Case No: 2025-0389 Date of visit: 09/10/2025

Additional inspector(s): Main Inspector: [redacted]

Site No: FS0237 Site Name: Gorsten
Business No: FB0119 Business Name: Mowi Scotland Ltd

Case Types: 1 ESC 2 CNA 3 4 5 6

Water Temp (°C): 13.5 Thermometer No: T172 FHI 045 completed N/A

Observations: Region: HI Water type: S CoGP MA M-33

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

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

Additional Case Information:

Three cages groups on site. Cage 2 in most northerly cage group had a breach in containment. Most southerly cage group has been empty the whole cycle. Both the northerly and central cages groups moved north in the storm. The southerly cage group was not thought to have moved as it had no nets attached at the time of the storm. The three cage groups are moored separately in groups of four cages, the three cages groups are not connected to each other using a grid system. The tidal barrier consists of a top floating section of tube (630mm), with a section of net (18mm) below, held taught by a sinker tube that is positioned 13m below the floating section. Both the floating tube and sinker tube have separate moorings. There is a meeting organised for later in October when repositioning of the tube will be discussed. It is hoped by the site manager that the tidal barrier can be moved further away from the cage grid although the effectiveness of the barrier may be affected by its proximity to the cage group. There are plans to replace metal cages with plastic rings. Planning permission was refused at the last attempt.

Cage 2 had mortality removed the day before the escape incident was observed (03/10/2025). As mortalities were removed the day before the escape and as the holes were at the top of the net and mortalities will be temporarily stored in the mort sock in the bottom of the net at the centre, no mortalities were reportedly lost.

Reserve broodstock on site at the moment. There are ~71,500 salmon on site are reserved broodstock at average weight of 2.5kg. There were at Kingairloch before arriving at Gorsten.
Wild and farmed WRS on site. No LUM in cage 2 at the time of the escape. Movements of cleaner fish are recorded separately to the movements of salmon but all required info is recorded. Both records collected at time of inspection
In feed antibiotic treatment was being undertaken at the time of the inspection. This is being fed due to SRS being detected in the population. The feed is reportedly helping to reduce mortality associated with SRS.
Some problems on site at the time of the inspection with feeding the fish. The storm dislodged and sunk some feed pipes so some cages cannot be fed using pipes. These cages were being fed using a blower positioned on the workboat at the time of the inspection.
PRV-1 (HMSI), Piscirickettsia spp. and Tenacibaculum spp. detected on site by PCR.

Breach in containment discovered Saturday (04/10/2025) morning. All power to the cameras lost during the storm as these are powered using mains power. The breach in containment was discovered by [redacted]. The tidal barrier at the north of the site remained in place and the cage group moved north, blown by the wind and tide, towards the barrier. It is estimated by the site manager the site moved at least 10m, although individual anchors moved varying distances. A metal bracket that connected the tidal barrier to an anchor chain broke (see diagram in attachments) and the chains that connected the tidal barrier to the cages also broke in the storm. The tidal barrier itself is not thought to have broken, it is the bracket and chains that are thought to have broken causing the eastern end of the barrier to move in the waves and tide freely. The tidal barrier has been submerged since the incident and inspection has been difficult due to bad weather. The end of the tidal barrier came in contact with the cage net causing approximately four holes along the northern side of cage 2. The plastic at the end of the tidal barrier had developed sharp projections due to the tidal barrier striking the metal cage group. According to the area manager, mobile phone signal was down at the time of the incident which is thought to have hampered getting boats together to stabilize the cages. A wellboat, two mooring boats and a large multipurpose boat from Inverlussa arrived on site Sunday (05/10/25). The wellboat began to remove fish at 12:20 on Sunday. According to the wellboat log, 5,028 fish were recovered from the cage from the 80,591 that were thought to be in the cage making a total loss of 75,563 fish. The remaining fish were moved to pen 8. Mooring boats began work on repositioning the mooring anchors on Sunday. The damaged net and tidal barrier are still on site. The tidal barrier maybe removed completely later in cycle. The plans for the tidal barrier will be discussed in the meeting in mid-October. No attempt to recapture fish was made due to bad weather. Samples from the remaining fish from cage 2 were sent for emergency sampling at the Mowi lab to establish if antibiotic residue are still present in the fish. Results from these tests have not been reported yet. There has reportedly been no increase in seal activity since the incident. Seals have been continually observed since August and are thought to have killed fish. Manager does not think any salmon will get past the Corran narrows due to high seal activity in the area. A known seal haulout is present close to the narrows with reportedly more than 100 seals active in the area. Reportedly many fishermen have been fishing in the area for salmon since Saturday but the manager is not aware of any fishermen catching any salmon. Reportedly no additional checks were done on barrier before the incident. The barrier is too heavy to inspect with the work boat usually used on the site.

