

Case No: 2020-0498 Date of visit: 18/11/2020

Time spent on site: 5 hours Main Inspector: [Redacted]

Site No: FS0546 Site Name: Nevis C (Ardintigh)
Business No: FB0125 Business Name: Scottish Sea Farms Ltd

Case Types: 1 ECI 2 CNI 3 SLI 4 VMD 5 [] 6 []

Water Temp (°C): 11 Thermometer No: T146 FHI 045 completed []

Observations: Region: HI Water type: S CoGP MA: M-23

Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present? [N] If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.
Clinical signs of disease observed? [N] If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.
Gross pathology observed? [N] If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.
Diagnostic samples taken? [N]

UNI/REG only - if unable to carry out intended visit detail reason below:
[Redacted]

Additional Case Information:

Mortality not reported at end of cycle - 2019, low numbers.

week 35 - 2.58 - 1385 - Background CGD driving back ground mortality.

week 36 - 3.43 - 721

spike in lice number during the summer months, mechanical thermolicer treatment conducted to get number back down. Lice counts went back down to low numbers in week following

Lice numbers above threshold

week 27 - 2019 - 2.20 - reported to FHI

Lumpfish imported from Republic of Ireland - 12th and 22nd February 2020 - 15,000 and 10,000

Fished appeared to be in good condition. Good feeding response. All fish sampled for VMD appeared to be healthy and showed no clinical signs of disease.

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Registration/Authorisation Details

1. Business/site details summary checked by site representative? **Y**
 2. Changes made to details? **Y**

Site Details (include cleaner fish for all sections)

Total No facilities	12	Facilities stocked	12	No facilities inspected	12
Species	SAL	WRS	LUM		
Age group	19 Q4/20	mixed	mixed		
No Fish	333,650	11,759	17,352		
Mean Fish Wt	3.6kg	mixed	mixed		
Next Fallow Date (Site)	May 2021		Next Input Date (Site)	October 2021	
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?			N	Any escapes (since last visit)?	N
If yes, detail:	[REDACTED]				

Movement Records

1. Movement records available for inspection? **Y**
 2. Date of last inspection: **11/10/2018**
 3. Are records complete and correctly entered? **Y**
 4. Are movement records available for dead fish and waste? **Y**
 5. Are records complete and correctly entered? **Y**
 6. Are health certificates for introductions (outwith GB) available? **N/A**

Transport Records

1. Are any movements carried out by (or on behalf) of the business (not using a STB)? **N**
 If yes, is there a system in place for maintenance of transportation records? **[REDACTED]**

Mortality Records

1. Mortality records available for inspection? **Y**
 2. How are mortalities disposed of? **Incinerated - on site**
 If other detail: **[REDACTED]**
 3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered? **Y**
 4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks): **wk45(0.25%-857) wk44(0.21%-738) wk43(0.37%-1425) wk42(0.77%-3031)**
 5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities? **Y**
 If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason:
tail end of plankton event affecting gills. Across whole site.
 6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked? **Y**
 If yes, detail: **week 41 0 1.58% - Enviromental event affecting gill health - some post treatment mortality.**
 7. Have increased (unexplained) mortalities been reported to vet or FHI? **N/A**
 If yes, detail action: **[REDACTED]**
 8. Have 'mortality events' been reported to FHI? If no, enter details on mortality events sheet. **N**

Treatments and Medicines Records

- 1. Recent treatments (see comment)? Y
 If yes, detail: Peroxide Slice TMS
 If other, detail:
- 2. Medicines records available for inspection? Y
- 3. Are records complete and correctly entered? Y
- 4. Are fish in a withdrawal period? Y
- 5. If yes, what treatment(s)? TMS
 If other, detail:
- 6. Are medicines stored appropriately? Y

Biosecurity Records

- 1. Biosecurity records available for inspection? Y
- 2. Has the manner and frequency of mortality removal, recording and safe disposal been considered? Y
- 3. Has the manner and period in which the APB will notify Scottish Ministers or veterinary professional of any *increased (unexplained)* mortality at the site been included? Y
- 4. Has the action that will be taken in the event that the presence or suspicion of the presence of a listed disease is detected been included and *how* and *when* that will be notified to Scottish Ministers? Y
- 5. Has the health status of aquaculture animals being stocked on the farm site been covered (equal or higher health status, certification if required)? Y
- 6. Have the husbandry and biosecurity measures implemented between each epidemiological unit to minimise transmission of disease been covered (movement of staff, visitors, equipment, live or dead fish etc.)? Y
- 7. Is documentation available regarding the measures in place to maintain the physical containment of aquaculture animals held on site? Y
- 8. Have the biosecurity procedures been adequately implemented on site? Y
 If no, detail:

