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| Case No: | 2023-0534 | Date of visit: | 28/11/2023 | | | |
| Time spent on site: | 3hrs | Main Inspector: | | | | |
| Site No: | FS0694 | Site Name: | Fishnish (B) | | | |
| Business No: | FB0125 | Business Name: | Scottish Sea Farms Ltd | | | |
| Case Types: | 1 ECI | 2 CNI | 3 SLI | 4 VMD | 5 | 6 |
| Water Temp (°C): | 11.43 | Thermometer No: | T309 | FHI 045 completed | | |
| Observations: | Region: | ST | Water type: | S | CoGP MA | M-35 |
| Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y | If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet. | | | | |
| Clinical signs of disease observed? | <input type="checkbox"/> N | If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet. | | | | |
| Gross pathology observed? | <input type="checkbox"/> N | If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet. | | | | |
| Diagnostic samples taken? | <input type="checkbox"/> N | | | | | |

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

Additional Case Information:

Fish came on from Barcaldine (a mix of Aquagen Elite and Aquagen). Both stocks are reportedly performing well. A small number of moribunds were observed across the site but no other clinical signs of disease were observed so not removed for diagnostic sampling.

One cage of farmed lumpfish were transferred onto site from Fishnish (A), but staff struggled to remove them and were all lost during a 12hr FW treatment. APHA have been informed. Wild caught wrasse from around Orkney, Oban and Skye were stocked onto the site over several inputs in June, July, August and September and have been performing well. ~300 mortalities have occurred since input.

Slice treatment was completed in December 2022, January, February and March 2023. A FW treatment was done in May, the thermolicer was on site in June and July and a course of Aquatet was completed in September. Fish were vaccinated against IPN and Furunculosis while in the FW hatchery.

Biomass on site is higher than preferred. Due to the water temperature dropping significantly in the weeks following the Aquatet treatment, the withdrawal period for the Oxytretracycline may exceed 55 days. The fish have been sampled for residues and the site is awaiting results. If the fish have withdrawn from the treatment then the site will be passive graded and 9 harvests will occur between now and the new year to reduce biomass on site.

Average adult female leps combined above reporting threshold:

WK18 23: 0.63, WK20 23: 1.39, WK25: 2.56, WK28: 0.55, WK29: 1.56, WK31: 1.25, WK32: 1.14, WK33: 1.2, WK34:1.1, WK35: 1.61, WK37:0.76, WK38: 1.78, WK39: 1.6, WK40: 1.2, 43: 1.9, WK44: 0.89.

AGD diagnosed on site and levels are remaining at moderate level.

Fish were removed from feed for a prolonged period during the summer months under veterinary instruction due to increased levels of jellyfish experienced on site

VHP, FMS and BMP all state mortalities are getting incinerated on the site barge, however, mortalities from this site and Fishnish A are both being transferred in mort tubs back to a common skip at the shorebase before being uplifted by Billy Bowie and taken to Barkip for ensiling.

Tricaine was recorded in treatment record when Optomease was used.

Site staff informed inspector during visit that a seal had entered one of the cages on site recently. This had not been reported to the FHI as required and a retrospective notification was requested. With this said, the site was inspected as satisfactory in terms of containment at the time of inspection.

Inspection and paperwork completed by [REDACTED], observed by [REDACTED].

Case No: Site No:

Date of Visit: Inspector(s):

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)

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|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total No facilities | <input type="text" value="7"/> | Facilities stocked | <input type="text" value="6"/> | No facilities inspected | <input type="text" value="7"/> |
| Species | <input type="text" value="SAL"/> <input type="text" value="WRA"/> | | | | |
| Age group | <input type="text" value="22 Q4"/> <input type="text" value="Wildcaught"/> | | | | |
| No Fish | <input type="text" value="341,426"/> <input type="text" value="9,302"/> | | | | |
| Mean Fish Wt | <input type="text" value="3.9kg"/> <input type="text" value="60g"/> | | | | |
| Next Fallow Date (Site) | <input type="text" value="June 24"/> | Next Input Date (Site) | <input type="text" value="Apr 25"/> | | |
| Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems? | | <input type="text" value="Y"/> | Any escapes (since last visit)? | | <input type="text" value="N"/> |
| If yes, detail: | <input type="text" value="AGD and Furunculosis"/> | | | | |

