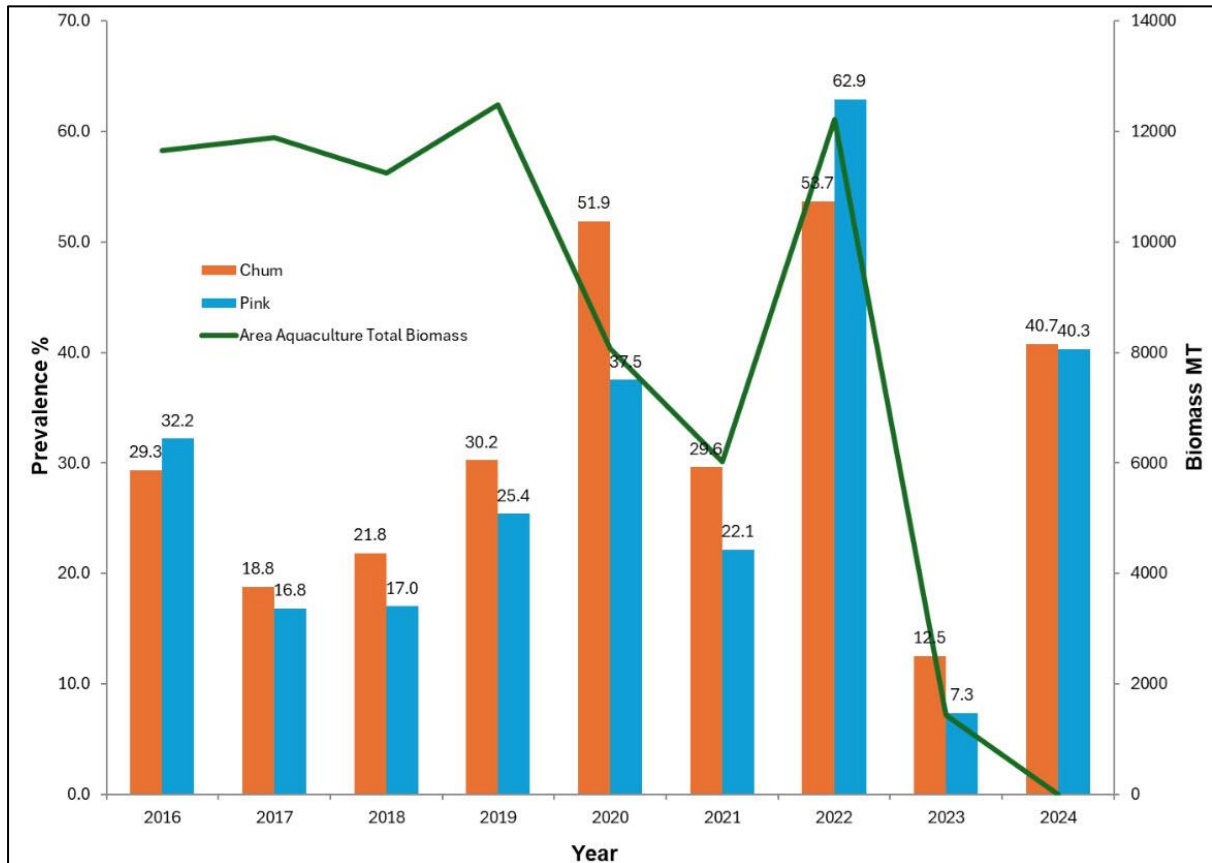


Apologies to the committee for this further communication. However, the committee need to be made aware of the latest data from British Columbia, Canada where Government policy has demanded the removal of salmon farms from parts of the Broughton Archipelago.

The results of sampling wild salmon for sea lice in 2024, part of an ongoing twenty year plus programme, shows that even though there was no salmon farming in the researched area, sea lice counts on wild fish increased to levels above that when the salmon farm as present and in full production.



Parallel sampling by the anti-salmon farm Salmon Coast Field Station showed similar results.

Removing salmon farming or limiting production does not mean that the number of sea lice on wild salmon are reduced. In fact, as previously highlighted 72.6% of 320,177 wild salmon sampled in BC carried no lice at all.

This is further proof that the established narrative promoted by Scottish Government scientists, SEPA and wild fish interests is incorrect.

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