA, and those fish that are likely to be the least inflammatory because they contain high levels of omega-3 fatty acids such as EPA and DHA, and have low AA-to-EPA ratios.

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#### **Barking Up the Wrong Tree**

nany ways, the "health" industry has done Americans a tremendous

They've been telling us that salmon in general is one of the healthiest thin choices—and, in so doing, I believe they've contributed to an epitic of inflammatory disease.

In the meantime, they've raised a tremendous alarm about issues with the less of a direct impact on our health. You can't turn on the news hout hearing about PCBs and mercury in the fish we eat, and there been a revolution in the food industry to meet the astonishing detil for organic vegetables and free-range, hormone- and antibioticiment.

Nobody wants less pollution in our water, cleaner beef, and safer peside use more than I do. I am, however, concerned that our single-

inded focus on these problems has distracted us tile the real culprit was right in front of our noses. It is if a gang of thugs has driven a moving van that up to our back door and is systematically bling us of everything we own, even while the installing the best and most high-tech burar alarm on the market.

This is one of the primary reasons I'm writing is book. I can no longer stand by while cardiologists intinue to recommend the "Inflammation Blue Plate

pecial" to someone with heart disease and already elevated levels of inminimation. We have to turn a close eye on the way we eat, and we have change what's on our plates.

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