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: T.M.S., Oxytetracycline

Optomease used not

If other, detail: Tricaine

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)? T.M.S., Oxytetracycline

If other, detail: Optomease not tricaine

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? N

If no, detail: Mortality storage and disposal procedure had been amended but not updated in BMP.

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).

Records checked between: 10/11/21 - 23/11/23

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|--|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|--------|-------|---------------|
| Date of Visit | | 28/11/2023 | 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 | | 0 |
| | Number of destinations | 0 | 3 | 6 | 10 | | 0 |
| 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 | | | | | |
| | 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 | | | | | | | 18 |
| | | | | | | | 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) 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, and can these be deployed in a reasonable period of time?
- 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 2 or above (from w/b 10/6/19) during the period that records are inspected?
- 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 sea lice?
- 15. Is there a site specific written lice management procedure with waypoints describing set actions to deal with recognised scenarios during the escalation of a sea lice infestation?
- 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)

Sealpro nets, top

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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Inspector: [REDACTED]

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?

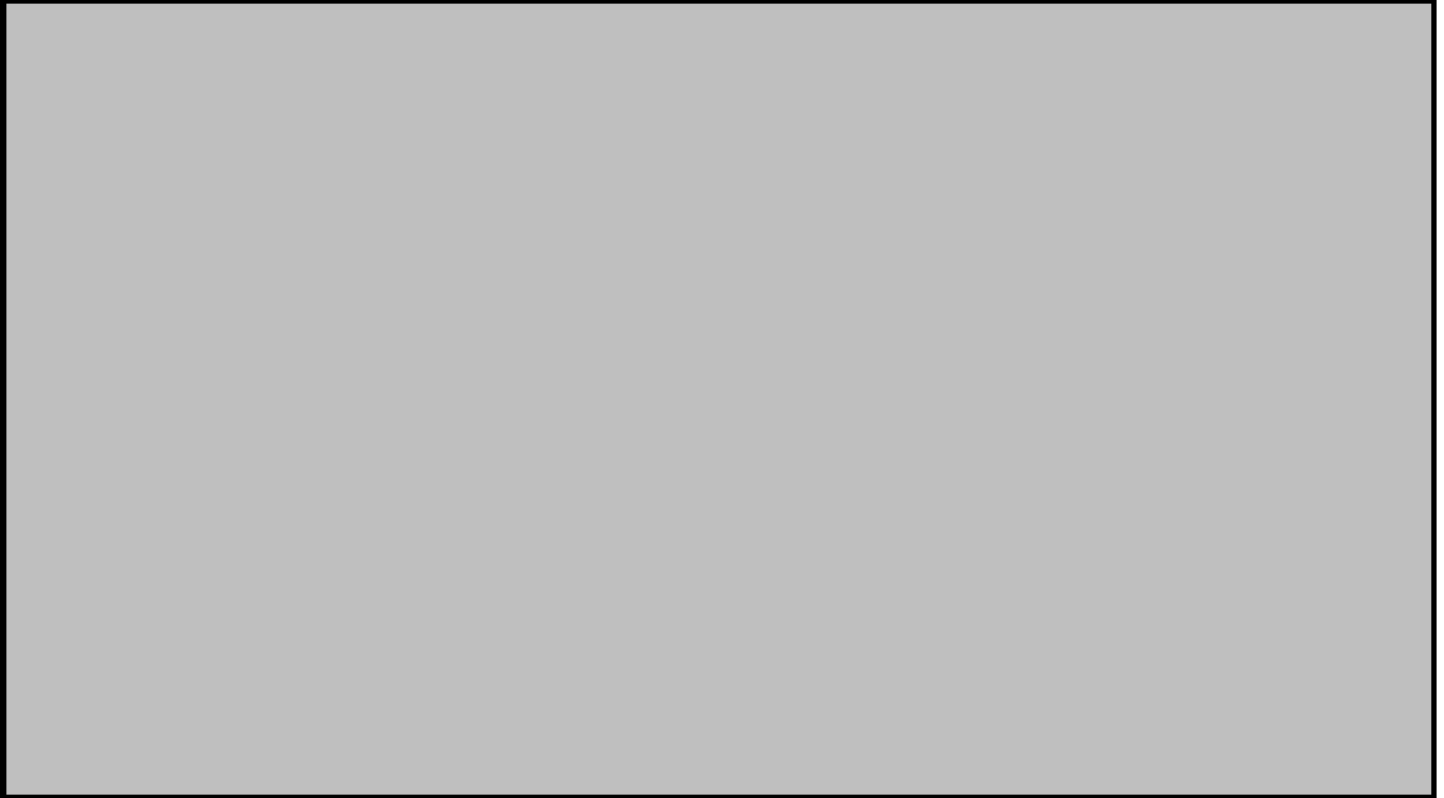
Point of Compliance for Farm Management Agreements Only

