

Wild Salmon Stocks in the UK QSD on 14 May 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

The Earl of Shrewsbury to ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation international year of the salmon, what assessment they have made of wild salmon stocks in the United Kingdom, in particular in Scotland.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- Scottish Government, [Salmon Fishery Statistics: 2018](#), 24 April 2019

Statistics on the total number of salmon caught in Scotland, broken down by different fishing methods.

- Scottish Government, [Scotland's Marine Economic Statistics](#), 10 October 2018, pp 11–17 and 23–5

Extracts from the report, including an overview of the Scottish marine economy and statistics on fish farming in Scotland.

- Scottish Parliament Information Centre, [Salmon Farming in Scotland](#), 13 February 2018

Information on salmon farming in Scotland and a summary of the Scottish Government's policy on salmon farming.

- Scottish Parliament Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, [Salmon Farming in Scotland](#), 27 November 2018, SP Paper 432, pp 1–19

Extracts from the committee's report, including a summary of its conclusions and recommendations.

- [Debate on 'Long-term Decline in Salmon Stocks'](#), Scottish Parliament Official Report, 4 April 2019, cols 28–48

Transcript of a recent debate in the Scottish Parliament on declines in salmon stocks in Scotland.

- Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, Environment Agency, and Natural Resources Wales, [Salmon Stocks and Fisheries in England and Wales in 2017](#), 24 May 2018, p 5

Summary of statistics on salmon stocks in England and Wales.

- Environment Agency, '[New Fisheries Minister Celebrates International Year of Salmon](#)', 7 March 2019

Details of a visit by the Fisheries Minister, Robert Goodwill, to Linton Lock, near York, to mark 2019 as International Year of the Salmon.

- Environment Agency, '[Salmon Five Point Approach: Restoring Salmon in England](#)', 2016

Information on the Environment Agency's policy on preserving salmon stocks in England and Wales.

- North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization, '[International Year of the Salmon: Salmon and People in a Changing World](#)', accessed 3 May 2019

Outline on the aims of International Year of the Salmon.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Salmon](#)', 16 April 2019, 242776
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Nature Conservation](#)', 14 March 2019, 230847
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Salmon: Scotland](#)', 26 February 2019, 223058
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Salmon](#)', 15 February 2019, 219439

Press Articles and Comment

- BBC News, '[Scotland's Wild Salmon Stocks "At Lowest Ever Level"](#)', 24 April 2019
- Severin Carrell, '[Scottish Wild Salmon Stocks in Crisis, Say Anglers](#)', *Guardian*, 24 April 2019
- Auslan Cramb, '[Wild Salmon Stocks Hit "Lowest Level" on Record After Disastrous Season on Scotland's Prime Rivers](#)' *Telegraph*, 24 April 2019

Further Information

- [Debate on 'UK Fishing Industry'](#), HC *Hansard*, 12 December 2018, 93–117WH
- [Debate on the 'Scottish Parliament Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee enquiry into Salmon Farming in Scotland'](#), Scottish Parliament Official Report, 6 February 2019, cols 31–82

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