Four holes found in total on the north side of the net closest to the tidal barrier. Two of these bigger holes are rectangular and approximately 4-5 meters wide and between 1-5 meters below the water line. Two of the smaller holes were about 2 metres wide at about 4 metres from the bottom of the net. Net is 12m deep. Damage reported at 8am on Saturday. According to site staff, mobile phone signal was reportedly OK at the site on Saturday morning. Mobile signal in other areas of the west coast of Scotland may have been poor or absent

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Registration/Authorisation Details

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

Site Details (include cleaner fish for all sections)

Total No facilities	12		Facilities stocked	7		No facilities inspected		12
Species	Atlantic salmon	Wrasse	Lumpsucker	Atlantic salmon				
Age group	2025 Q2	Mixed	Mixed	2025 Q2				
No Fish	389,975	46,380	3,287	71,512				
Mean Fish Wt	972g	100g	500g	2.5kg				
Next Fallow Date (Site)	Dec 2025			Next Input Date (Site)		Feb 2026		
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?				Y	Any escapes (since last visit)?			Y
If yes, detail:	See additional comments							

Movement Records

1. Movement records for **all species** held available for inspection?	Y
2. Date of last inspection:	20/02/2025
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. Have all introductions and imports (since last inspection) from outwith the GB health zone been recorded in the movement records?	N/A

Transport Records

1. Are any movements carried out not using a STB (by (or on behalf of) the business)?	
If yes, is there a system in place for maintenance of transportation records?	

Mortality Records

1. Mortality records for **all species** held available for inspection?	Y
2. How are mortalities disposed of?	Ensiled - on site
If other detail:	
3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered?	Y
4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks):	SAL: wk 41 (so far): 1,363 fish (0.29%), wk 40: 5,078 fish (0.93%), wk 39: 12,086 fish (2.18%), wk 38: 5,566 fish (0.99%), wk 37: 5,114 fish (0.90%). WRS: wk 41 (so far): 1,470 fish (3.07%), wk 40: 435 fish (0.90%), wk 39: 260 fish (0.54%), wk 38: 339 fish (0.69%), wk 37: 546 fish (1.10%). LUM: wk 41 (so far): 150 fish (4.37%), wk 40: 586 fish (14.58%), wk 39: 69 fish (1.69%), wk 38: 198 fish (4.62%), wk 37: 224 fish (4.97%)
5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities?	Y

If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason:

Increase in mortality due to SRS (mostly) and some HSMI. Mortality in Icelandic stock (cages 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8) only. The stock from Lochailaort (now destined for broodstock) had lower mortality and no increase in mortality level in wk 39.

6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked?	N
If yes, detail:	
7. Have increased (unexplained) mortalities been reported to vet or FHI?	N/A
If yes, detail action:	
8. Have 'mortality events' been reported to FHI? If no, enter details on mortality events sheet.	Y

Treatments and Medicines Records

1. Recent treatments (see comment)?	
If yes, detail:	
If other, detail:	
2. Medicines records available for inspection?	
3. Are records complete and correctly entered?	
4. Are fish in a withdrawal period?	
5. If yes, what treatment(s)?	
If other, detail:	
6. Are medicines stored appropriately?	

