

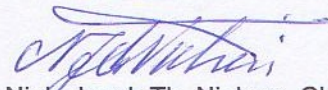
We have now received more disgraceful news. It seems that the Scottish politicians have lobbied for and successfully obtained an EU grant of £100.000 to maintain and enhance the destructive commercial salmon fishing activities in the Montrose basin. How on earth can this be possible or justified? The natural outcome is that Faroese fishermen are threatening to start salmon fishing again. They are telling my organisation there can be no further point in continuing our protection of the fish.

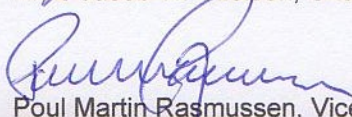
I would remind you that though Scotland was the biggest gainer from the buyout of the drift nets off North East England not one penny towards the cost was contributed by the Scottish government. The nets were removed with the aid of a great deal of international and UK private money. It is high time that Scotland ended its liking for this kind of free ride. We are driven to ask whether the Scottish authorities have ever done anything meaningful to enhance the salmon stocks and rebuild the sustainability of Scottish salmon. The answer must be a resounding "NO!"

We would warn you that we are no longer sure that the Faroes will be prepared to continue its salmon conservation efforts but the matter is in your hands. Unless you wish to be remembered as the man who stood idly by as a great Scottish resource was ruined we urge you to help stop the netting of wild salmon in Scottish waters before it is too late.

Yours sincerely,

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