

Case No:	<input type="text" value="2019-0072"/>	Date of visit:	<input type="text" value="21/06/2019"/>			
Time spent on site:	<input type="text" value="2 hours"/>	Main Inspector:	<input type="text" value=""/>			
Site No:	<input type="text" value="FS1239"/>	Site Name:	<input type="text" value="Grampian"/>			
Business No:	<input type="text" value="FB0544"/>	Business Name:	<input type="text" value="Scotland"/>			
Case Types:	1 <input type="text" value="REP"/>	2 <input type="text" value="DIA"/>	3 <input type="text" value=""/>	4 <input type="text" value=""/>	5 <input type="text" value=""/>	6 <input type="text" value=""/>
Water Temp (°C):	<input type="text" value="15.3"/>	Thermometer No:	<input type="text" value="T205"/>	FHI 045 completed	<input type="text" value=""/>	
Observations:	Region:	GR	Water type:	B	CoGP MA	
Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present?	<input type="text" value="N"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Clinical signs of disease observed?	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Gross pathology observed?	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Diagnostic samples taken?	<input type="text" value="Y"/>					

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**Additional Case Information:**

Contacted by the River Dee Trust [REDACTED] regarding an Atlantic salmon caught in the River Dee on the Ballogie fishing beat with haemorrhaging on the ventral surface. The fish was not moribund or lethargic and was being kept in a keepnet. A full diagnostic sample was collected. The River Dee has seen high water levels in recent weeks, this means fish do not appear to have any problems getting upriver. It was discussed that some anglers had seen salmon in recent weeks with sea lice still attached to the fish indicating the salmon had been in the river for less than 24hrs that also showed ventral haemorrhaging.

Accompanied by [REDACTED], all sampling by [REDACTED] supervised by [REDACTED]

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	F1	P1											
Fish nos	1	1											
Pool Group	P1												
Species	SAL												
Average weight	3kg												
Sex	Female												
Water Type	FW												
Stock Origin	River Dee												
Facility No	N/A												





Case no: 2019-0072

Site No: FS1239

Method of killing:

Date of visit: 21/06/2019

Inspector(s):

Sheet Relevant: Y

S for strong presence: M for medium presence: W for weak presence

Fish Number	F1								
Time sampled after death (if > 45 minutes)									
External Signs									
Behaviour	Moribund								
	Lethargic								
	Hanging vertical								
	Spiralling								
	Flashing								
	Loss of equilibrium								
Body	Dark								
	Distended abdomen								
	Anorexic								
	Scale Oedema								
Opercula	Shortened								
	Flared								
Haemorrhaging	Throat								
	Ventrum	M							
	Base of fins								
	Elsewhere								
Eyes	Exophthalmic								
	Enophthalmic (sunken)								
	Cataract								
	Haemorrhagic								
Gills	Pale								
	Zoned								
	Necrotic								
Lesions	Flank	W							
	Elsewhere	W							
Vent	Inflamed	W							
	Trailing faeces								
Lice Load	Estimate numbers								
Internal Signs									
Ascites	Clear								
	Bloody								
Oedema	In tissues								
Heart	Pale/anaemic								
	Granulomas								
	Deformed								
Liver	Petechial haem								
	Gross haem								
	Tissue breakdown								
	Enlarged								
	Colour number(s)								
	Granulomas								
	Lesions								
Pyloric caeca	Petechial haem								
	Tubules mauve								
	Lack of fat								
Spleen	Enlarged								
	Granulomas								
Gut	No food present								
	Yellow pseudo-faeces								
	External haem								
	Internal haem								
Body wall	Haemorrhaging								
Swim bladder	Haemorrhaging								
	Fluid filled								
Kidney	Swollen								
	Grey								
	Granular								
	Liquefied								
General	Parasites present	W							
	Anaemia								



Additional comments:

Free parasites in the body cavity sampled into 70% ethanol.

No clear open lesions but some areas of shallow damage on the ventral surface and the ventral surface of the caudal fin.

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Case No: 2019-0072
Nature of non-compliance:
Action taken (FHI):
Non-compliance relevant to (delete): VirologyMolGen/Bacteriology/Histology/Parasitology





Dee District Salmon Fishery Board  
River Office  
Mill of Dinnet  
Aboyne  
Aberdeenshire  
AB34 5LA

## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	FB0544	<b>DATE OF VISIT</b>	21/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	FS1239	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Grampian – River Dee
<b>INSPECTOR</b>		<b>CASE No</b>	20190072

#### Section 1: Summary

Following notification of the capture of one wild Atlantic salmon showing haemorrhaging on the ventral surface on the River Dee samples were collected for diagnostic purposes.

Histopathology examination revealed mild mytosis and mild cardiomyopathy. The kidney showed some cysts-like structures.

Parasites collected from the body cavity included *Anisakis* sp. and *Diphyllbothrium latum*. The vent showed heavy infestation of *Anisakis simplex*.

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

#### Section 2: Case Detail

##### Observations

Marine Scotland Science Fish Health Inspectorate was contacted by the Dee District Salmon Fishery Board on the 21 June 2019 regarding a wild Atlantic salmon caught in the River Dee on the Ballogie fishing beat with haemorrhaging on the ventral surface. The fish was not moribund or lethargic and had been line caught. Due to recent concerns regarding wild Atlantic salmon displaying similar clinical signs the decision was taken to collect samples. The fish was kept in a keep net at the river bank until inspectors arrived in the afternoon to conduct a full diagnostic sample.

Externally the fish showed haemorrhaging on the ventral surface and had a small area of possible physical damage on the flank with what looked to be the early stages of a developing lesion. As well as damage to the ventral surface of the caudal fin and the vent was inflamed. Internally a moderate level of free parasites were observed in the body cavity.

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## Samples

Samples were collected according to the table below:

Fish number	Pool number	Species	Stage	Origin
F1	P1	Atlantic salmon	2.2+ *	River Dee, near Potarch

\* as determined by scale reading, the salmon spent 2 years in freshwater before going to sea as a smolt, it subsequently spent 2+ years at sea before returning to freshwater as an

## Results

**Bacteriology:** Kidney, gill, spleen and lesion material was inoculated onto appropriate media for the isolation of bacteria.

No significant bacteria were isolated.

**Virology:** Tissue samples were tested for segments of nucleic acid indicative of the presence of the pathogens specified below using real-time PCR (QPCR).

The samples tested negative for infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV), infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV), infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAV), salmonid alphavirus (SAV), viral haemorrhagic septicaemia virus (VHSV), piscine reovirus (PRV) and piscine myocarditis virus (PMCV).

A general screen was conducted on tissue samples to test for the presence of viral pathogens by cell culture. The result of this test was negative.

**Parasitology:** Fins were collected to determine the presence of *Gyrodactylus salaris* using light microscopy and molecular techniques (PCR).

No *G. salaris* parasites were detected in the samples examined.

Parasites collected in the body cavity were identified as *Anisakis simplex* and *Diphyllbothrium latum*. Analysis of the sampled vent showed a heavy infestation of *Anisakis simplex*.

**Histology:** Tissue samples of gill, skin and skeletal muscle, heart, pyloric caeca, pancreas, hind gut, liver, spleen and kidney were taken from F1. The tissue samples were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin.

Histopathological examination by light microscopy revealed the following:

Gill: Mild increase of eosinophilic granular cells at the centre of gill filaments.

Skin and Muscle: Multiple small foci of skeletal red fibre degeneration (shrunken fibres and increase in fibre eosinophilia) and some with associated inflammatory cells.

Heart: Several small foci of leucocyte infiltration and degeneration of the myocardial fibres at the vicinity.

Gut and Pyloric caeca: within normal range.

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Pancreas: within normal range.

Liver: Single focus of infiltrating inflammation close to peripheral area and some vascular cuffing.

Kidney: Region (sub capsular) with cysts- like structures filled with proteinaceous material, some surrounded by some haemorrhage.

Spleen: slightly congested.

