

Case No: 2024-0040 Date of visit: 23/02/2024

Time spent on site: 3hrs Main Inspector:

Site No: FS1342 Site Name: West Strome

Business No: FB0169 Business Name: Bakkafrøst Scotland

Case Types: 1 UNI 2 REG 3 4 5 6

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

Observations: Region: HI Water type: S CoGP MA M-20

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

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

Additional Case Information:

Paperwork and inspection by [REDACTED], accompanied by [REDACTED].

Site inspected following complaint regarding biosecurity received on 12/12/24.

The complaint was reportedly sent to RSPCA as well and the site was reported to have had their Freedom Foods certification suspended, pending a full audit of the site for the accreditation scheme. The site has recently undergone and passed there audit for Freedom Foods and a harvest so scheduled for 26/02/24. It was reported that the site will undergo additional Freedom Foods audits this year.

Following the complaint, Bakka Frost reviewed and undertook retraining of staff in relation to mortality removal, fish welfare, storage and biosecurity. Training records were available for inspection and were up to date.

In addition to this, training records were available for annual refresher training to cover - Biosecurity, fish welfare, escape contingency, mortality classification, cleaner fish welfare, use of T.M.S., welfare standards, culling & moribund removal, harvest & processing welfare and routine event and fallen stock removal. All training records were available for inspection. Staff in the video submitted with the complaint were reported to be from another site and were on site to help whilst the site staff were dealing with FW / FLS treatments, this was required as the site has strict operating hours, although it was reported that exemptions can be applied for in specific circumstances.

During inspection of site, bins used for mortality removal were clearly labelled, lids were kept on with exception of when mortalities were being counted and placed in the bins. Mortalities were collected in a braille net using uplift system, with mortalities being counted and recorded against different causes. This was done at the individual pen level, with lid returned to fish bin between pens. No fish were transported in the braille net.

The area at the shorebase the area where mortalities are stored was inspected. A sealed skip is used for mortality collection, with a second skip on site available if required. The area around the skip was clean and tidy. Spare bins used for mortality collection were clean and neatly stacked at one end of the yard. No issues were observed with the processes on site.



FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

BUSINESS No FB0169
SITE No FS1342
CASE No 20240040

DATE OF VISIT 23/02/2024
SITE NAME West Strome
INSPECTORS [REDACTED]

The above site was inspected without prior notification following a complaint received by a third party regarding biosecurity procedures on site.

During the inspection, training records were observed to be maintained and up to date. The following procedures related to mortality removal and storage were observed and found to be conducted as detailed in the site specific procedures.

- Mortality removal
- Mortality counting
- Mortality storage
- Biosecurity moving between pens and
- Mortality storage at the shorebase

No issues were observed at time of inspection.

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

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Signed:

Date: 25/07/24

Fish Health Inspector

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