

Comments from Scottish Gamekeepers Association's Facebook page 14 March 2024

Scottish Gamekeepers Association SGA's post



Mark Brandrick

I wouldn't be watching that through a camera

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Andrew Whyte

They are killing dee. Its time to fight back with or without the government. People's lively hoods at risk. Its do or die

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Andrew Peart

Andrew Whyte 100 percent, I do what I have to to save the migratory fish with the law or with out it not bothered either way

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Iain Gatherum

There is no political will to control seal numbers or Badgers for that matter. The world we live in now unfortunately.

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David Walker-Smith

Maybe we should look at this differently, could we not use these as a food source in the food banks, we could also render the caught seals down for their oil that could be used for cooking and to keep the wheels turning on the electric cars.

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Top fan

Tracy Stronach

And the Salmon are very scarce.....mmmmm let me think what do seal's eat?.....its not a macdonalds burger.....

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Jeff Morrison

Tracy Stronach are you fucking serious or stupid!

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Jeff Morrison

Tracy Stronach are you fucking serious or stupid!
It's right in front of you!
So something now before it's too late

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Top fan

Tracy Stronach

Jeff Morrison explain your comment in real terms please

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Ken Reid

There's seal sanctuaries dotted all around the country. Over 3,000 seal relocations annually by BDMLR alone. Shooting is not permitted. Capturing them for relocation needs licensed and carried out by professionals. River Board bailiffs cannot do it. So if you can't shoot the other option is removal as leaving them isn't an option.

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David Hogg

Ken Reid it interfering with natural selection. Totally upsetting the natural balance of nature

1 d Like Reply



Jeff Morrison

Ken Reid ok Ken

So don't do anything and loose a run of salmon that can't be replaced or fixed!
For gods sake do something

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Andrew Peart

Ken Reid to many seals in the system time to act

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Ken Reid

Andrew Peart I agree it's time to act, has been for a number of years. The government only issued one license to cull last year. It's not a vote winner for politicians as they continue to insist on non lethal deterrents to be used. So far these have achieved diddly squat.

I'm suggesting trapping and removing seals. That's a non lethal deterrent, costly and labour intensive. Send them to a seal sanctuary, fit a radio tag on them to show they survived. If they appear in a salmon river again then they must be recaptured and never released again. The science for doing that is more likely to be funded. At that time the government may agree that every effort has been made to remove the problem. Then they may reconsider their hard line stance on culling. There are no easy solutions to this problem. Our salmon need every protection in our rivers as do migrating smolts.

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Mike Carnegie

Absolute shame. I feel sorry for the future of fishing and ghillies on the Dee. No fish means no fishers and no jobs.

1 d Like Reply



Jeff Morrison

Mike Carnegie that's why you need to cull these seals out!
Vigilantes at night!
Kill them all

1 d Like Reply



Reply to Mike Carnegie...



Ian Millar

They should definitely be on the general licence they are killing fresh run and kelt salmon they don't stand a chance

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Bert Burnett

Probably thinking if they can encourage these seals further up into the CNPA they would make a great tourist attraction alongside the beavers.

1 d Like Reply



Julie Reed

It's not just the dee this happens on either!!

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Top fan

Graeme Rose

Seen them in the dee for years but not up that far world is a shambles now and they just can't or won't see it

1 d Like Reply



Michael Beckett

Exploding 243!

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Vic Cullis

An all to common site on Scottish salmon rivers. It used to be a very rare occurrence until the estuary netting stations were bought out.

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James Mcminn

There needs to be a change in law regarding controlling them. I see them up the old forth chasing the salmon.

1 d Like Reply



Dyllan Dunbar

James Mcminn and who is going to 'control' them, licences available for piscivorous birds on a lot of the big rivers in Scotland now and hardly anyone actually does anything about it

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James McMinn

Dyllan Dunbar fishery managers could hire contractors for it. (Shooters with the right licenses, equipment and insurances)
I enquired about my beat but got refused.

1 d Like Reply



Dyllan Dunbar

James McMinn if it's your beat, you should be responsible for predator control

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Craig Kinnear

I'm genuinely not trolling here, just interested. Is this something new or part of ordinary natural behaviour? And, what is causing the seals to migrate so far upstream & are their numbers increasing?