Biosecurity Records

1. Biosecurity records available for inspection?	
2. Has the manner and frequency of mortality removal, recording and safe disposal been considered?	
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?	
4. Has the action that will be taken in the event that the presence or suspicion of the presence of a listed disease is detected been included and *how* and *when* that will be notified to Scottish Ministers?	
5. Has the health status of aquaculture animals being stocked on the farm site been covered (equal or higher health status, certification if required)?	
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.)?	
7. Is documentation available regarding the measures in place to maintain the physical containment of aquaculture animals held on site?	
8. Have the biosecurity procedures been adequately implemented on site?	
If no, detail:	

Results of Surveillance

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

Records checked between:	20/02/2025 - 09/10/2025

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Point of compliance	Risk level	Satisfactory? Y/ N/ N/A	Requirement	Comments and advice given or action taken if necessary
ENHANCED CONTAINMENT INSPECTION (SEAWATER)				
a. Enquiry relating to i) escape incidents and ii) contingency procedures				
1.1. Have escape incidents or events[1] been experienced on or in the vicinity of the site since the last MSS inspection?		Y		
If yes answer 1.2-1.8:				
1.2. Have appropriate reports been made to Scottish Government within 24 hours of discovery?	High	Y	AAAH Regs[4] 31D,E	
1.3. Have these been reported to the SSPO[2] and, where in existence, the local DSFB and fisheries trust?	Medium	Y	CoGP 4.4.37, 5.4.17	
1.4. Were methods (if any) used to recover escapees?		N		No methods attempted due to storm and poor mobile
If yes give detail				
1.5 Was the decision to attempt to recapture and the method employed agreed with the local DSFB and FT?	Low	N/A	CoGP 4.4.38, 5.4.18	More info can be found here: https://lochaber.dsfb.org.uk/news/
1.6. Was permission sought from Marine Scotland prior to recapture?	Medium	N/A	CoGP 4.4.38, 5.4.18	
1.7 Were the gill nets deployed in accordance with the permission issued by Marine Scotland?	Low	N/A	CoGP 4.4.38, 5.4.18	
1.8. In light of the escape event, has appropriate action been taken to prevent and minimise the risk of further escapes?	High	Y		Fish moved to another pen. Meeting scheduled with Akva to discuss how the tidal barrier can be repositioned (or possibly removed) to stop similar incident occurring in the future. Divers
1.9. Is there a site specific contingency plan in response to failures in containment, aimed at preventing escapes and recovering escaped fish?	High	Y	SSI, 2,9	
b(i). Inspection of records relating to equipment, facilities and the site				
General records			CoGP: 4.4.9, 4.4.14,	
2.1 With regard to each facility, net, screen and mooring at each site, a record should be maintained of:-			SSI 2,1	
		Facilities	Moorings	Nets
a) The name of the manufacturer	Low	Y	Y	Y

