



## Nick Nairn opens new Loch Duart hatchery

On 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008 we formally opened our new Duartmore hatchery. Our entire investment has been about securing the best welfare environment for our fish. That's why we consulted with Freedom Food at the design stage – seeking their opinion on what would make the best welfare environment for our smolts. We are really proud of the results – and we believe that we now have the ability to produce the healthiest smolts in the industry.

Twelve years in the planning, the hatchery was built using local suppliers and contractors wherever possible, to maximise the advantage to the local people.

Nick Nairn, the well-known Scottish TV chef said: 'It is fantastic to see producers such as Loch Duart working with Freedom Food, to ensure such high standards of welfare for the salmon they produce. The salmon industry is so important to Scotland and it's essential that we support producers, who go to such lengths to produce such high quality salmon. I have been saying for years that good welfare practice inevitably results in a better product and better eating quality.'

Leigh Grant, Freedom Food's chief executive, says: 'We congratulate Loch Duart on yet another excellent welfare-focused initiative. They have always been proactive and played a leading role in bringing about improvements in fish welfare.'



The opening



Nick Nairn meets the team