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Daniel Wright

Craig Kinnear never been seen as far up the Dee as they have this year.

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Top fan

Derek Farr

Daniel Wright behavior of the seals of the SGA members ?

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Ian Millar

Alisdair Campbell this is nothing new it's been happening for years with no response from SNH at the time now nature Scotland just don't give a jot they are more interested in killing deer and releasing beavers

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Billy Garrigan

This is not a rogue seal, just a seal doing what they do naturally, following the food source.

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Top fan

Derek Farr

Billy Garrigan Don't tell them that, it's a common belief that rivers are being destroyed by seals not the farmers and foresters. As salmon die after spawning there is plenty of food available.

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Chris Wong

Salmon don't spawn out all year round though... right now should be pretty past the point when any spawned out fish are going to die, the survivors are mostly back out at sea already too...

1 d Like Reply




Daniel Wright

Derek Farr plenty food available? Once ever had their been a seal reported as high up at Cairnton but now its been seen atleast 4 times as far up as Cairnton and 10miles past Cairnton. Fish do not stop on the beats where a seal is roaming about. Proprietors losing money = ghillies losing jobs, fishers not coming no money too the local economy


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 Top fan
Derek Farr
Daniel Wright Aye, they move around a wild animals do, it's a natural thing just like losing days to floods. If the salmon fishing is to try to hold onto the mantle of sustainability it will have to put up with wildlife. There was a trick played by the Ghillies back in the day to liven up the salmon.... that was to drag a sheep's head through the run this caused the fish to move around and respond to the fly. The sheeps head was to look like a seal.

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Richard Thomson
Derek Farr your on the wrong continent mate. anyway they are eating them before they spawn.


1 d Like Reply 🤔

 Top fan
Derek Farr
Richard Thomson that's my scottish experience Now they are here to stay and stay they will - I think you are in the wrong century


1 d Like Reply

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Gofish Maurice
Sweetest christ almighty if that doesn't say it all folks.... hope the ghillie in question sent this to the relevant authority.


22 h Like Reply


Alan Rankin
With seal population exploding, what do we expect! The situation is a total disgrace.


1 d Like Reply


Rob Brownfield
We have had them up past Banchory on the Dee.

1 d Like Reply


Gordon Swan
And that's the end off the salmon!!! ...

1 d Like Reply


Trisha Lie
They live in Harry loch Orkney the salmon run it ..

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1 d Like Reply



Jeffrey Price

By the time the powers that be listened it will be to late !!!!

1 d Like Reply



Ken Reid

If wild salmon didn't matter in the overall scheme of things. Why is this a news item ?
Seals kill anglers don't: relocate them ethically.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/.../Harrods-Fortnum-Mason...>



DAILYMAIL.CO.UK

Probe into Harrods and Fortnum & Mason 'dressing up cheap salmon'

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Gordon Mackenzie

Ken Reid Relocate them where (assuming they can be caught in the first place)?
Moving specialist seals to other areas might be moving them to other rivers
where salmon are far more endangered than the salmon population of the Dee.
Relocation is no solution.

1 d Like Reply

Reply to Ken Reid...



Allan Lumsden

The world has went crazy

1 d Like Reply



Robin Scott-Kyle

Swimming badger that!

1 d Like Reply

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Robert Charles Harrison
Wondered if it was an otter

1 d Like Reply



Ryan Smith
These seals are destroying rivers, something needs done and it needs done now before it's too late. This is the beginning of the end....

1 d Like Reply



Greg David Becks
Ryan Smith moan the seals 🙄👊

1 d Like Reply

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Paul Dorrian
Loch Lomond always has at least 1 seal in it with several going up and down the river quite regularly

1 d Like Reply



Kevin Wright
You can't say that 😊, but you would of thought its been dealt with by now 😞

1 d Like Reply



Robert Sharp
It's time the Government allowed some high speed eviction notices to be served , before the little returning salmon we have vanish all together.

1 d Like Reply



Martin McGuire
Been seals up to the city of Glasgow for years

1 d Like Reply

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David Carlin
BANG!!!!

1 d Like Reply



Martyn Whiley
Wouldn't believe it if not for the video 🤔🤔

1 d Like Reply



Wayne Smith
George Smith

1 d Like Reply



Alisdair Campbell
Is this a new development in the environment? Is there a history of seals moving far up freshwaters?

