

Media Release

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Online Guide to humane harvesting of fish

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) has added a new title to its series of Online Guides freely available to view and download at its website (www.hsa.org.uk).

'Humane Harvesting of Fish' is a comprehensive and practical guide to the humane handling and stunning of farmed fish for commercial producers. It primarily covers salmon and trout, the two most commonly farmed species in the UK, and a further Guide addressing the humane handling and stunning of additional species is now in preparation.

The new Guide joins six other titles already available on the HSA website that provide a portfolio of best practice in humane handling and slaughter: *Captive-bolt Stunning of Livestock; Electrical Stunning of Red Meat Animals; Emergency Slaughter; Humane Handling of Livestock; Humane Killing of Livestock Using Firearms;* and *Practical Slaughter of Poultry*. The HSA has made the Guides freely available online to enable easy access worldwide to information for establishing and maintaining high animal welfare practices.

The HSA is an independent charity that promotes the highest standards of welfare For livestock during transport, at markets, slaughter and killing for disease control and welfare reasons. If you would like more information about the HSA's work, or are interested in becoming a member or supporting this work please visit www.hsa.org.uk or contact the HSA on 01582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

The HSA is an independent charity recognised internationally for promoting scientific, technical and educational advances towards improving the welfare of food animals worldwide at slaughter, killing, marketing and transport.

Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

For more information about the HSA's work call 01582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk or visit www.hsa.org.uk

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