

## **RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE**

### **SALMON FARMING IN SCOTLAND**

#### **SUBMISSION FROM CARGILL AQUA NUTRITION SCOTLAND**

##### **Cargill's Commitment to the Sustainable Development of Salmon Farming in Scotland**

Salmon aquaculture remains one of the most effective methods of producing protein for human consumption, requiring just over 1kg of feed to raise 1kg of salmon. As a world leader in animal nutrition, Cargill is supporting this by delivering feeds which are highly nutritious and create little waste, minimising impacts on the environment. Collectively, the salmon farming industry invests heavily in Research and Development to continue to meet and exceed overall societal expectations towards industry at large and the food industry specifically. Salmon farming is already one of the most significant food production industries in the United Kingdom, and Cargill is committed to supporting the sustainable growth of salmon farming in Scotland and the production of healthy, iconic Scottish seafood.

Salmon farming is helping Scotland to work towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The relatively low impact of production of delicious and nutritious salmon works towards goals 2, 3, 8, 12, 13 and 14. The industry provides thousands of jobs in rural and urban communities, bringing revenues to these areas (goal 8). For example, our Scottish salmon feed business turned over £143 million in 2017, directly employs 78 people, and helps support numerous Scottish businesses (everything from farmers and local hauliers, to marketing consultants and caterers) who we work in partnership with as part of our supply chain.

Whilst aquaculture has ancient roots, salmon farming is a relatively young industry. In its short history, salmon farming has delivered astonishing growth thanks to the commitment, innovation, knowledge and experience of a dedicated community of people. At its heart, Scottish salmon farming is driven by passionate people who care for the salmon they farm and who work hard every day, whatever the weather, to produce healthy seafood for the world to enjoy. Our team is proud to work in salmon farming, and would ask the Rural Economy and Connectivity committee to recognise the social, economic and scientific driving force that is Scottish salmon farming. The Scottish salmon industry continues to work hard to overcome the challenges it faces, with continued industry growth ensuring future investment by Cargill.

The increasing demand for farmed salmon and other species is well established, with countries around the world embracing the opportunities that aquaculture offers. Cargill is committed to supporting the development of sustainable aquaculture, and we believe that Scotland should continue to be a driving force in this global

movement. We are pleased to offer these few words as an endorsement of Scottish salmon farming, and are happy to discuss further.

Cargill Aqua Nutrition Scotland  
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