

16 June 2023

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 12 May 2023 in which you asked for:

*Under the Official Information Act, could you provide me with a list of all the sea life that have been killed or injured when coming into contact with predator nets used by fish farms in the Cook Strait and Marlborough Sounds, and have been reported to the Department of Conservation in the last five years up to today, please?*

*This includes dolphins, sharks, fish, seabirds etc.*

*Could you also tell me at which fish farms these incidents happened, please?*

On 9 June we informed you that we had made a decision to grant your request, but we needed some more time to complete it. In part this was due to us incorrectly transferring your request to the Ministry for Primary Industries. Again, we apologise for this mix-up.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. List of species reported to DOC as being killed or injured when coming into contact with predator nets used by fish farms in the Cook Strait and Marlborough Sounds (the records of 3/2/2020 and 29/9/2020 were not located amongst our paper files, these were obtained from the King Salmon website):

Date	Species	Net type	Location Name
21/11/2018	Dusky dolphin	Predator net	Richmond Bay Salmon Farm
21/11/2018	Unknown dolphin	Predator net	Waihinu Salmon Farm
30/01/2019	NZ fur seal	Seal enclosure on farm	Waihinu Salmon Farm
1/03/2019	NZ fur seal	Predator net	Ngamahau Salmon Farm
3/07/2019	Common dolphin	Predator net	Richmond Bay Salmon Farm
3/02/2020	NZ fur seal	Not stated	Ngamahau Salmon Farm
11/03/2020	NZ fur seal	Predator net	Te Pangu Salmon Farm
30/04/2020	NZ fur seal	Predator net	Ngamahau Salmon Farm
29/09/2020	NZ fur seal	Not stated	Forsyth Salmon Farm
11/10/2021	NZ fur seal	Between pens	Te Pangu Salmon Farm
25/05/2022	NZ fur seal	Between predator net and grower net	Waitata Salmon Farm
3/06/2022	NZ fur seal	Predator net	Waitata Salmon Farm
21/07/2022	NZ fur seal	Predator net	Waitata Salmon Farm



Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.



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