Signed:



Fish Health Inspector

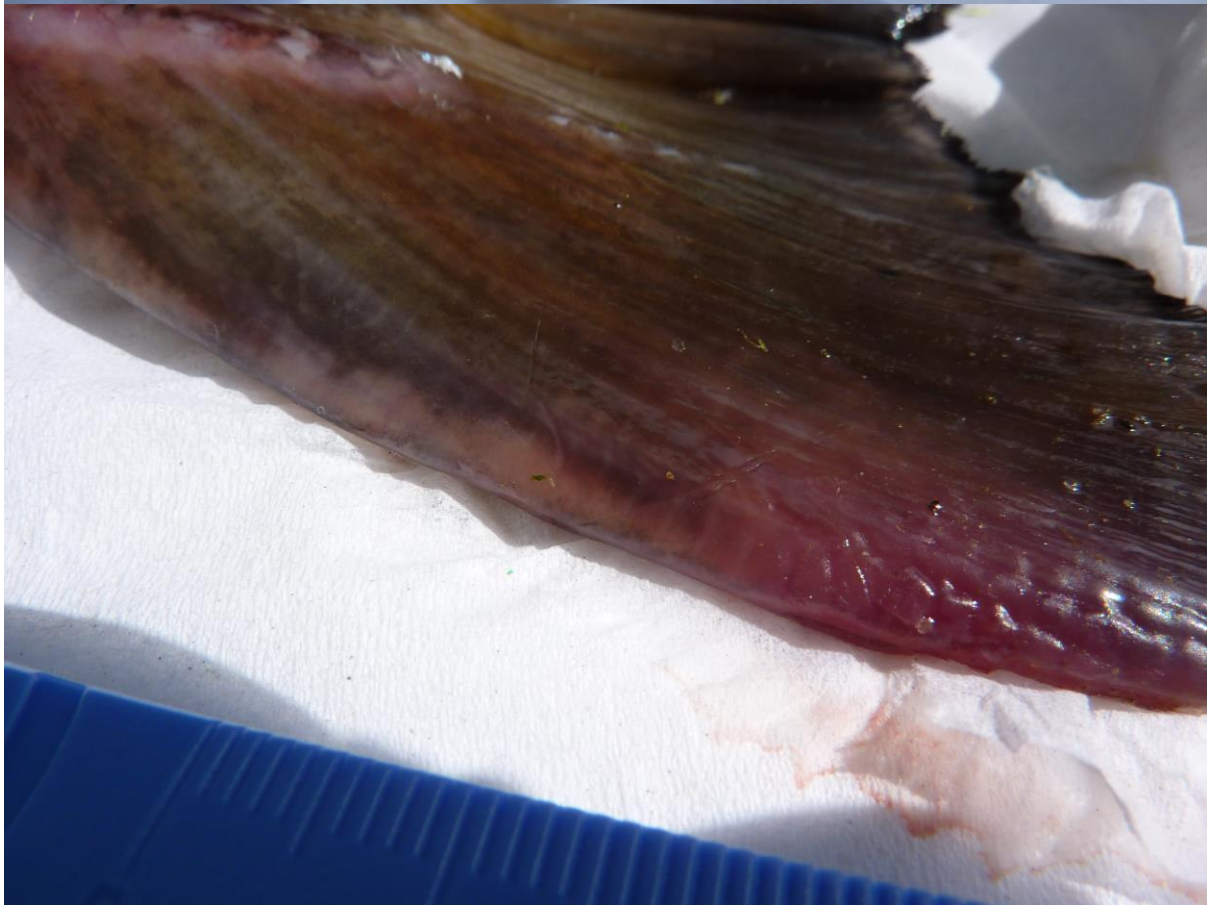
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2019-0072 Wild fish diagnostic River Dee 21/6/2019









Case No: 2019-0169 Date of visit: 03/06/2019

Time spent on site: 1hr Main Inspector:

Site No: SS0553 Site Name: Eilean Nam Meann  
Business No: SB0224 Business Name: Lismore Shellfish

Case Types: 1 PSI 2 3 4 5 6

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

Observations: Region: ST Water type: S CoGP MA

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

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**Additional Case Information:**

Case No: **2019-0169**

Site No: **SS0553**

Date of case: **43619**

Inspector(s): **[Redacted]**

Business/site contacts correct? (if no, update site summary sheet) **Y**

**Site Details**

Total No facilities:	<b>250 Trays</b>				No facilities stocked:	<b>220 Trays</b>	
Species	<b>CGI</b>	<b>CGI</b>	<b>CGI</b>	<b>CGI</b>			
Age group	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>			
No shellfish	<b>30,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>			
Mean fish Wt	<b>130g</b>	<b>120g</b>	<b>100g</b>	<b>70g</b>			
Next fallow date (site)	<b>No plan</b>			Next input date (site)	<b>August/September 2019</b>		

Date of last inspection: (ECI or PSI): **01/09/2015**

Any recent increased or atypical mortalities? (last 4 weeks): **N**

If yes, detail:  
e.g. site average, max per facility

[Redacted]

Any increased mortalities? (since last inspection) **N**

If yes, detail:

[Redacted]

How are mortalities disposed of? **Other (detail)**

If other detail: **Empty shells collected from beach, crushed, and used to fill potholes on site access road.**

Are there any diseases on your site? **N**

If yes, detail:

[Redacted]

Have you experienced predation on site? **Y**

If yes, detail: **Occasional predation by oyster catchers.**

Has the site experienced increased or abnormal fouling? **N**

If yes, detail:

[Redacted]

Have you observed any invasive species on your site? **N**

If yes, detail:

[Redacted]

Do you have an up to date BMP, and are there any issues? **Y**

If yes, detail: **Site has an up to date BMP, but there are no issues with it.**

What quantity of spat fall have you had in the last 12 months? (mussel sites only):

**Spat collectors not deployed.**

Case Number:	2019-0169	Site No:	SS0553
Date of Visit	03/06/2019	Inspector:	
<b>Number of Susceptible species on site</b>			
If no susceptible species present = <b>LOW</b> risk			
If susceptible species present, score for each pathogen			
		No	Yes
Susceptible to Bonamia ostrea (OED)		0	25
Susceptible to Marteilia refringens (OED, MED)		0	3
Susceptible to OshV (CGI)		0	3
			3
<b>Sites within a tidal excursion</b>			
		1	2-5
			>6
Site contacts	Number of sites holding susceptible species within a tidal excursion	0	2
			10
			2
<b>Live shellfish movements</b>			
		0	1-2
			>3
Movements on	Frequency of movements on from equivalent MS	0	5
	Frequency of movements on from equivalent zone or compartment including third country	0	10
	Number of suppliers	0	5
			10
			5
Movements off	Frequency of movements off <u>within</u> MSS Management Areas	0	1
	Frequency of movements off <u>outwith</u> MSS Management Areas	0	3
	Number of destinations	0	3
			6
			6
			0
			3
			3
<b>Management practices</b>			
		None	Secure (effluent treatment)
			Unsecure (no effluent treatment)
Water contacts with depuration facilities	Depuration of stock from own sites within MSS management area	0	1
	Depuration of stock from other businesses sites within MSS management area	0	2
	Depuration of stock from sites outwith MSS management area	0	4
			8
			0
			0
			0
<b>Biosecurity</b>			
	Number of sites	1	2 or 3
			≥ 4
Contacts with other sites	Sites operating from single shorebase	0	1
	Sites sharing staff and equipment	0	1
			0
			0
		Yes	No
	Disinfection of equipment between sites, use of footbaths etc	0	2
			0
			0
<b>Total Risk</b>			21





[REDACTED]  
Lismore Shellfish  
The Ferry House  
Easdale Island  
Oban, Argyll  
PA34 4TB  
[REDACTED]

## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	SB0224	<b>DATE OF CASE</b>	03/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	SS0553	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Eilean Nam Meann
<b>INSPECTOR</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>CASE No</b>	20190169

#### **Routine surveillance frequency assessment under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009**

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

The information required for the public record of aquaculture production businesses regarding this site was verified and where necessary updated.

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.

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

Signed:



Date: 03/06/2019

Fish Health Inspector

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Case No:	<input type="text" value="2019-0186"/>	Date of visit:	<input type="text" value="13/06/2019"/>			
Time spent on site:	<input type="text" value="1.5Hrs"/>	Main Inspector:	<input type="text" value=""/>			
Site No:	<input type="text" value="FS1240"/>	Site Name:	<input type="text" value="Highland"/>			
Business No:	<input type="text" value="FB0544"/>	Business Name:	<input type="text" value="Scotland"/>			
Case Types:	1 <input type="text" value="DIA"/>	2 <input type="text" value=""/>	3 <input type="text" value=""/>	4 <input type="text" value=""/>	5 <input type="text" value=""/>	6 <input type="text" value=""/>
Water Temp (°C):	<input type="text" value="12"/>	Thermometer No:	<input type="text" value="T148"/>	FHI 045 completed	<input type="text" value="N"/>	
Observations:	Region:	HI	Water type:	B	CoGP MA:	
Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present?	<input type="text" value="N"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Clinical signs of disease observed?	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Gross pathology observed?	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Diagnostic samples taken?	<input type="text" value="Y"/>					
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**Additional Case Information:**

The Cromarty Firth DSFB contacted FHI on 12/06/2019 to report a salmon that had been caught on the r. Conon with haemorrhaging on the underside. Fish was placed in a keep net and an inspector attended the scene on 13/06/2019. Fish was still alive at time of inspection and did not appear weak. There was slight haemorrhaging on the underside but no other signs. On talking with the fishery board representative, this was the first fish caught with signs of disease on the river and no mortalities have been reported prior to this inspection.

