

ADD SURVEY RESULTS – additional notes.

A summary of responses with some additional information not captured on the spreadsheet. Direct quotes from survey responses are shown in italics.

Following companies replied but did not complete forms :-

MOWI – no ADDs currently in use.

Scottish Sea Farms – no ADDs currently in use.

WRS – no ADDs used.

Scottish Salmon Company – not using ADDs at present but reserve the right to use them should predation become an animal welfare issue.

Following companies replied and completed surveys – results currently being collated

Cooke Aquaculture – responded for each site. No ADDs in use.

Organic Seaharvest – responded for both sites they operate. Not using ADDs.

Grieg Seafoods – limited response since they have asked for but not received technical data from Genuswave.

Kames – currently using Ace Aquatec systems at 3 sites. They stress the proportionality of the use of these and have only one device at each site. Suspect this may be a bit misleading since Kames Bay East and West are likely to overlap coverage.

Further generic comment from responses :-

*If site suffers high risk of seal predation new nets are fitted with false bottoms with a maximum mesh size of 85mm². These are checked regularly by divers and have proven effective in seal exclusion.
Kames continually review its predation risk assessments and are looking for ways to further reduce the risk of predator attacks. Kames works closely with its supplier Ace Aquatec to ensure that the ADDs used on site are effective at protecting the health and welfare of the stock from predation and harassment whilst considering any potential effects on non target species.*

Dawnfresh

Future plans for seal deterrence measures -

Dawnfresh will continue to closely monitor ADD use and explore new products coming onto the market to help address predation challenges.

Loch Duart – use Acoustic Startle Device in varying numbers at some sites. Comments suggest a more proactive approach to seal deterrence – ie once the cages are stocked the devices are activated to deter any seal interaction with a view to being able to minimise use once predators are less keen to approach.

Historic use

No respondent completed the section asking for use within the past 3 years. I believe this was on the advice of the SSPO.

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