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Our ref: PROJ/7374

29 March 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

ADVISORY LETTER REGARDING SEA LICE REGULATION

As you will be aware the Scottish aquaculture industry are required to have satisfactory measures in place for the prevention, control and reduction of parasites under Part 1 of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007.

The Scottish Salmon Company (FB0169) have submitted weekly counts for average adult female sea lice per fish at fish farm sites which are equal to or above the reporting level of 3.0. This data, where available, shows that the average adult female sea lice numbers per fish went above the intervention limit of ≥ 8.0 and although average adult female sea lice numbers per fish did reduce, they did not get below the Industry Code of Good Practice suggested criteria for treatment at the following site(s) within the specified time period:

- Loch Odhairn/Gravir (FS0242) during calendar weeks 36 – 39 in 2017;
- Loch Odhairn/Gravir (FS0242) during calendar weeks 1 – 4 in 2018;
- Trilleachan Mor (FS1118) during calendar weeks 1 – 4 in 2018.

These have been recorded as breaches with regard to the current Scottish Government policy in relation to the production cycle of stock present on the site(s) during 2017 and 2018.

If The Scottish Salmon Company (FB0169) intend to continue to farm fish at the Loch Odhairn/Gravir (FS0242) and Trilleachan Mor (FS1118) sites, they are advised to undertake a documented review, taking veterinary advice where necessary, of the current measures in place for the prevention, control and reduction of parasites throughout the complete production cycle at this site. This documented review should identify the specific actions, resources, husbandry decisions or options and logistics required to ensure that satisfactory measures are in place for the prevention, control and reduction of parasites as required under Part 1 of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007.

Yours sincerely



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- Strome (FS0570) during calendar weeks 43 – 46 in 2017;
- Strome (FS0570) during calendar weeks 48 – 51 in 2017;
- Strome (FS0570) during calendar weeks 52 in 2017 – week 3 in 2018.

These have been recorded as breaches with regard to the current Scottish Government policy in relation to the production cycle of stock present on the site during 2017 and 2018.

Current Scottish Government policy is that enforcement action may be taken due to The Scottish Salmon Company (FB0169) reaching 3 breaches of the current policy in combination with an inability to demonstrate that satisfactory measures are in place for the prevention, control and reduction of parasites at the Strome (FS0570) site.

As The Scottish Salmon Company (FB0169) provided information regarding management intervention and that the site would be fallow in week 6 of 2018, **the Scottish Government has decided not to issue an enforcement notice in this instance.**

If The Scottish Salmon Company (FB0169) intend to continue to farm fish at the Strome (FS0570) site, they are advised to undertake a documented review, taking veterinary advice where necessary, of the current measures in place for the prevention, control and reduction of parasites throughout the complete production cycle at this site. This documented review should identify the specific actions, resources, husbandry decisions or options and logistics required to ensure that satisfactory measures are in place for the prevention, control and reduction of parasites as required under Part 1 of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007.

Should the Strome (FS0570) site be stocked after February 2018, evidence of the documented review and the implementation of recommendations for improved management of sea lice should be made available for inspection by the Marine Scotland Science Fish Health Inspectorate.

Yours sincerely



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