| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2588  Responded to: 20 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Do Police Scotland offer a fact-checking service for journalists and researchers?   
I’m writing only a tiny amount on this - basically that the public via taxes support the police to assist private fishing estates to protect their waters, from which they make a profit.**

Police Scotland do not provide a generic fact-checking service and as such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

We do however reply to accredited journalists’ enquiries with factually accurate responses from the organisation.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.   
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.