Point of compliance	Risk level	Satisfactory? Y/ N/ N/A	Requirement		Comments and advice given or action taken if necessary
b) Any special adaptations	Low	Y	N/A	N/A	Akva developed, supplied and constructed the tidal barrier. It
c) The name of the supplier	Low	Y	Y	Y	
d) The date of purchase	Low	Y	Y	Y	
e) Each inspection including					
i) the name of the person conducting the inspection	Low	N	Y	Y	Daily checks carried out by site personnel from the surface.
ii) the date of each inspection	Medium	Y	Y	Y	
iii) the place of each inspection	Low	Y	Y	Y	
iv) the outcome of each inspection	High	Y	Y	Y	
f) the date and result of each repair, equipment test and antifouling treatment carried out	High	N	Y	Y	Facility inspections and repairs were reportedly carried out by Akva personnel, but no record of this was observed during the
2.2. In relation to each net a record of:					
i) The mesh size	Medium	Y	SSI, 2,2		
ii) The code which appears on the identification tag	Medium	Y			
iii) The place of use, storage and disposal	Medium	N			Place of use recorded. No nets stored on site. Place of
iv) The depth of water between the bottom of the net and the seabed as measured at the mean low water spring	Low	Y			
2.3. In relation to each facility a record of:					
i) The date of construction	Low	Y	SSI, 2,3		
ii) The material used in construction	Low	N			
iii) Its dimensions	Low	Y			
2.4. In relation to each mooring a record of-			SSI, 2,4		
i) The date of installation	Low	N			
ii) The design and weight of the anchors	Low	Y			
iii) The length of the mooring ropes or chains	Low	Y			
2.5. A record of any navigation markers deployed at each site at which fish are farmed	Low	Y	SSI, 2,5		
2.6 In respect of sites at which fish are farmed in inland waters[3]			SSI, 2,6		
a) The type, method of and date of construction of any flood prevention or flood defence measures in place	Low	N/A			

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b) The date of and results of any tests conducted on any such measures	Low	N/A		
c) The date of any incident where the site was flood	Low	N/A		
d) The water course height during any such flood incident	Low	N/A		
2.7 A record of-			SSI, 2.7	
a) The date of any severe weather event which caused damage to any facility, net or mooring	Medium	Y	SSI, 2.11 (a)	
b) Any action taken to rectify any such damage	High	Y	SSI, 2.11 (b)	Well boat records inspected which shows date and time of fish
Pen and mooring systems				
2.8 Are there documented procedures maintained regarding the selection and installation of pens and moorings?	High	N	CoGP 4.4.8, 4.4.13	Specification of mooring observed from Gael Force. Mooring specified for 100knt wind. The document states that this is the
2.9 Can the site demonstrate evidence that the design specification of pens and moorings are suitable for purpose and correctly installed?	High	N	CoGP 4.4.9, 4.4.14	Detail held for moorings but not pens
2.10 Do pen systems meet the manufacturers guidelines?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.10	
2.11 Are pen systems inspected and approved by suitably qualified / experienced person(s)?	High	N	CoGP 4.4.11	Although it was stated by the site representative inspections were carried out by the pen manufacturers, no
2.12 Is there evidence of the competence of personnel involved in the design, installation and maintenance of pen and mooring systems?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.12, 4.4.15	Statement of competence from Mallaig Marine who maintain and install mooring systems. Statement of competence of Akva personnel who design, maintain and install pens.
2.13 Are pen and mooring components inspected with a) a documented SOP b) a documented inspection plan based on a risk assessment	High	N	CoGP 4.4.16	No SOP, risk assessment or maintainance schedule was observed for the inspection of the tidal barrier. A SOP and risk assessment was observed for the pens and mooring components
2.14 Do all nets used on site meet industry standards?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.17	
2.15 Can the site demonstrate an awareness of the minimum fish size in relation to net size?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.19	
2.16 Does the net design, quality and standard of manufacture take into account the conditions that are likely to be experienced on site and include adequate safety margins?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.20	
2.17 Are nets treated with a UV inhibitor?	Low	Y	CoGP 4.4.21	
2.18 Are nets tested at a pre-determined frequency?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.22	

