



SOS/SAVE OUR SEATROUT is a campaign to restore Ireland's valuable west coast sea trout stocks that have been all but destroyed by marine salmon farming.

The Specific Dangers of Salmon Farming for Wild Fish

- Dramatic increases in parasite levels, with lethal impacts on wild salmon and sea trout
- Escapees from farms, leading to interbreeding with wild fish, and lower survival rates
- A proliferation of new and deadly diseases on farms, that can spread to wild stocks
- Industrial fishing for the pellet feed industry may be scooping up juvenile wild salmon
- This industrial fishing is also reducing the feed available for many wild fish species
- Pollution of the seas and seabed near salmon farms affects all nearby fish & wildlife

Salmon Farming is a Seriously Flawed Industry

- Salmon farms are inappropriately located close to important wild fisheries
- By relying on open-net cages, salmon farms inevitably impact the seas around them
- The farms are poorly policed, with no sanctions applied even to repeat offenders
- Salmon farms are over-reliant on support from public finances
- Salmon farms also depend on artificially high & anti-competitive EU price tariff barriers
- Almost all Irish salmon farms have suffered multiple bankruptcies & ownership changes
- Salmon farm production requires heavy usage of chemicals, dyes & antibiotics
- The Irish salmon farming industry has a very weak global competitive position
- Salmon farming is a poor source of employment and most jobs are low-grade
- The product of salmon farming is increasingly rejected as unsuitable by consumers
- It takes over two tonnes of other fish protein to create one tonne of salmon

What SOS/SAVE OUR SEATROUT Wants

- Effective policing and control of salmon farms, independent of the licensing authority
- The application of real sanctions against offending salmon farms
- An embargo on new or expanding farms within 25kms of wild fishery estuaries
- Incentives for farms to move onshore or far offshore or to use sealed pens

SOS/SAVE OUR SEATROUT is supported by all angling bodies in Ireland and by tourism groups, conservation bodies, river owners, the tackle industry & many other businesses.

The near-total destruction over twenty years of the previously world-class sea trout angling industry has had devastating consequences for tourism, especially along the underprivileged west coast. The angling industry was a major contributor of high-quality, multi-repeat tourism revenue, which had widespread benefits for many local communities.

SOS, PO Box 69, Galway