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	F1											
Fish nos	1											
Pool Group												
Species	SAL											
Average weight	4.3000											
Sex	Female											
Water Type	FW											
Stock Details		Wild - River Conon										
	Stock Origin											
Facility No	n/a											







Additional comments:



Site No: FS1240
Case No: 2019-0186
Nature of non-compliance:
Action taken (FHI):
Non-compliance relevant to (delete): VirologyMolGen/Bacteriology/Histology/Parasitology





Cromarty Firth Fishery Board  
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[REDACTED]

## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	FB0544	<b>DATE OF VISIT</b>	13/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	FS1240	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Highland – River Conon
<b>INSPECTOR</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>CASE No</b>	20190186

#### Section 1: Summary

Following a report from the Cromarty District Salmon Fishery Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 of a fish caught showing lesions and ulcers on the ventral surface, Fish Health Inspectors visited the river on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The fish had been placed in a keep net overnight prior to inspection and diagnostic samples were taken.

Histopathology examination revealed myxosporidiosis, which is thought to be incidental. No other significant pathology was found.

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

#### Section 2: Case Detail

##### Observations

Following reports of a diseased wild Atlantic salmon at the river Conon the fish was examined and diagnostic sampling was carried out.

The ghillie from the river Conon informed the inspectorate of a live fish they had caught with lesions and ulcers on the ventral surface. On talking with the fishery board representative, this was the first fish caught with signs of disease on the river and no mortalities have been reported prior to this inspection.

The fish was still alive at time of inspection and did not appear weak. External examination showed there to be slight haemorrhaging on the ventral surface and gills were slightly pale but no other visible signs. Internally, petechial haemorrhaging was noted of the liver and lack of fat of the pyloric caeca. Haemorrhaging was also noted of the body wall and swim bladder.

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## Samples

Samples were collected according to the table below:

Fish number	Pool number	Species	Stage	Origin
F1	P1	Atlantic salmon	4.5-6 kg	River Conon

## Results

**Bacteriology:** Kidney, gill and spleen material was inoculated onto appropriate media for the isolation of bacteria.

No significant bacteria were isolated.

**Virology:** Tissue samples were tested for segments of nucleic acid indicative of the presence of the pathogens specified below using real-time PCR (QPCR).

The samples tested negative for infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV), infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV), infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAV), salmonid alphavirus (SAV), viral haemorrhagic septicaemia virus (VHSV), piscine reovirus (PRV), piscine myocarditis virus (PMCV) and salmon gill poxvirus (SGPV).

A general screen was conducted on tissue samples to test for the presence of viral pathogens by cell culture. The result of this test was negative.

**Parasitology:** Fins were collected to determine the presence of *Gyrodactylus salaris* using light microscopy.

No *G. salaris* parasites were detected in the samples examined.

**Histology:** Tissue samples of gill, skin and skeletal muscle, heart, pyloric caeca, pancreas, hind gut, liver, spleen and kidney were taken from F1. The tissue samples were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin.

Histopathological examination revealed the following:

- Intestine – Within normal range.
- Pancreas - Within normal range.
- Heart - 2 small thrombi (insignificant) and a small area of increased muscle cell eosinophilia.
- Liver - small focus of fatty hepatocytes (not significant).
- Spleen - Within normal range.
- Kidney - very mild intratubular myxosporidiosis otherwise within normal range.

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- Skin/muscle - one section apparently within normal range apart from a small region where the iridophore layer has been disrupted and with adjacent adipose cells exhibiting increased granularity.

Signed:



Fish Health Inspector

Date: 01/08/2019

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Case No: 2019-0189 Date of visit: 13/06/2019

Time spent on site: 1.5Hrs Main Inspector:

Site No: FS1240 Site Name: Highland

Business No: FB0544 Business Name: Scotland

Case Types: 1 DIA 2 3 4 5 6

Water Temp (°C): 11 Thermometer No: T148 FHI 045 completed N

Observations: Region: HI Water type: B 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? Y If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.

Diagnostic samples taken? Y

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**Additional Case Information:**

Kyle of Sutherland DSFB contacted FHI on 13/06/2019 to report a moribund salmon that had just been caught on the river Cassely with severe lesions, haemorrhaging and patches of fungus. FHI inspected and samples taken the same day. The fish was dead on arrival but had been alive earlier in the day. Full set of samples taken as time of death was unknown. Three fish had already been handed into the fishery board and frozen. Fish handed in had haemorrhaging on the underside and in the fins but no lesions. These fish were not sampled.

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	F1											
Fish nos	1											
Pool Group												
Species	SAL											
Average weight	3.0000											
Sex	Female											
Water Type	FW											
Stock Details		Wild - River Cassley										
	Stock Origin											
Facility No	n/a											







Additional comments:

Fish checked by gillie at 08:00 morning of inspection and was still alive. Was dead at time of inspection 13:30. Histology samples taken as time of death unknown so samples may be unsuitable. Fish also covered in patches of fungus.

Site No: FS1240
Case No: 2019-0189
Nature of non-compliance:
Action taken (FHI):
Non-compliance relevant to (delete): VirologyMolGen/Bacteriology/Histology/Parasitology







Kyle of Sutherland District Salmon Fishery Board  
Bank House  
Ardgay, Sutherland  
IV24 3BG  
[REDACTED]

## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	FB0544	<b>DATE OF VISIT</b>	13/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	FS1240	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Highland – River Cassely
<b>INSPECTOR</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>CASE No</b>	20190189

#### Section 1: Summary

Following reports of increased wild Atlantic salmon mortalities from the Kyle of Sutherland District Salmon Fishery Board the Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) were contacted on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to report a moribund salmon that had just been caught on the River Cassely with severe lesions, haemorrhaging and patches of fungus. Unfortunately when the inspector arrived the fish was dead, however a full set of diagnostic samples was taken as time of death was unknown and the fish had been reported to be alive earlier the same day.

Histopathology examination revealed cutaneous saprolegniasis.

The gill sample was screened for salmon gillpox virus (SGPV) by QPCR and tested positive. However, histopathology did not show tissue alteration consistent with clinical SPGV.

Microscopic examination revealed a fungus-like organism matching the characteristics of *Saprolegnia* sp.. However, the level and mixed nature of the growth would not suggest it to be the primary source of the clinical signs observed.

*Yersinia ruckeri*, *Flavobacterium psychrophilum* and *Aeromonas* sp. were isolated. *Yersinia ruckeri* and *Flavobacterium psychrophilum* are known to be the causative agents of enteric redmouth disease (ERDM) and rainbow trout fry syndrome (RTFS). *Aeromonas* sp. and *Saprolegnia* sp. are more commonly known as opportunist pathogens. However, the level and purity of growth would not suggest they are the primary cause of morbidity in this case.

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

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## Section 2: Case Detail

### Observations

Following reports of increased mortality in wild Atlantic salmon at the River Cassely, one moribund fish was reported, examined and sampled on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Three fish with haemorrhaging on the underside and in the fins had already been handed in to the Kyle of Sutherland DSFB and had been frozen. These fish were not sampled.

Externally examination of the fish sampled showed haemorrhaging on the ventral surface, severe lesions on the flank and pale gills. A fungus-like infection was also present on the flank and head.

Internally, haemorrhaging was observed on the liver, body wall and swim bladder. The swim bladder was also fluid filled.

### Samples

Samples were collected according to the table below:

Fish number	Pool number	Facility number	Species	Stage	Origin
F1	P1	n/a	Atlantic salmon	4.5-6 kg	River Cassely

### Results

**Bacteriology:** Kidney, gill, spleen and lesion material were inoculated onto appropriate media for the isolation of bacteria.

The following bacteria were isolated:

- *Yersinia ruckeri* (gill, spleen, kidney & lesion)
- *Flavobacterium psychrophilum* (spleen)
- *Aeromonas* sp. (spleen & kidney)

*Saprolegnia* sp. a fungal-like (oomycete) organism was also observed on plates taken from gill & kidney material.

**Virology:** Tissue samples were tested for segments of nucleic acid indicative of the presence of the pathogens specified below using real-time PCR (QPCR).