Results of Surveillance

- 1. Has any animal health surveillance been carried out by, or on behalf of, the business? Y
- 2. If yes, are results available for inspection? Y
- 3. Any significant results? Y
 If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems). mild to moderate gill pathology associated with

Records checked between: 11/10/2018-18/11/2020

Case no: Site No: Date of visit/
Sampling:

Priority samples: VI BA PA MG HI

Time sampling starts/ends: Inspector: VMD No.

Environmental conditions: 1 2 3 4 5

Summary samples HIST BA MG VI PA Total Samples

Add Fish/Pools - click

Pool/Fish No												
Fish nos	1	2										
Pool Group												
Species	SAL	SAL										
Average weight	3.6000	3.6000										
Sex	N/A	N/A										
Water Type	SW	SW										
Stock Details												
		Barcaldine	Barcaldine									
Stock Origin												
Facility No	2	11										

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Additional Sample Information:

All fish sampled appeared healthy and showed no clinical signs of disease.

0

Total Tests assigned

0

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Date of Visit	18/11/2020	No of movements/supp./dest.			Score	
Live fish movements		0	1-5	6-10	>10	
Movements on (from out with GB) of susceptible species	Frequency of movements on from equivalent MS	0	5	10	14	5
	Frequency of movements on from equivalent zone or compartment including third country	0	9	18	26	0
	Number of suppliers	0	5	10	14	5
Movements off	Frequency of movements off	0	3	6	10	10
	Number of destinations	0	3	6	10	3
Exposure via water	Site contacts	0	1-5	6-10		
Water contacts with other farms (holding species susceptible to same diseases)	Farm is protected (secure water supply through disinfection or borehole)	0				
	Farm is on-line or in a coastal zone with category I farms upstream or within 1 tidal excursion	1	2	4		2
	Farm is on-line or in a coastal zone with category III farms upstream or within 1 tidal excursion	1	3	6		
	Farm is on-line or in a coastal zone with category V farms upstream or within 1 tidal excursion	1	4	8		
Management practices		None	Secure	Unsecure		
Water contacts with processors	Any processing plant discharging into adjacent waters	0	1	2		1
On farm processing within the rules of the directive	No on farm processing	0				0
	Processing own fish (re-cycling risk)	1				
	Processing fish from MS of equivalent status	2				
	Processing fish from zone or compartment of equivalent status	4				
	Processing fish from Category III farm	8				
	Processing fish from Category V farm	10				
Disposal of fish and fish by-products	Site's own waste only processed.	0				0
	Common processes with other farms	3				3
	Collection point for waste from other farms	5				0
Use of unpasteurised feeds	No feeding of unpasteurised feed	0				0
	Feeding unpasteurised feed	5				
Biosecurity	Number of sites	1	2 or 3	≥ 4		
Contacts with other sites	Sites operating from single shorebase	0	1	2		1
	Sites sharing staff and equipment	0	1	2		1
Disinfection of equipment between sites, use of footbaths etc	Yes	0				0
	No	1				
CoGP/Regulator						
Practices in accordance with regulator or industry code of practice	Yes	0				0
	No	3				
Platform access to cages	Yes	0				0
	No	2				
Total Rank					31	HIGH

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Sea Lice Inspection (Seawater Sites Only)

