

Case No: 2020-0540 Date of visit: 08/12/2020

Time spent on site: 5.5 hrs Main Inspector: [Redacted]

Site No: FS0500 Site Name: Russel Burn

Business No: FB0169 Business Name: The Scottish Salmon Company

Case Types: 1 ECI 2 CNI 3 VMD 4 MIX 5 6

Water Temp (°C): 5.3 Thermometer No: T205 FHI 045 completed

Observations: Region: HI Water type: F CoGP MA:

Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present? Y If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.
Clinical signs of disease observed? Y 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 notifications 2019: w/b 10/12/2018 (wk50 2018) <70g @ 3% damaged pipe; w/b 7/10/19 (wk41 2019) 5g to smolting @4.5% fungus; w/b 14/10/19 (wk42 2019) 5g to smolting 1.15% fungus;
Mortality notification 2020: w/b 14/9/20 5g to smolting @ 2.73% fungus; w/b 21/9/20 5g to smolting @ 2.11% fungus & handling

Site currently short staffed and tanks were being checked during the inspection, so 1 or 2 morts observed in some of the tanks. One tank had 5-10 fish with visible fungus but these were all swimming actively. Overall water was peaty and no visible fungus observed in any of the other tanks (fungus is more visible in peaty water conditions). Some issues with fin nipping (dorsal fins) recently on site, this was apparent across the site but more prominent in some tanks than others. This is due to fish taking some time to fully come back onto feed post vaccination and feeding not having been optimal recently as well as this strain of fish being thought to be more aggressive, but feeding rate has been adjusted and this is expected to resolve issues with fin nipping.

Accompanied by APHA Vet for training.

Required documents received and reviewed for MIX and EC/VMD issues raised on 26/01/2021.

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Registration/Authorisation Details

1. Business/site details summary checked by site representative?

2. Changes made to details?

Site Details (include cleaner fish for all sections)

Total No facilities	<input type="text" value="54"/>	Facilities stocked	<input type="text" value="28"/>	No facilities inspected	<input type="text" value="54"/>
Species	<input type="text" value="SAL"/>				
Age group	<input type="text" value="pre-smolt"/>				
No Fish	<input type="text" value="872,000"/>				
Mean Fish Wt	<input type="text" value="55.8g"/>				
Next Fallow Date (Site)	<input type="text" value="none planned"/>	Next Input Date (Site)	<input type="text" value="March 2021"/>		
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?	<input type="text" value="N"/>		Any escapes (since last visit)?	<input type="text" value="N"/>	
If yes, detail:	<input type="text" value=""/>				

Movement Records

1. Movement records available for inspection?

2. Date of last inspection:

3. Are records complete and correctly entered?

4. Are movement records available for dead fish and waste?

5. Are records complete and correctly entered?

6. Are health certificates for introductions (outwith GB) available?

Transport Records

1. Are any movements carried out by (or on behalf) of the business (not using a STB)?

If yes, is there a system in place for maintenance of transportation records?

Mortality Records

1. Mortality records available for inspection?

2. How are mortalities disposed of?

If other detail:

3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered?

4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks):

5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities?

If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason:

6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked?

If yes, detail:

7. Have increased (unexplained) mortalities been reported to vet or FHI?

If yes, detail action:

8. Have 'mortality events' been reported to FHI? If no, enter details on mortality events sheet.

Treatments and Medicines Records

1. Recent treatments (see comment)? Y

If yes, detail:

If other, detail:

2. Medicines records available for inspection? Y

3. Are records complete and correctly entered? N

4. Are fish in a withdrawal period? Y

5. If yes, what treatment(s)?

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? N

If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems).

Records checked between:

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	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30	31-33	34-36	
Pool Group													
Species	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL
Average weight	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g
Sex	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water Type	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
Stock Details		Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross
	Stock Origin												
Facility No	A10	A10	A10	A10	A10	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2	D7	D7	

Additional Sample Information:

Tanks, B2, A10, D7 and F4 (three fish per sample appart from F4 was 4 fish per sample)

0

Total Tests assigned

0

37-39	10-42	43-45	46-49	50-54	55-58	59-62	63-66								
SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL								
45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g	45g								
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A								
FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW								
Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross	Applecross								
D7	D7	D7	F4	F4	F4	F4	F4								

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Date of Visit	08/12/2020	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
	Frequency of movements on from equivalent zone or compartment including third country	0	9	18	26
	Number of suppliers	0	5	10	14
Movements off	Frequency of movements off	0	3	6	10
	Number of destinations	0	3	6	10
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	0
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			
	Common processes with other farms	3			3
	Collection point for waste from other farms	5			
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	20 MEDIUM

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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) followed 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, and are these being used in a responsible and timely manner?
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 recognised
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? N
2. Are measures in place to mitigate against the predation experienced on site? (Detail below) Y

If other, detail below:

tank lids, rent-o-kill

3. Have escape incidents or events been experienced on or in the vicinity of the site since the last FHI inspection? N
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) Y

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Nature of non-compliance:
Action taken (FHI):
Non-compliance relevant to (delete): VirologyMolGen/Bacteriology/Histology/Parasitology



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FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

BUSINESS No	FB0169	DATE OF VISIT	08/12/2020
SITE No	FS0500	SITE NAME	Russel Burn
INSPECTOR	[REDACTED]	CASE No	20200540

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 medium. An inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 will be conducted every second year. 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 found to be inadequately maintained.

Records in relation to aquaculture animals transported by the business were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

Mortality records were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

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Mortality levels had exceeded the reporting criteria since the last inspection and had been reported to the Fish Health Inspectorate as required.

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.

The following points were raised with the site representative during the inspection:

- The waste transfer note did not state the quantity of fish waste uplifted. It was discussed with a site representative that this must be recorded in future and that this should be rectified retrospectively if this information can be obtained from the contractor.

These must be addressed to ensure the conditions of authorisation for your Aquaculture Production Business (APB) are being met.

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 inadequately maintained.

The following points were raised with the site representative during the inspection:

- The treatment record did not state the withdrawal period for Cress (Bronopol). The withdrawal was stated as 500 degree days on the prescription. There seems to currently be no option for site staff to include the withdrawal period for this particular treatment on the database system used to record treatments. This must be rectified retrospectively and proof must be submitted that this has been completed.

Records or documentation demonstrating that these points have been addressed should be sent to the Fish Health Inspectorate (contact details below) within 30 days of the date this report was issued.

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 with respect to section 5 regarding containment and escapes.

On this occasion the site was found to be satisfactory.

Please contact myself or the duty inspector should you require any assistance or clarification in implementing any requirement or recommendation detailed in this report.

Signed:



Fish Health Inspector

Date: 23/12/2020

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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/>

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Case completion report

Recommendations in relation to the above case were made for implementation by 23/01/2021. Following submission of the required documentation, evidence has now been provided to Marine Scotland to demonstrate that the recommendations have been implemented.

Issues were raised in relation to the above case, with a requirement for records unavailable for inspection to be submitted by 17/01/2021. The required records have now been provided to Marine Scotland.

This case will now be closed. This site may be subject to further audit and recommendations in the future.

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

Signed:

[REDACTED]
Fish Health Inspector

Date: 26/01/2021

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