Fish 1 tested positive by PCR (QPCR) for the following:

Salmon gill poxvirus (SGPV)

Fish Number	Endogenous control Cp value	Cp Values			Reported Result (PCR)
F1	24.86	36.76	36.12	37.66	Positive

The samples tested negative for infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV), infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV), infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAV), salmonid alphavirus

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(SAV), viral haemorrhagic septicaemia virus (VHSV), piscine reovirus (PRV), piscine myocarditis virus (PMCV).

A general screen was conducted on tissue samples to test for the presence of viral pathogens by cell culture. The result of this test was negative.

**Parasitology:** Fins were collected to determine the presence of *Gyrodactylus salaris* using light microscopy.

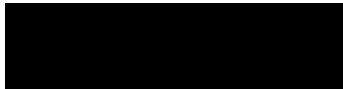
No *G. salaris* parasites were detected in the samples examined.

**Histology:** Tissue samples of gill, skin and skeletal muscle, heart, pyloric caeca, pancreas, hind gut, liver, spleen and kidney were taken from F1. The tissue samples were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin.

Histopathological examination revealed the following:

- Heart, intestine, kidney, liver and gills – Within normal range.
- Spleen - very prominent ellipsoids (possibly within normal limits - for large wild salmon)
- Skin/muscle - Saprolegniasis affecting the epidermis with some evidence of penetration into the dermis. Musculature degenerate, query quality of fixation and/or post mortem artefact.

Signed:



Fish Health Inspector

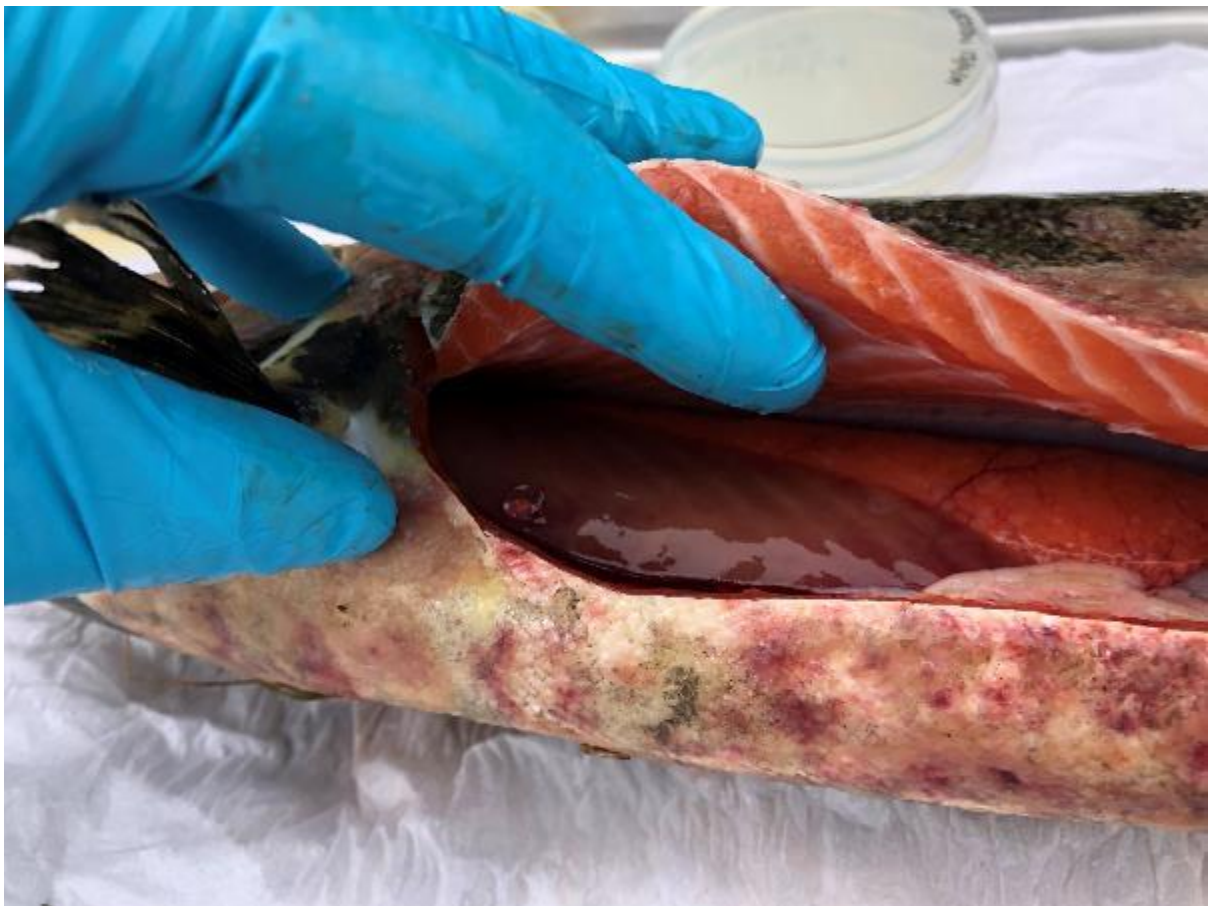
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Case No:  Date of visit:

Time spent on site:  Main Inspector:

Site No:  Site Name:   
Business No:  Business Name:

Case Types: 1  2  3  4  5  6

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

Observations: Region: HI Water type: B CoGP MA

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

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

**Additional Case Information:**

River Helmsdale DSFB contacted FHI on 31/05/2019 to report an increase of wild atlantic salmon mortality beginning in May. Bailiffs have recovered 50-60 dead and moribund salmon, all affected salmon appear to be fresh run from the sea, with evidence of a fungus-like infection and haemorrhaging/physical damage on the belly. Water levels in the river have been good, it is not expected that there have been any major fluctuations in water temperature over this period.

FHI attended the Helmsdale DSFB hatchery (FS1184) on 04/06/2019. Two fish caught by rod on 03/06/2019 (F1 - Beat 3 above and (F2 - Beat 5 lower) were held in one of the hatchery tanks. Both fish showed evidence of haemorrhaging/physical damage on belly and around vent, the fish appeared in good condition apart from this and were very active in the holding tank. A third fish (F3 - Beat 4 above) was netted from the river on the 04/06/2019 during the inspection, the fish was moribund and showed signs of a fungus-like infection on the head, flank and belly. Sampling carried out on all 3 fish. Fish were dispatched one at a time immediately before sampling.

F1 sampled by JET, F2-3 sampled carried out by NYL, supervised by JET. Casesheet completed by JET.

Salmon gill poxvirus PCR test carried out after case originally closed. Additional testing carried out due to salmon gillpox virus pathology being observed in another wild fish diagnostic case (2019-0322), gill material from previous wild fish cases was re-read, with similar gill pathology observed in F3 from this case. PCR test confirmed the result. Updated fish health report issued.



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	F1	F2	F3	P1								
Fish nos	1	2	3	1-3								
Pool Group	P1	P1	P1									
Species	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL								
Average weight	6.8000	4.5000	5.5000									
Sex	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A								
Water Type	FW	FW	FW	FW								
Stock Details		River Helmsdale	River Helmsdale	River Helmsdale	River Helmsdale							
	Stock Origin											
Facility No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A								



Case no: 2019-0212

Site No: FS1240

Method of killing: Percussive

Date of visit: 04/06/2019

Inspector(s):

Sheet Relevant: Y

S for strong presence: M for medium presence: W for weak presence

Fish Number		F1	F2	F3						
Time sampled after death (if > 45 minutes)										
External Signs										
Behaviour	Moribund			S						
	Lethargic									
	Hanging vertical									
	Spiralling									
	Flashing									
	Loss of equilibrium									
Body	Dark									
	Distended abdomen									
	Anorexic									
	Scale Oedema									
Opercula	Shortened									
	Flared									
Haemorrhaging	Throat									
	Ventrum	W	W	W						
	Base of fins	W	W	W						
	Elsewhere									
Eyes	Exophthalmic									
	Enophthalmic (sunken)									
	Cataract									
	Haemorrhagic									
Gills	Pale			m						
	Zoned									
	Necrotic									
Lesions	Flank									
	Elsewhere									
Vent	Inflamed	w	m	w						
	Trailing faeces									
Lice Load	Estimate numbers		0	0	0					
Internal Signs										
Ascites	Clear									
	Bloody									
Oedema	In tissues									
Heart	Pale/anaemic									
	Granulomas									
	Deformed									
Liver	Petechial haem	W	W	W						
	Gross haem									
	Tissue breakdown									
	Enlarged									
	Colour number(s)									
	Granulomas									
	Lesions									
Pyloric caeca	Petechial haem		m							
	Tubules mauve									
	Lack of fat									
Spleen	Enlarged			S						
	Granulomas									
Gut	No food present	S	S	S						
	Yellow pseudo-faeces									
	External haem									
	Internal haem									
Body wall	Haemorrhaging									
Swim bladder	Haemorrhaging									
	Fluid filled									
Kidney	Swollen									
	Grey									
	Granular									
	Liquefied									
General	Parasites present	W		W						
	Anaemia									



Additional comments:

F3 Fungus on flank and head

Site No: FS1240

Case No: 2019-0212

Nature of non-compliance:

Action taken (FHI):

Non-compliance relevant to (delete): VirologyMolGen/Bacteriology/Histology/Parasitology







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Helmsdale District Salmon Fishery Board  
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## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

BUSINESS No	FB0544	DATE OF VISIT	04/06/2019
SITE No	FS1240	SITE NAME	Highland – River Helmsdale
INSPECTOR	████████████████████	CASE No	20190212

#### Section 1: Summary

Following a report of increased wild Atlantic salmon mortalities from the River Helmsdale District Salmon Fisheries Board on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019, Fish Health Inspectors visited the river on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Two fish were caught by rod on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 and held in tanks at the DSFB hatchery. One moribund fish with evidence of a fungus-like infection was removed from the river on the day of the inspection. All three fish were examined and diagnostic samples were taken.