- 1. Has the site experienced sea lice problems in the previous 4 years?
- 2. Is the CoGP Farm Management Area (or equivalent) fallowed synchronously on a single year class basis?
- 3. Does the site have access to a range of licenced in-feed and bath sea lice medications (including deltamethrin, azamethiphos and emamectin benzoate) as well as access to suitable biological and/or mechanical control measures,
- 4. Is there a signed documented farm management agreement or statement relevant to the site and CoGP Farm Management Area (or equivalent)?
- 5. Are sea lice count records available for inspection? (Legal SSI, CoGP Annex 6)
- 6. Do records adequately reflect the required standard specified in the SSI and the CoGP? (Legal SSI, CoGP Annex 6)
- 7. Are sea lice (*L. salmonis*) record levels below the suggested criteria for treatment in the CoGP during the period that records are inspected? (CoGP Annex 6)
- 8. Have average adult female sea lice (*L. salmonis*) numbers per fish been at a level of 3 or above (prior to w/b 10/6/19) or If yes, have these been reported to the Fish Health Inspectorate? If no, FHI see comment.
- 9. Is *C. elongatus* infestation at a level which is considered to cause significant welfare problems? (CoGP 4.3.81, 5.3.50)
- 10. Have therapeutic treatments been administered or other actions taken when *L. salmonis* levels have exceeded the suggested criteria for treatment or where *C. elongatus* is considered to have welfare implications? (CoGP 4.3.82, 5.3.51)
- 11. Has any other action been taken (where applicable)?
- 12. Have therapeutic treatments or the actions taken had a significant impact upon the lice levels recorded?
- 13. Are treatments, where conducted, carried out in cooperation between participating farms?
- 14. Is there a harvesting strategy for the site, where fewer populations or part populations are held without treatment for
- 15. Is there a site specific written lice management procedure with waypoints describing set actions to deal with
- 16. Do the sea lice levels observed on stocks reflect sea lice count data? If no please detail reasons.

Containment Inspection

- 1. Has the site experienced equipment damage due to predators in the current or previous production cycles?
- 2. Are measures in place to mitigate against the predation experienced on site? (Detail below)

Seal pro nets top nets Tensioned nets

If other, detail below:

- 3. Have escape incidents or events been experienced on or in the vicinity of the site since the last FHI inspection?
If Yes proceed with questions 4 – 9. If No skip to question 10
- 4. Have these been reported to Scottish Ministers?
- 5. Have these been reported to local DSFB forthwith (where they exist)? (CoGP – 4.4.37, 5.4.17)
- 6. Have these been reported to the SSPO and local fisheries trusts forthwith (where they exist)? (CoGP – 4.4.37, 5.4.17)
- 7. Were methods (if any) used to recover escapees? If yes give detail
- 8. If gill nets were deployed was this action agreed with local wild fish interests and was permission given by Scottish Ministers? (Legal, CoGP – 4.4.38, 5.4.18)
- 9. What action was taken to prevent and minimise the risk of further escapes? (Not covered in code but could be considered under satisfactory measures of the Act)
- 10. Is the site inspected as satisfactory with regards to containment? If no, please detail reason(s)

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Point of Compliance

1. Is the farm under inspection located within a farm management area?

If N, no further questions require completion.

Points of Compliance for Both Farm Management Agreements and Statements

2. Has a current farm management agreement or statement (FMAg/S) been prepared?

3. Is the current FMAg/S available for inspection?

4. Does the FMAg/S identify the relevant farm management area?

5. Does the FMAg/S identify the fish farm site(s) to which it applies?

6. Does the FMAg/S identify the date of commencement of the agreement or statement?

7. Does the FMAg/S identify the date of review?

Arrangements for Fish Health Management

8. Does the FMAg/S identify the minimum health standards for the stocks to be introduced to the area or farm?

9. Does the FMAg/S identify the vaccination requirements for stocks held in the area or farm?

10. Does the FMAg/S identify the species of fish which may be stocked into the area or farm?

11. Does the FMAg/S identify the maximum stocking density of any pen on any farm in the area or the individual farm?

12. Does the FMAg/S identify the arrangements for the storage and disposal of any dead fish from any fish farm in the area or the individual farm?

Arrangements for The Management of Sea Lice

13. Does the FMAg/S identify arrangements for the sharing of data on sea lice numbers and treatments?

14. Does the FMAg/S identify the availability and the use of medicines on farms covered by the agreement of statement?

15. Does the FMAg/S identify any requirements for the sensitivity testing of available treatments for sea lice on farms in the area or individual farms?

16. Does the FMAg/S identify the circumstances under which biological controls and cleaner fish are to be used on farms in the area or individual farms?