Point of compliance	Risk level	Satisfactory? Y/ N/ N/A	Requirement	Comments and advice given or action taken if necessary
2.19 Is the method of test procedure based upon the manufacturers advice?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.22	Nets tested by the manufacturer (Morenot)
2.20 Are frequent net inspections conducted to look for damage?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.23	Nets inspected by "Foover". This ROV is on site checking nets constantly. The net washer also has cameras which can be
2.21 Are net inspection records maintained?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.23	Daily inspection checks observed.
2.22 Is the system by which nets are attached to the pen and weighted inspected frequently?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.24	Ties checked everyday.
2.23 Where damage to nets and/or associated fittings has occurred, or the potential for damage exists, has remedial action been taken?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.25	Daily reports kept for "Foover" inspections and any remedial action taken following reports of damage. This is kept on diary which was inspected.
b(ii). Inspection of records relating to training				
3.1 Are training programmes and plans relevant to the various onsite activities documented?	High	Y	CoGP 7.1.8	
3.2 Is there a satisfactory record of all training and qualifications for each person working at the site in relation to any boat operations? (This excludes well boat operations)	High	Y	SSI 2,6,a	All staff trained to RYA power boat level 2 standard and specified staff trained to RYA Day Skipper. Record observed for both.
3.5 With respect to any transfer of or handling of fish is there a record of all training of each person working on site in relation to containment and prevention of escape of fish, and recovery of escaped fish?	High	Y	SSI 2,7,a	All training records observed for the "Escape prevention training programme".
b(iii). Inspection of records relating to procedures and risk assessments				
4.1 Are procedures which could increase the risk of fish escaping considered to be carefully planned and supervised to minimise risk?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.29, 5.4.12	
4.2 Before procedures are conducted on site, are the following in place:			CoGP 4.4.30, 5.4.13 SSI 2,7, b , SSI 2, 8, c	
a) a documented risk assessments	High	Y		
b) standard operating procedures	High	Y		
c) contingency plan	High	Y		
4.3 In relation to any boat operations at each site at which fish are farmed is there a record of:				
-The type and size of each boat used for operations on the site	Low	Y	SSI 2,6,b	

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- The type and size of any propeller guard fitted to each boat used on the site	Low	N/A	SSI 2,6,c	No propeller guard fitting to any boat
4.4 Does the site suffer from regular or heavy predation?		Y		Seals have been regularly observed on site for last six weeks
4.5 Are there records of site specific risk assessments ascertaining the risk of predator attack?	Medium	Y	CoGP 4.4.26	
4.6 Are there risk assessments undertaken on a pre-determined frequency?	Low	Y	CoGP 4.4.26	
4.7 A record of any anti-predator measures undertaken at each site at which fish are farmed including:			SSI, 2,8,a	
The type and location of each net, fence and scarer deployed	Medium	Y		
- The use of lethal means by any person involved in operations on the site	Low	Y	SSI, 2,8,b	
4.8 Where predator nets are deployed is the advice of Annex 7 considered?	Low	N/A	CoGP 4.4.27	No predator nets on site
c. Inspection of site and site equipment				
5.1 Are there any obvious containment issues on the site?	High	Y		Four holes were observed in cage 2. No fish were present in
5.2 Is the net mesh size considered to be capable of containing all fish sizes present on site?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.18	
5.3 Do nets carry numbered ID tags?	Low	Y	SSI 2,2 ii	
Look at a percentage of nets on site - Does the net location meet the inventory?	Low	Y		Approx. 50% of cages checked and all net tags matched the inventory
5.4 Are nets stored away from direct sunlight?	Low	N/A	CoGP 4.4.21	No nets stored on site
5.6 Are appropriate measures in place to mitigate predation on site? (Provide detail if necessary)		Y		
5.7 Are boat operations conducted in such a manner which prevents damage to nets and pens?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.28	
5.8 Is there a requirement for navigation markers to be deployed?	Low	Y	MSA[6] 2010 P4, S21	Two navigation marker observed in accordance with Northern Lighthouse Board requirements
5.9 If yes, has this been done in accordance with the necessary requirements?	Low	Y	MS Marine licence	
5.10 If Yes to 5.8 is there a record of any navigation markers deployed?	Low	Y	SSI 2,5	