Histopathology examination revealed mild myositis in F1 and F2. F3 showed an increase in inflammatory cells in the hematopoietic tissue of the kidney (nephritis), marked bacterial necrotising splenitis and minimal myocarditis. Cestoda parasites were seen but are known to live commensally. Myxosporidiosis was observed in the kidney of F1 and is likely incidental.

Parasitology examination identified the presence of cestode postlarvae of the species *Hepatoxylon squali* in F3. A plerocercoid of *H. squali* was also found embedded in the tissue of F1. The vent of F1 also showed heavy infestation of *Anisakis simplex*, while the vent of F2 showed a light infestation of the same parasite. These are not considered to have contributed to morbidity.

*Yersinia ruckeri*, *Aeromonas* spp., *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Saprolegnia* sp. were all identified on plates taken from F3 showing mixed levels of growth. No significant growth was observed on plates taken from F1 and F2. It should be noted that *Yersinia ruckeri* is a primary fish pathogen and that *Aeromonas* spp. at the level observed would probably have had an impact on the health of F3.

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

#### Section 2: Case Detail

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## Observations

Following reports of increased mortality in wild Atlantic salmon at the River Helmsdale, three fish were examined and diagnostic sampling was carried out. F1 and F2 were rod-caught on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 from Beat 3 above and Beat 5 lower respectively, and held in tanks until the time of sampling. F3 was moribund, and netted from the river (Beat 4 above) on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 while inspectors were on site.

Bailiffs informed the inspectors that they had recovered between 50-60 dead and moribund salmon from the river since the beginning of May 2019, all of which appeared to be fresh run from the sea. It was also noted that water levels in the river had been good, and no significant fluctuations in water temperature had been recorded over this period.

Externally, haemorrhaging was observed along the ventral surface and the base of the fins in all three fish. The vent in all three fish was also observed to be inflamed and the gills in F3 were markedly pale in colour. F3 showed evidence of a fungus-like infection on the flank and belly.

Internally, petechial haemorrhaging was observed in the liver of all three fish and in the pyloric caeca of F2. The spleen was enlarged in F3 and none of the fish sampled had any food in their gut. Parasites were noted in F1 and F3.

## Samples

Samples were collected from 3 fish according to the table below:

Fish number	Pool number	Species	Stage	Origin
F1-3	P1	Atlantic salmon	4.5-6kg	River Helmsdale

## Results

**Bacteriology:** Kidney, gill, spleen and lesion material from F1-3 were inoculated onto appropriate media for the isolation of bacteria.

The following bacteria were isolated from fish F3:

- *Yersinia ruckeri* (Kidney, Spleen, Lesion)
- *Aeromonas* spp. (Kidney, Spleen, Lesion)
- *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (Gill)
- *Saprolegnia* sp. (Lesion)

**Virology:** Tissue samples were tested for segments of nucleic acid indicative of the presence of the pathogens specified below using real-time PCR (QPCR).

The samples tested negative for infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV), infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV), infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAV), salmonid alphavirus (SAV), viral haemorrhagic septicaemia virus (VHSV), piscine reovirus (PRV) and piscine myocarditis virus (PMCV).

**Parasitology:** Fins were collected to determine the presence of *Gyrodactylus salaris* using light microscopy.

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No *G. salaris* parasites were detected in the samples examined.

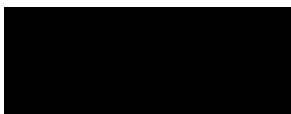
Parasite found in the body cavity of F1 and F3 was identified as *Hepatoxylon squali*. There was a heavy infestation of the nematode, *Anisakis simplex* in the vent of F1, and a light infestation in the vent of F2.

**Histology:** Tissue samples of gill, skin and skeletal muscle, heart, pyloric caeca, pancreas, hind gut, liver, spleen, and kidney were taken from F1-3. The tissue samples were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin.

Histopathological examination revealed the following:

- Gill: Three small foci of lamellar hyperplasia and lamellar fusion noted in F3. Some lamellar tip clubbing noted in all fish and free blood among gill filament (F2) (likely associated with percussive stunning method).
- Skin & Muscle: Multiple small foci of skeletal red fibre degeneration (shrunken fibres and increase in fibre eosinophilia) and mild focal inflammatory cell infiltration noted in F1 & F2. F2 also showed skeletal white muscle necrosis
- Heart: Three small foci of leucocyte infiltration note in ventricle of F3.
- Gut and pyloric caeca: One Cestoda plerocercoid and intestinal content with bacteria associated.
- Pancreas: Within normal range.
- Liver: Mild to marked diffuse vacuolation (macrovesicular) hepatocyte (F1 & F2).
- Kidney: Some leucocyte infiltration in the hematopoietic tissue of F3. Low intensity of intratubular myxosporidiosis with early spore formation and host response absent (F1).
- Spleen: Marked splenic necrosis with haemorrhage and marked presence of Gram negative rod-shaped bacteria (F3).

Signed:



Fish Health Inspector

Date: 18/07/2019

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F1





F1





F1



F1



F2





F2



F2



F2





F3





F3



F3

Case No: 2019-0268 Date of visit: 05/06/2019

Time spent on site: 1hr Main Inspector:

Site No: SS0575 Site Name: Achnacloich (Site 1)
Business No: SB0130 Business Name: Muckairn Mussels

Case Types: 1 PSI 2 3 4 5 6

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

Observations: Region: ST Water type: S CoGP MA

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:**

This site currently holds Pacific oyster stock that is the remnants of a trial that began several years ago after all mussel sites in Loch Etive (including managers other sites (SS0571, SS0303, SS0200 and SS0576 which now no longer have any equipment in the water, with the exception of the moorings)) were cleared in an attempt to eradicate *Mytilus trossulus*. This site is the only one that currently has any stock. Although this site is authorised for 14 rafts, there is currently only 1 in the water.

The Oysters currently on site are unable to be sold as the Loch is no longer sampled for toxins or E.coli. As a result, the site manager is the only one consuming the stock.

There have been no movements on or off site for several years. The consent for the sites depuration facility has lapsed and so the site no longer depurates any of its stock.

The site manager is hoping the site will be suitable for mussel cultivation in the future, but will be consulting MSS if and when this becomes an option.

Case No: 2019-0268

Site No: SS0575

Date of case: 05/06/2019

Inspector(s):

Business/site contacts correct? (if no, update site summary sheet) Y

Site Details

Total No facilities:	1 Raft	No facilities stocked:	1 Raft
Species	CGI		
Age group	2014		
No shellfish	1,000		
Mean fish Wt	Unknown		
Next fallow date (site)	No plan	Next input date (site)	No plan

Date of last inspection: (ECI or PSI): 12/05/2016

Any recent increased or atypical mortalities? (last 4 weeks): N

If yes, detail: e.g. site average, max per facility

Any increased mortalities? (since last inspection) N

If yes, detail:

How are mortalities disposed of? Other (detail)

If other detail: No mortalities on site

Are there any diseases on your site? N

If yes, detail:

Have you experienced predation on site? N

If yes, detail:

Has the site experienced increased or abnormal fouling? N

If yes, detail:

Have you observed any invasive species on your site? N

If yes, detail:

Do you have an up to date BMP, and are there any issues? Y

If yes, detail: Site has BMP, no issues reported.