17. Does the FMAg/S identify the arrangements for synchronous treatments on farms within the area?

Live Fish Movements

18. Does the FMAg/S identify the circumstances when live fish may be introduced or removed from the area or farm?

19. Does the FMAg/S identify the arrangements for the movement of live fish on and off sites in the area or individual farms?

Harvesting

20. Does the FMAg/S identify acceptable harvest practices on farms in the area or individual farms?

Fallowing

21. Does the FMAg/S identify the dates by which the area or individual farm will be fallow and the earliest date when a farm or area may be restocked?

22. Does the FMAg/S identify whether one or more year classes may be stocked onto sites covered by the agreement or statement?

23. Does the FMAg/S identify whether broodstock or potential broodstock are to be kept on any site covered by the agreement or statement?

Point of Compliance for Farm Management Agreements Only

24. Does the farm management agreement include arrangements for persons to become, or cease to be, parties to the agreement?

Management and operation

25. Is the fish farm being managed and operated in accordance with the agreement or statement?

26. What is the version no/date of issue of the FMAg/S?



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Start date:	End date: (if applicable)	Size of fish:	Average weight of affected population:	Species:	Yearclass (SW SAL only):	Timescale	Mortality rate recorded(%):	Explained/unexplained:	If explained, select reason(s):
26/08/19	01/09/2019	≥750g	N/a	SAL	S1	Weekly	2.58	Explained	Click to select reason(s) (ensure in correct order)
02/09/19	09/09/2019	≥750g	N/a	SAL	S1	Weekly	3.45	Explained	

If unexplained, select observations:		Total mortality during event (if available):	Additional information (e.g. action taken by company):	Action taken by FHI (include case no where applicable):	Yearclass Year
Correct reason(s) correct cell)		1385	End of cycle mortality - low numbers of fish	Historical data gathered during inspection. No further action	2019
		721	End of cycle mortality - low numbers of fish	Historical data gathered during inspection. No further action	2019

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Results Summary	Freq.	Date of Notification						
		Database	Insp	Phone	Insp	Writing	Insp	2 nd Insp

Report Summary			
Case Type	Date	Insp	2 nd Insp
ECI CNI SLI VMD	23/12/2021		

FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

BUSINESS No	FB0125	DATE OF VISIT	18/11/2020
SITE No	FS0546	SITE NAME	Nevis C (Ardintigh)
CASE No	20200498	INSPECTOR	[REDACTED]

Inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009

The above site was inspected, in accordance with the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009, and to meet the requirements of European Community Council Directive 2006/88/EC.

All epidemiological units were inspected. On this occasion no samples were taken for disease analysis. The Inspector did not observe any clinical signs associated with the listed diseases as described in the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

Records

The surveillance frequency category of the site was assessed as high. An inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 will be conducted annually. The category of the site will be reassessed on a routine basis and updated as required.

The information required for the public record of aquaculture production businesses regarding this site was verified and where necessary updated. The following records were also inspected to ensure that the conditions of authorisation for your Aquaculture Production Business (APB) are being met:

Aquaculture animal and aquaculture animal product movement records were inspected and appeared to be adequately maintained.

Mortality records were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

No mortality levels exceeding the reporting criteria have been recorded since the last inspection.

Mortality levels had exceeded the reporting criteria since the last inspection and had not been reported to the Fish Health Inspectorate. I would like to remind you of the industry agreement in relation to mortality reporting as detailed in A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture.

Reports detailing the results of animal health surveillance carried out by or on behalf of the business and/or Marine Scotland were available for inspection.

The biosecurity measures plan for the site was inspected and found to be adequately maintained and implemented.

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Inspection under the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015

Medicine records were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

Samples were taken to be analysed for veterinary residues.

Inspection under the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

The site was also inspected in accordance with the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007, as amended, with respect to section 3 regarding parasites (sea lice), section 4A regarding fish farm management agreements and statements and section 5 regarding containment and escapes.

On this occasion the site was found to be satisfactory with regards to parasites, fish farm management agreements and statements and containment and escapes.

Please contact myself or the duty inspector should you require any further information or have any queries regarding this report.



Signed:

Date: 23/12/2021

Fish Health Inspector

The Fish Health Inspectorate Service Charter detailing standards of service is available on the Marine Scotland website at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fish-health-inspectorate-service-charter/>