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d. Inspection of site specific procedures				
6.1 Are pen nets examined for holes, tears or damage prior to and during the stocking, moving or crowding of fish?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.31	"Foover" (mortality removal ROV) and net cleaners have cameras on for checks prior to stocking, crowding etc
6.2 If helicopter transfer of fish is conducted are receiving pen(s) properly prepared:-			CoGP 4.4.32	
a) nets should be secure	High	N/A		
b) pens should be marked with buoys clearly visible from the air	High	N/A		
c) radio contact between farm staff and helicopter crew should be maintained or where this is not possible, pens receiving fish should be manned	High	N/A	CoGP 4.4.33	
Consideration should be given to all other site procedures being undertaken during the visit with respect to containment and the risk of fish farm escapes				

Additional actions	Powers	Comments and advice given or action taken if necessary
e) Collection of samples If necessary collect samples. Indicate if samples have been taken and detail what those samples are and the purpose of their collection	Power granted under the Act – section 5 (3) (a)	N/A
h) Enforcement Notice. If an enforcement notice has been issued then maintain a copy / duplicate and record detail Guidance on completing the Enforcement Notice	Power granted under the Act – Section 6 (2)	N/A

1 An 'escape event' can be defined as any circumstances on or in the vicinity of a fish farm which are believed to have caused an escape, or which may have given rise to a
2 FHI interpretation – Informing the SSPO is only a requirement where the site belongs to an Authorised Production Business which is signed up to the CoGP.
3 being waters which do not form part of the sea or any creek, bay or estuary or of any river as far as far as the tide flows
4 The Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (as amended)
5 The Marine Scotland Act 2010

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CNA	26/11/2025		
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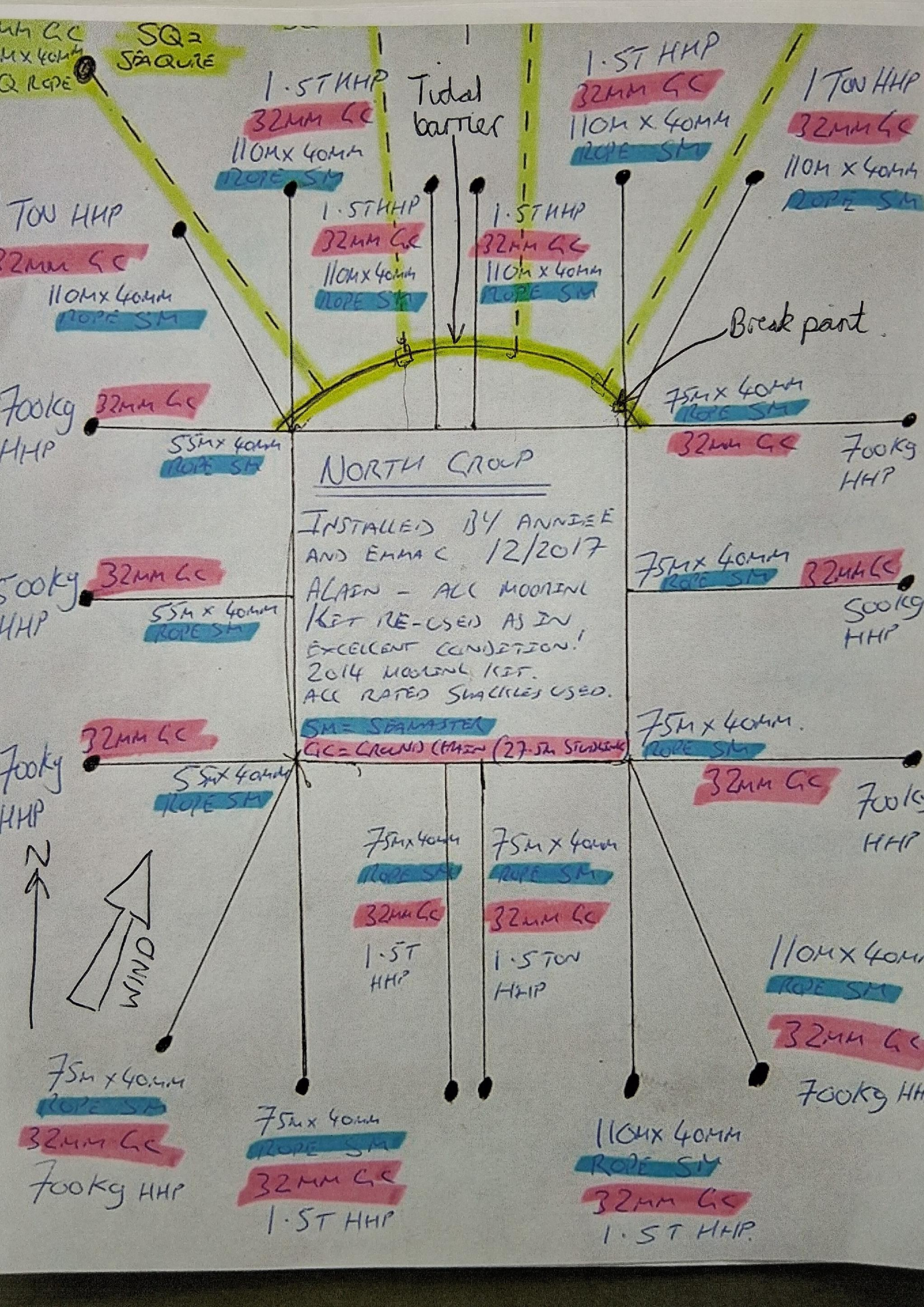
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SM = SEAMASTER
GC = GROUND CHAIN (27.5M STUDLINK)
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Photo 1: Clamps used to attach tidal barrier floatation tube to mooring chain. One of these clamps broke during the storm.