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freshwaters:

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Top fan

Derek Farr
Alisdair Campbell They always have done.

1 d Like Reply



John Edwards

Derek Farr they have always done it, and pre protection days were always shot sight . Just as any found interfering with coastal nets were .

1 d Like Reply Edited



Top fan

Derek Farr

John Edwards Aye they did but "those days have gone now and in the past they shall remain" . Did you note the destruction of the vegetation on the river bank ? As bald as a billiard table not a habitat conducive to wildlife or the insects that young fish depend on.

1 d Like Reply



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the insects that young fish depend on.

1 d Like Reply



Gordon Mackenzie

Derek Farr And people used to kill, eat and wear seals. You are very selective with what you write ...and no friend of the angling industry.

1 d Like Reply



Top fan

Derek Farr

Gordon Mackenzie The sport of angling needs friends now more than ever. Because people think it is sustainable it has not attracted the attention that fox hunting or driven grouse shooting has. Shouting for seal culls will put the sport in the public eye, drawing unwanted attention to the sport from the antis and the last thing we need is demonstrations against angling. I know it's easy to shout for seal culls but better to sort out the freshwater pollution or the overfishing at sea not get hot under the collar about a seal passing up and down a river don't you think ?

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Gordon Mackenzie

Derek Farr Over my way, in the Hebrides, seals are a far bigger problem. Salmon can not enter burns in low water and are being decimated by constant seal predation in low water. These seals need to be culled for the sake of the endangered salmon. Your understanding of the Scottish seal problem is minimal, at best.

1 d Like Reply Edited



John Edwards

Derek Farr try going to Iceland , lots of salmon, no trees

1 d Like Reply

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Top fan

Derek Farr

Gordon Mackenzie My understanding of seals is strong but it clearly doesn't suit your opinion. Seals have always been part of the environment and they have clearly not made salmon extinct in the past 10,000 years. Some time ago the fishing industry were calling for culls due to the state of the cod stocks. It worked out that each seal eats the equivalent of two fish fingers a day. The SHOCKING aspect is the attitude of the SGA members. As the Scottish government is looking into the licensing of grouse moors at the end of this month due to the illegal persecution of Eagles and other BOP by gamekeepers. MANY here on this public page are calling for the illegal shooting of another protected animal. It seems that old attitudes to wildlife are still prevalent in the shooting industry.

22 h Like Reply

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Gordon Mackenzie

Derek Farr The abundant seals threatening to make the endangered salmon locally extinct is a separate issue from all the other nonsense you wrote. Your head is full of mince.

18 h Like Reply



Top fan

Derek Farr

Gordon Mackenzie Tha am facal amadan sgriobhte air do cheann. Have seals made salmon extinct in the Uists in 10,000 years? No. Are they likely in the next 10,000 years? No. The shooting industry is under scrutiny for its illegal actions. See the DGM legislation. People like Alex Hogg are attempting to link it to conservation but the members on this page are undoing all of his work.

18 h Like Reply

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Gordon Mackenzie

NO idea why you put that emoji after my comment. Shooting a very small number of one species whose population is abundant, in order to give another endangered species a chance is a no brainer. Are you equally upset by the wholesale slaughter of red deer? I suspect your head manages to claim " thats different", but I may be pleasantly surprised to discover you think deer should be left to live in peace.

18 h Like Reply



Gordon Mackenzie

Derek Farr Never mind the whataboutery, or the Gaelic crap. It appears you would be happy to see seals kill off salmon. There is no point in banding words with someone so mixed up so I shall leave you to it.

17 h Like Reply

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Derek Farr

Gordon Mackenzie . Seals eat fish. Fish populations survive. Shock Horror This may come as news to you 😊

15 h Like Reply



Gordon Mackenzie

Derek Farr 🤔 🤔

15 h Like Reply

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Mike Guild
Ken Reid

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Donald Gillies
Bang 🌞

1 d Like Reply



Ryan Smith
Mark Schaffield

1 d Like Reply



Wayne Stevens
Gareth Hammond

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1 d Like Reply



Stewart Bell
Andy Claydon

1 d Like Reply

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Stewart Bell
Andy Claydon

1 d Like Reply



Andy Claydon
Stewart surely tae fuck ye should be able tae get a license tae shoot them in freshwater

1 d Like Reply



Stewart Bell
Andy Claydon aye totally, nobody seems bothered about the decline of the salmon population. Yet happy tae see another species thrive?? The Bambi effect, if a animal looks cute then the general uk population wants to "save" it at all costs.