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?



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

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Pool/Fish No | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Fish nos | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Pool Group | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock Details | Species | SAL | SAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Average weight | 3.9kg | 3.9kg | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sex | N/A | N/A | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Water Type | SW | SW | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Stock Origin | Barcaldine Smolt Unit | Barcaldine Smolt Unit | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Facility No | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Site No: FS0694 |
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| Nature of non-compliance: |
| Action taken (FHI): |
| Non-compliance relevant to (delete): VirologyMolGen/Bacteriology/Histology/Parasitology |



FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

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| BUSINESS No | FB0125 | DATE OF VISIT | 28/11/2023 |
| SITE No | FS0694 | SITE NAME | Fishnish (B) |
| CASE No | 20230534 | INSPECTOR | [REDACTED] |

Case completion report

Issues were raised in relation to the above case, with a requirement for records to be submitted by 26th January 2024. The required records have now been provided to the Fish Health Inspectorate.

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:



Date: 30/01/2024

Fish Health Inspector

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| CASE No | 20230534 | INSPECTOR | |

Inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009

The above site was inspected, in accordance with the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

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 appeared to be inadequately maintained.

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

- Movements of lumpfish were not recorded. Records must be updated to include all movements on and off the site.

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.

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 Directorate were available for inspection.

The biosecurity measures plan for the site was inspected and found to be inadequately maintained. The following points were raised with the site representative during the inspection:

- Mortality storage and disposal inaccurate. BMP should be updated to reflect current practice.

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

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:

- Tricaine use was recorded in medicine record when Optomease was used. Records should be updated to reflect correct treatment.

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, 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, containment and escapes.

However, recommendations were issued in relation to the farm management statement and the non-reporting of circumstances which give rise to a significant risk of an escape:

- The farm management statement was inspected and it was found that the site was not managed and operated in accordance with the farm management statement. It was noted that mortality storage and disposal procedures described in the farm management statement did not reflect the current practice on site. Either the site must be operated in accordance with the farm management statement or the farm management statement must be updated to reflect the current practices on site to ensure compliance with the legislation.
- Staff informed inspector during visit that a seal had entered a cage recently but the circumstance which gave rise to a significant risk of escape was not reported to Scottish Ministers as required by the current policy. Initial and final escapes notifications must be submitted retrospectively.

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

The site may be subject to further inspection or enforcement action should the appropriate action regarding the above points not be taken within the time period stipulated.

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:

Date: 12/12/2023

Fish Health Inspector

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