What quantity of spat fall have you had in the last 12 months? (mussel sites only):







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Muckairn Mussels  
Achnacloich  
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## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	SB0130	<b>DATE OF CASE</b>	05/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	SS0575	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Achnacloich (Site 1)
<b>INSPECTOR</b>	██████████	<b>CASE No</b>	20190268

#### **Routine surveillance frequency assessment under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009**

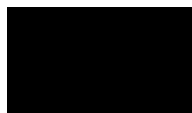
The above site was contacted in accordance with the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009, and to meet the requirements of European Community Council Directive 2006/88/EC.

The information required for the public record of aquaculture production businesses regarding this site was verified and where necessary updated.

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

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

Signed:



Date: 05/06/2019

Fish Health Inspector

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Case No: 2019-0269 Date of visit: 10/06/2019

Time spent on site: 2 hours Main Inspector:

Site No: FS0434 Site Name: Loch Ness  
Business No: FB0119 Business Name: Mowi Scotland Ltd

Case Types: 1 MIX 2 PSI 3 4 5 6

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

Observations: Region: HI Water type: F CoGP MA

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

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

**Additional Case Information:**

Site currently fallow. Fish will be input in July from Inverpolly. No reported health issues with last cycle of fish.

Site fallow since 18/11/18 - went to Camas Glas.

No mixing since at least 2016 when the current site manager took on site. No plans to MIX in foreseeable future.

Case Number:	2019-0269	Site No:	FS0434	Insp:		
Date of Visit	10/06/2019	No of movements/supp./dest.			Score	
<b>Live fish movements</b>		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	0
	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	6
	Number of destinations	0	3	6	10	3
<b>Exposure via water</b>	<b>Site contacts</b>	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		1
	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		
<b>Management practices</b>		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				0
	Common processes with other farms	3				
	Collection point for waste from other farms	5				
Use of unpasteurised feeds	No feeding of unpasteurised feed	0				0
	Feeding unpasteurised feed	5				
<b>Biosecurity</b>	<b>Number of sites</b>	1	2 or 3	≥ 4		
Contacts with other sites	Sites operating from single shorebase	0	1	2		0
	Sites sharing staff and equipment	0	1	2		
Disinfection of equipment between sites, use of footbaths etc	Yes	0				0
	No	1				
<b>CoGP/Regulator</b>						
Practices in accordance with regulator or industry code of practice	Yes	0				0
	No	3				
Platform access to cages	Yes	0				0
	No	2				
<b>Total Rank</b>					<b>10</b>	<b>LOW</b>

Case No:  Site No:

Date of case:  Inspector(s):

Business/site contacts correct? (if no update site summary sheet)  Y

**Site Details**

Total No facilities	<input type="text" value="18"/>	No facilities stocked	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Species	<input type="text" value="fallow"/>		
Age group			
No Fish			
Mean Fish Wt			
Next Fallow Date (Site)	<input type="text" value="fallow"/>	Next Input Date (Site)	<input type="text" value="july"/>

Date of last inspection: (ECI or PSI)

Any recent increased or atypical mortalities? (last 4 weeks.)

If yes, detail:  
e.g. site average, max per cage

Any increased mortalities? (since last inspection.)

If yes, detail:

How are mortalities disposed of?

If other detail:

Any treatments? (since last inspection)

If yes, detail:

Other:

Any disease on site? (since last inspection)

If yes, detail:

Has any animal health surveillance or diagnostic investigations been carried out by, or on behalf of, the business?

Any significant results?

If yes, detail:

Is there a history of sea lice issues at the site in previous 4 years

If yes, detail:

Has site been able to keep lice levels below the recommended lice levels?

If no, detail:

Treatment discharge for sea lice in place?

If yes, detail:

Where sea lice treatments have been administered have they had an effect?

If no, detail:

Is a management area agreement in place?

Does your CoGP Farm management area fallow in synchrony?

Any reported escapes? (check prior to phone call)

Any escapes? (since last inspection)

If yes, detail:  
(include date)

Any significant changes to your biosecurity procedures since previous visit?

N

If yes, detail:

[Redacted area]





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## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	FB0119	<b>DATE OF CASE</b>	10/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	FS0434	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Loch Ness
<b>INSPECTOR</b>	██████████	<b>CASE No</b>	20190269

#### **Routine surveillance frequency assessment under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009**

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

The information required for the public record of aquaculture production businesses regarding this site was verified and where necessary updated.

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

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

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

Signed:

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Date: 24/06/2019

Fish Health Inspector

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Case No:  Date of visit:

Time spent on site:  Main Inspector:

Site No:  Site Name:   
 Business No:  Business Name:

Case Types: 1  2  3  4  5  6

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

Observations: Region: HI Water type: F CoGP MA

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

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

**Additional Case Information:**

Fish input 6 days ago from Barvas by lorry. More fish to arrive at the end of June. Previous cycle put to sea in Feb 2019. No reported issues. Small amount of fungus. Formalin water treatment in summer for white spot and costia  
Unannounced inspection for VMD. Fish 3g so unable to take samples.

Formalin treatments not recorded in medicine records as a water treatment. No other treatments. Vaccines recorded in book.

Fish on site currently will initially go to sea in September 2019.

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**

Total No facilities	<input type="text" value="20"/>	Facilities stocked	<input type="text" value="4"/>	No facilities inspected	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Species	<input type="text" value="Sal"/>				
Age group	<input type="text" value="Parr"/>				
No Fish	<input type="text" value="360,000"/>				
Mean Fish Wt	<input type="text" value="3g"/>				
Next Fallow Date (Site)	<input type="text" value="March 2020"/>	Next Input Date (Site)	<input type="text" value="Next week - Barvas"/>		

Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?  Any escapes (since last visit)?   
 If yes, detail:

**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, add MRT case and enter on mortality events sheet.

1. Recent treatments (last 4 wks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
If yes, detail:	<input type="text"/>	
If other, detail:	<input type="text"/>	
2. Medicines records available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Are records complete and correctly entered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
4. Are fish in a withdrawal period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
5. If yes, what treatment(s)?	<input type="text"/>	
If other, detail:	<input type="text"/>	
6. Are medicines stored appropriately?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y

**Biosecurity Records**

1. Biosecurity records available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Has the manner and frequency of mortality removal, recording and safe disposal been considered?	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Has the manner and period in which the APB will notify Scottish Ministers or veterinary professional of any <i>increased (unexplained)</i> mortality at the site been included?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 <i>how</i> and <i>when</i> that will be notified to Scottish Ministers?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Has the health status of aquaculture animals being stocked on the farm site been covered (equal or higher health status, certification if required)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is documentation available regarding the measures in place to maintain the physical containment of aquaculture animals held on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Have the biosecurity procedures been adequately implemented on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>
If no, detail:	<input type="text"/>

**Results of Surveillance**

1. Has any animal health surveillance been carried out by, or on behalf of, the business?	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. If yes, are results available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Any significant results?	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems).	<input type="text"/>

Records checked between:





Torridon Smolts Ltd  
Shieldaig  
Strathcarron  
Ross-shire  
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## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	FB0224	<b>DATE OF VISIT</b>	11/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	FS0375	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Loch Damp
<b>INSPECTOR</b>		<b>CASE No</b>	20190270

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

The above site was visited in accordance with the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015. On this occasion the inspection was unannounced to meet the requirements of European Council Regulation 882/2004. [delete as appropriate.

Samples were not taken to be analysed for veterinary residues as the average weight of the fish (3g) was too small for sampling.

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 information required for the public record of aquaculture production businesses regarding this site was verified and where necessary updated.

Medicine records were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

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.

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:



Fish Health Inspector

Date:25/06/2019

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Website - [www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/science](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/science)

Case No: 2019-0271 Date of visit: 13/06/2019

Time spent on site: 6 hours Main Inspector:

Site No: FS0594 Site Name: Aird  
Business No: FB0169 Business Name: The Scottish Salmon Company

Case Types: 1 REP 2 DIA 3 4 5 6

Water Temp (°C): 10 Thermometer No: T146 FHI 045 completed N/A

Observations: Region: HI Water type: S CoGP MA M-17

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? Y If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.  
Diagnostic samples taken? Y

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

**Additional Case Information:**

██████████ (TSSC vet), ██████████ (TSSC), ██████ (TSSC biologist), ██████████ (TSSC senior biologist) and ██████████ (APHA vet)

Visit conducted following report from Scottish Salmon Watch in relation to welfare issues on site.

Lump fish on site from Swansea, Otterferry and Ocean matters. - all hatchery reared.

Recent mort figures; wk20 0.24%, wk21 0.2%, wk22 0.48% (post treatment), wk23 0.39% wk24 0.10%

Treatments - 27/5- 29/5/19 thermolicer. 17/4/19 hydrolicer, 5/3/19 hydrolicer, 12/12/18 slice, 24/10/18 hydrogen peroxide, 21/9/18 hydrogen peroxide, 4/9/18 slice, 9/7/18 slice

Reported mort event; 1.29% - bad weather 18th March -14th March

Harvesting live to Arnish - last harvest 17/5/19 - harvesting on going.

