

After watching “The Hidden Cost of Salmon Farming In Chile,” United States consumers shared their feelings about this video. To date, 530 comments have been generated – nearly all of which demonstrate a nations’ disgust with the salmon farming conditions in Chile. These responses will be sent to Chile and shared with those who have the power to make a difference including labor leaders, salmon farming companies, and the Chilean National Fisheries Service (Sernapesca).

If you are interested in watching “The Hidden Costs of Salmon Farming in Chile,” please visit <http://www.planetvox.com/PureSalmon.html>, and send your responses to [organics@puresalmon.org](mailto:organics@puresalmon.org). Thank you.

The following is a brief sample of the comments that we have received.

*The way workers who farm salmon in Chile are treated is degrading, especially to women and even more so to Chilean culture. Please do something to make sure workers are treated well, women are not degraded, unions are not impeded, and Chilean culture is respected.*

Sincerely,  
Adam  
Kingston, NY

*I strongly encourage you to improve your practices of farming salmon in Chile. The costs of environmental and human degradation will inevitably return to decrease your profits, so it makes sense to clean up now.*

*I am a frequent consumer of fish and wine. I will buy Chilean products only if I know they are raised and harvested using sound practices, that they do not degrade the local environment, and that the employees of those companies that farm-raise salmon are treated well. If I cannot be assured of these things, I will buy my products elsewhere.*

*Good luck--*

Sincerely,  
Matt  
Conway, MA

*Well I can guarantee you this, I'll never eat salmon from Chile again if this doesn't change, and that includes at restaurants - I'll ask where their salmon is from, and if it's from Chile, not only will I not order it, I'll ask to speak to the manager to see if they are aware of this!*

Sincerely,  
Steve  
North Oaks, MN

*I think it's a disgusting abuse of people's human rights not to be able to use the bathroom when necessary, and all precautions to prevent problems with children should be provided. What is happening to human decency? Why does the almighty dollar destroy people's sense of what is right and wrong - what is decent?*

Sincerely,  
J.D.  
Dunellen, NJ

*I am appalled at the impact of salmon farming in Chile: destruction of natural species and natural predators (sea lions), horrendous working conditions for workers especially nursing mothers and mothers of young children, horrible birth defects and diseases due to chemicals used in salmon farming, destructive efforts to dissuade employees from organizing to safeguard their human rights and violation of contracts already agreed to by management. I will inform all my contacts that until these conditions are rectified, no farmed salmon will be purchased for home use or eaten in restaurants (I always ask the source of the salmon before purchasing.) I am ashamed that companies connected with the United States would go to other places in the world such as Chile and treat the people and the place so irresponsibly as if it is a dumpster, I am also sending a letter to my United States senators.*

Sincerely yours, A voting American consumer  
Sincerely,  
Barbara  
Chicago, IL

*Once again, greed is rising above civility. There is no reason why the multinational salmon farming companies cannot run a smooth operation without causing abuse, poor working conditions and degradation. It is not written anywhere that to have a money making business, it must be done with cruelty, lack of civility, degradation, abuse. These companies could have well run operations with policies that benefit the workers and the company.*

Sincerely,  
Wendy  
Baltimore, MD

*We feel that the environmental degradation and the inhumane treatment of workers in the Salmon industry as practiced in Chile is unacceptable, and will not buy salmon from Chile until we learn that there are viable labor unions representing all of the workers in that industry, that the working conditions for the women especially keep them safe from substances that harm their babies and allow them time to attend to their children, and that the need for a balanced ocean ecosystem is being addressed.*

Sincerely,  
Fred and Betty  
Fairfield, IA

*All workers MUST have a safe working environment. We are now in the 21st Century not in the Dark Ages.*

Sincerely,  
Bernie  
Santa Monica, CA

*I will not buy farmed salmon because of the way it's raised and the conditions of the farm workers.*

*Please change your methods and I will change my position. Thank you.*

Sincerely,  
Laura  
Micco, FL

*The Hidden Cost of Salmon Farming really opened my eyes for the first time regarding the true cost of the salmon I consume - employee deaths, unfair treatment of women, degradation to the environment and the Chilean culture. I've decided I can live without salmon in my diet until these abuses are no longer an issue.*

Sincerely,  
Kris  
Cedar Rapids, IA