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Colin Stewart

There should be an exemption to cull these river dwellers!

1 d Like Reply



Rhys Williams

Cull them all now, fight back

13 h Like Reply



Top fan

Ian Carmichael

Can kill deer at will for eating bloody trees but seals destroying various fisheries unabated is ok, typical of the idiots running us from Hollyrood.

1 d Like Reply



Gordon Ross

Rivers should be no go areas for Seals. Gillies should have a license to shoot any that enter the rivers. Action is required now, before it's too late.

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Iain Kirkland

They swim up but should float back down out to sea 🐾🐾

23 h Like Reply



John Graham

the findhorn has around 1000 seals along the mouth on the coast, how many fish are getting taken daily? can't believe there is ignorant fools on here putting up laughing emojis

22 h Like Reply



Duncan Shelley

Shoot the thing. My grandfather used to go clubbing seal pups in order to control numbers. About time that was reintroduced. Open your eyes people

1 d Like Reply



Martin Gallagher

With all the trawlers fleecing at sea can ya blame them for coming inland same as the cormorants

21 h Like Reply

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David Hogg
Bullet tonight!

1 d Like Reply



George Burr Snr
David Hogg Not lead remember ..

1 d Like Reply



Reply to David Hogg...



Roland Pentz
LOL, they all ready do in Canada! We have millions of the scourge of the waters ffs. Not sure which is worse Seals, Striped Bass or Cormorants on the salmon population?

1 d Like Reply



Barry Clapham
Shoot it

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12 h Like Reply



Kevin Barry Cowell
These and the otters are putting the last nails in the coffin 🐾

1 d Like Reply



Top fan
Graeme Rawlings
Need to get a kill line on the rivers ie once a seal goes past the line it could be destroyed .

1 d Like Reply



Top fan
Derek Farr
Graeme Rawlings what are you on these days, Idiots calling for culling seals will lead the the destruction of fishing as a sport - if the rivers can't stand an apex predator we are in big trouble - the problem is the rich land owners are shareholders in the water industry you know the very industry that is polluting our waterways but hey its a seal or two

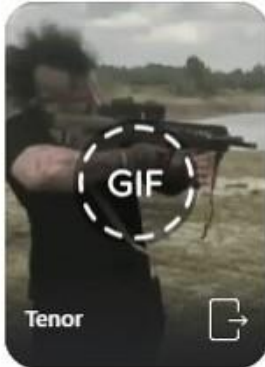
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Andrew Peart
They need sorting



1 d Like Reply



Kevin Wright
Whys it still breathing 🤔😬 non of you boys got a pea shooter , the dee board are a bunch of wollys

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Garry Pettingale
I think you'll find it's a .243 but who wants to be fined thousands and lose his firearm certificate? Widny be me.

1 d Like Reply



Stuart Collins
Nothing a .308 can't handle

1 d Like Reply



Stuart Mcilmoyle
Oh aye start killing off wildlife just so a bunch of anglers can post pics of theirs catches .
Aye good idea . 🤔

1 d Like Reply



Jamie Smith
Stuart Mcilmoyle absolutely clueless. Another one with their head buried in the sand 🤔

1 d Like Reply



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Top fan

Derek Farr

Jamie Smith absolut clueless another one that will lead to the ending of field sports time to grow up mate

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Jamie Smith

Derek Farr how do you come to that conclusion? So you think it's fine for seals to be hunting what very few salmon are left in their spawning ground? After being hammered by hundreds of other seals at the mouth of the estuaries? At what pint and where are the salmon safe if you find this acceptable?

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Reply to Stuart Mcilmoyle...



Simon Grace

We all know the real solution...

.308 🤖

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Top fan

James Fleming

Shocking all those so called scientists take a look guys 🤔🤔🤔

1 d Like Reply



Daniel Wright

Top work glad you guys posted this as our Dee board wont

1 d Like Reply



Griogaraich Gundogs

disaster