Last lice count; 25.55 all stages; adult female 2.66, Optilicer on site today and will treat whole site today and tomorrow. Clearance has been good.

Movement book; Not recording source of cleaner fish; asked to record in future. No further action required.

Site inspection, optilicer (Volt Processor) at cage pumping both salmon and lumpfish. Any damaged fish were being removed and dispatched in a harvest bin with an overdose of anaesthetic. On site inspection approximately 10-15 blind, rubbed and moribund were observed at the cage edges. In about three cages this number was about 15-30 fish. Many of these fish were removed during the inspection and killed with an overdoes of anaesthetic. 5 of these fish were sampled for diagnostic examination. Fish were also viewed with the under water cameras on the barge. No moribund or blind fish were observed on the underwater cameras. APHA have advised the Scottish Salmon Company to remove all affected fish immediately and will be recommending that the company reviews its procedures to ensure that enough staff time is dedicated to inspecting cages and removing moribund fish, particularly during periods where there are increased poor doing fish on site. A follow up inspection will be scheduled to check that the recommendation has been complied with.

Case No: **2019-0271** Site No: **FS0594**  
 Date of Visit: **13/06/2019** Inspector(s): **[redacted]**

**Registration/Authorisation Details**

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

**Site Details**

Total No facilities	<b>10</b>	Facilities stocked	<b>10</b>	No facilities inspected	<b>8</b>
Species	<b>sal lum</b>				
Age group	<b>2018 S1</b>	<b>mixed</b>			
No Fish	<b>314,892</b>	<b>37,133</b>			
Mean Fish Wt	<b>4.273 kg</b>	<b>50-75g</b>			
Next Fallow Date (Site)	<b>August 2019</b>		Next Input Date (Site)	<b>Dec/Jan 2019</b>	

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: **28/08/2018**  
 3. Are records complete and correctly entered? **N**  
 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)? **[redacted]**  
 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? **Whole fish - Dundas Chemicals**  
 If other detail: **[redacted]**  
 3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered? **Y**  
 4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks): **see additional info**  
 5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities? **N**  
 If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason: **[redacted]**  
 6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked? **Y**  
 If yes, detail: **see additional info**  
 7. Have increased (unexplained) mortalities been reported to vet or FHI? **Y**  
 If yes, detail action: **reported**  
 8. Have 'mortality events' been reported to FHI? If no, add MRT case and enter on mortality events sheet. **Y**

1. Recent treatments (last 4 wks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
If yes, detail:	see additional info	
If other, detail:		
2. Medicines records available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Are records complete and correctly entered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
4. Are fish in a withdrawal period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
5. If yes, what treatment(s)?	TMS	
If other, detail:		
6. Are medicines stored appropriately?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

**Biosecurity Records**

1. Biosecurity records available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Has the manner and frequency of mortality removal, recording and safe disposal been considered?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 <i>how</i> and <i>when</i> that will be notified to Scottish Ministers?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Has the health status of aquaculture animals being stocked on the farm site been covered (equal or higher health status, certification if required)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is documentation available regarding the measures in place to maintain the physical containment of aquaculture animals held on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Have the biosecurity procedures been adequately implemented on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>
If no, detail:	

**Results of Surveillance**

1. Has any animal health surveillance been carried out by, or on behalf of, the business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
2. If yes, are results available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Any significant results?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems).		

Records checked between: 28/8/18 - 13/6/19



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	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	P1						
Fish nos	1	2	3	4	5	1-5						
Pool Group	P1	P1	P1	P1	P1							
Species	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL						
Average weight	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000						
Sex												
Water Type	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW						
Stock Details												
Stock Origin	mixed	mixed	mixed	mixed	mixed	mixed						
Facility No	mixed	mixed	mixed	mixed	mixed	mixed						



Case no: 2019-0271

Site No: FS0594

Method of killing: Anaesthetic

Date of visit: 13/06/2019

Inspector(s):

Sheet Relevant: Y

S for strong presence: M for medium presence: W for weak presence

Fish Number		1	2	3	4	5				
Time sampled after death (if > 45 minutes)		1-2 hot	1-2 hot	1-2 hot	1-2 hot	1-2 hours				
<b>External Signs</b>										
Behaviour	Moribund	S	S	S	S	S				
	Lethargic	S	S	S	S	S				
	Hanging vertical									
	Spiralling									
	Flashing									
	Loss of equilibrium									
Body	Dark									
	Distended abdomen									
	Anorexic									
	Scale Oedema									
Opercula	Shortened									
	Flared									
Haemorrhaging	Throat									
	Ventrum									
	Base of fins									
	Elsewhere									
Eyes	Exophthalmic									
	Enophthalmic (sunken)									
	Cataract									
	Haemorrhagic	S		S	S	S				
Gills	Pale									
	Zoned									
	Necrotic									
Lesions	Flank	S		S	S					
	Elsewhere									
Vent	Inflamed									
	Trailing faeces									
Lice Load	Estimate numbers									
<b>Internal Signs</b>										
Ascites	Clear									
	Bloody									
Oedema	In tissues									
Heart	Pale/anaemic									
	Granulomas									
	Deformed									
Liver	Petechial haem									
	Gross haem									
	Tissue breakdown									
	Enlarged			S	S					
	Colour number(s)									
	Granulomas									
	Lesions									
Pyloric caeca	Petechial haem									
	Tubules mauve									
	Lack of fat									
Spleen	Enlarged									
	Granulomas									
Gut	No food present									
	Yellow pseudo-faeces			S						
	External haem									
	Internal haem									
Body wall	Haemorrhaging									
Swim bladder	Haemorrhaging									
	Fluid filled									
Kidney	Swollen									
	Grey									
	Granular									
	Liquefied									
General	Parasites present									
	Anaemia									



Additional comments:

All fish sampled were blind. Fish 3 "boil" on flank, Fish 4 enlarged gall bladder.

Case No: **2019-0271**

Site No: **FS0594**

**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 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)

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)





[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

## FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

### SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	FB0169	<b>DATE OF VISIT</b>	13/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	FS0594	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Aird
<b>INSPECTOR</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>CASE No</b>	20190271

#### Section 1: Summary

The fish health inspectorate accompanied an inspector from the Animal and Plant Health Agency during a visit to Aird. On inspection a number of blind fish with damaged eyes and flank abrasions were observed. Samples were taken for diagnostic examination.

Histopathology examination revealed mild multifocal proliferative pathology on the gills and amoebic cells resembling *Neoparamoeba perurans* (the agent of amoebic gill disease) were also noted in F5. Bacterial dermatitis, very mild myocarditis and mild splenic necrosis was also observed.

*Vibrio* spp. was isolated but at a level and purity of growth that would not have caused fish morbidity. *Tenacibaculum* sp. was also isolated. This finding may be more significant as survival of this bacterium is poor on agar plates in primary isolation.

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

#### Section 2: Case Detail

##### Observations

Following a report received by the inspectorate of welfare issues at Aird an inspection was arranged with a veterinarian from the Animal and Plant Health Agency. On inspection of the pens approximately 10-15 blind, rubbed and moribund fish were observed at the surface of each pen. This number increased to approximately 15-30 in three of the pens. During the inspection many of these fish were removed and dispatched with an overdose of aesthetic. While we were on site a boat was present treating the fish. During this procedure any damaged fish were removed and

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dispatched in a harvest bin with an overdose of anaesthetic. Five fish removed directly from the pens were retained for diagnostic examination.

All five fish sampled were moribund, lethargic and blind. Externally four had haemorrhaged eyes and three had flank lesions including a “boil” like lesion on fish three. Internally fish three and four had enlarged livers and fish four had an enlarged gall bladder.

### Samples

Samples were collected from five fish according to the table below:

Fish number	Pool number	Facility number	Species	Stage	Origin
1-5	1	Mixed	Atlantic salmon	2018 S1 at 4.3kg	Mixed

### Results

**Bacteriology:** Kidney, gill and lesion material from five fish were inoculated onto appropriate media for the isolation of bacteria.

The following bacteria were isolated;

*Vibrio* sp. (isolate A) F1(lesion), F3 and F4 (kidney and lesion), F5 (kidney)

*Vibrio* sp. (isolate B) F1(lesion), F3 and F4 (kidney and lesion)

*Tenacibaculum* sp. F1 and F3 (lesion)

The level and purity of growth of *Vibrio* spp. observed would not suggest it would be implicated in fish morbidity. The level of growth of *Tenacibaculum* sp. may be more significant as survival of this bacterium is poor on agar plates in primary isolation.

**Virology:** Tissue samples were tested for segments of nucleic acid indicative of the presence of the pathogens specified below using real-time PCR (QPCR).

The samples tested negative for infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV), infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV), infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAV), viral haemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV), and Salmonid alphavirus (SAV).

**Histology:** Tissue samples of gill, skin and skeletal muscle, heart, pyloric caeca, pancreas, hind gut, liver, spleen, kidney and eyes were taken from five fish. The tissue samples were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin.

Tissues from 5 Atlantic salmon were examined by light microscopy. The following histopathological changes were observed:

**Gill:** Mild multifocal interlamellar hyperplasia with occasional spaces (lacunae), mainly noted distally in the gill filament, some lacunae filled with cell debris, lamellar fusion, epithelial spongiosis and lamellar congestion noted on the hyperplastic plaques, lamellar vascular disturbance (F1, F3 & F5) and hypertrophic goblet cells (F1-F5). Few amoebic cells resembling *Neoparamoeba perurans* were noted in F5 and F4 showed several costia-like cells (*Ichthyobodo* sp.) some associated with the lamellar epithelium and some free. One round structure looking like cartilage noted on one of the hyperplastic plaque (F5). Several scattered thrombi and some tip clubbing noted in all fish.

Skin & Muscle: Absence of epidermal layer (F1) and mild oedema of dermis. Filamentous bacteria that stained Gram negative noted on the upper layer of dermis (F1,F3, F4) and F4 showed some leucocyte infiltration. Single small foci of red fibre degeneration and leucocytes associated in the endomysium (F1).

Heart: Several small nests of basophilic nuclei noted in F2-F5 and small foci of myocardial fibre degeneration note F4 & F5.

Gut and pyloric caeca: Within normal range.

Pancreas: Within normal range.

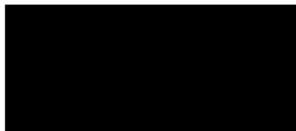
Liver: Mild diffuse hepatocyte vacuolation (F2& F5).

Kidney: Within normal range.

Spleen: Mild multifocal splenic necrosis (F2 & F5). Slightly congested (F3).

Eye: Within normal range

Signed:



Date: 17/07/2019

Fish Health Inspector

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Case No:	<input type="text" value="2019-0272"/>	Date of visit:	<input type="text" value="13/06/2019"/>			
Time spent on site:	<input type="text" value="3 hours"/>	Main Inspector:	<input type="text" value=""/>			
Site No:	<input type="text" value="FS0570"/>	Site Name:	<input type="text" value="Strome"/>			
Business No:	<input type="text" value="FB0169"/>	Business Name:	<input type="text" value="The Scottish Salmon Company"/>			
Case Types:	1 <input type="text" value="ECI"/>	2 <input type="text" value="CNI"/>	3 <input type="text" value="SLI"/>	4 <input type="text" value="VMD"/>	5 <input type="text" value=""/>	6 <input type="text" value=""/>
Water Temp (°C):	<input type="text" value="10.7"/>	Thermometer No:	<input type="text" value="T146"/>	FHI 045 completed	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	
Observations:	Region:	HI	Water type:	S	CoGP MA	M-20
Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present?	<input type="text" value="N"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Clinical signs of disease observed?	<input type="text" value="N"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Gross pathology observed?	<input type="text" value="N"/>	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Diagnostic samples taken?	<input type="text" value="N"/>					

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

**Additional Case Information:**

Fish on site moved to Portree for on-growing Jan 2019 Current fish on site moved on (786 potential brood) from Eport in May 2019. Some Ballan moved into site as well. If these fish are to be stripped they will be moved in July or August possibly to Tulloch Hatchery.

Lice numbers have increased dramatically in the last week. Leps and Caligus. Hydrolicer will be on site this week.

Risk assessments were available for both the movements from Barvas and to Portree.

Movement of dead fish off site recorded in waste management slip. Off whole, Dundas Chemicals; Moss Park.

Previous cycle; Fish moved to Portree at 630g plus lump fish moved. Mort levels 2.545% for the site input to output - Sept 2018 - Jan 2019. Move due to short in number from FW to Portree plus worries about lice history at Strome.

Current stocks; Hydrolice treatment 21/5/19. Alphamax at Uist site (Eport) prior to move.

Current Lice figures; wk 28/5/19 average all stages 5.8, adult females 1. Last week 5/6/19 average all stages 53.4, Adults female 2.2. Wrasse added recently and hydrolicer planed for this week.

BMP; Mortality method and lice count numbers of fish when less that ten cages wrong - updated while on site.



Case No: **2019-0272** Site No: **FS0570**  
 Date of Visit: **13/06/2019** Inspector(s): **[REDACTED]**

**Registration/Authorisation Details**

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

**Site Details**

Total No facilities	<b>14</b>	Facilities stocked	<b>1</b>	No facilities inspected	<b>1</b>
Species	<b>Sal</b>				
Age group	<b>2017 S1</b>				
No Fish	<b>767</b>				
Mean Fish Wt	<b>8kg</b>				
Next Fallow Date (Site)	<b>August</b>	Next Input Date (Site)	<b>not known</b>		

Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems? **Y** Any escapes (since last visit)? **N**  
 If yes, detail: **Increase in lice number.**

**Movement Records**

1. Movement records available for inspection? **Y**  
 2. Date of last inspection: **17/11/2016**  
 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? **Whole fish - Dundas Chemicals**  
 If other detail: **[REDACTED]**  
 3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered? **Y**  
 4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks): **19 dead since input; 12/5/19**  
 5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities? **N**  
 If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason: **[REDACTED]**

6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked? **N**  
 If yes, detail: **[REDACTED]**  
 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, add MRT case and enter on mortality events sheet. **N/A**

1. Recent treatments (last 4 wks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
If yes, detail:	T.M.S.	
If other, detail:	also hydolicer	
2. Medicines records available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Are records complete and correctly entered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
4. Are fish in a withdrawal period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
5. If yes, what treatment(s)?	TMS	
If other, detail:		
6. Are medicines stored appropriately?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y

**Biosecurity Records**

1. Biosecurity records available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
2. Has the manner and frequency of mortality removal, recording and safe disposal been considered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Has the manner and period in which the APB will notify Scottish Ministers or veterinary professional of any <i>increased (unexplained)</i> mortality at the site been included?	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 <i>how</i> and <i>when</i> that will be notified to Scottish Ministers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
7. Is documentation available regarding the measures in place to maintain the physical containment of aquaculture animals held on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
8. Have the biosecurity procedures been adequately implemented on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
If no, detail:		

**Results of Surveillance**

1. Has any animal health surveillance been carried out by, or on behalf of, the business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
2. If yes, are results available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Any significant results?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems).		

Records checked between: 17/11/16- 11/6/19

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												
Pool Group													
Species	SAL												
Average weight	8.0000												
Sex													
Water Type	SW												
Stock Origin	Eport												
Facility No	8												



Case Number:	2019-0272	Site No:	FS0570	Insp:		
Date of Visit	13/06/2019	No of movements/supp./dest.			Score	
<b>Live fish movements</b>		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	0
	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	10
	Number of destinations	0	3	6	10	3
<b>Exposure via water</b>	<b>Site contacts</b>	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		
<b>Management practices</b>		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				0
	Common processes with other farms	3				
	Collection point for waste from other farms	5				
Use of unpasteurised feeds	No feeding of unpasteurised feed	0				0
	Feeding unpasteurised feed	5				
<b>Biosecurity</b>	<b>Number of sites</b>	1	2 or 3	≥ 4		
Contacts with other sites	Sites operating from single shorebase	0	1	2		0
	Sites sharing staff and equipment	0	1	2		1
Disinfection of equipment between sites, use of footbaths etc	Yes	0				0
	No	1				
<b>CoGP/Regulator</b>						
Practices in accordance with regulator or industry code of practice	Yes	0				0
	No	3				
Platform access to cages	Yes	0				0
	No	2				
<b>Total Rank</b>					<b>16</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>

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Site No: **FS0570**

**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 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)

ADDs, top nets, seal blinds

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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Date of Visit: 13/06/2019

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?

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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

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	FB0169	<b>DATE OF VISIT</b>	11/06/2019
<b>SITE No</b>	FS0570	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Strome
<b>INSPECTOR</b>	██████████	<b>CASE No</b>	20190272

### 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 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.

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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.

**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: 28/06/2019

Fish Health Inspector

The Fish Health Inspectorate Service Charter detailing standards of service is available on the Marine Scotland website at [www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/FHI/charter](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/FHI/charter)