Photo 2: Holes in the net of cage 2. A member of site staff stands next to one of the larger holes

Photo 3: Holes in cage 2. The hole in the centre of the photo is one of the smaller holes.

Photo 4: Most eastern end of the tidal barrier floatation tube, partially sunken with a metal fixing (which was used to secure the floatation tube to the cage group using chains).

Photo 5: Close up of the eastern end of the floatation tube with metal fixing.

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Fish Health Inspectorate visit report

Summary for information of site operator

Business no:	FB0119	Date of visit:	09/10/2025
Site no:	FS0237	Site name:	Gorsten
Case no:	20250389	Inspector:	[redacted]

ENHANCED CONTAINMENT INSPECTION

An enhanced inspection to ascertain the risk of escape from the fish farm was conducted in accordance with the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007.

The visit consisted of an inspection of facilities, records and the provision of advice.

a) Inspection of i) escape incidents and ii) contingency procedures

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

b)i) Inspection of records relating to equipment, facilities and the site

Several minor issues were raised regarding records relating to equipment, facilities and the site.

To meet the requirements of schedule 2, section 1 of the Fish Farming Businesses (Record Keeping) (Scotland) Order 2008 it is recommended that records must be kept in relation to each facility of:

e) i) each inspection including the name of the person conducting the inspection; and

f) the date and result of each repair, equipment test and antifouling treatment carried out.

To meet the requirements of schedule 2, section 2 of the Fish Farming Businesses (Record Keeping) (Scotland) Order 2008 it is recommended that records must be kept in relation to each net of:

iii) the place of disposal.

To meet the requirements of schedule 2, section 3 of the Fish Farming Businesses (Record Keeping) (Scotland) Order 2008 it is recommended that records must be kept in relation to each facility of:

ii) the materials used in construction.

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To meet the requirements of schedule 2, section 4 of the Fish Farming Businesses (Record Keeping) (Scotland) Order 2008 it is recommended that records must be kept in relation to each mooring of:

i) the date of installation.

It is recommended that in accordance with A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture (CoGP) (Chapter 4, section 4.8) documented procedures regarding the selection and installation of pens must be put in place and maintained.

It is recommended that in accordance with A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture (CoGP) (Chapter 4, section 4.9) records of the design specifications of pens, must be developed and held on record, along with evidence that they are suitable for the purpose and are correctly installed.

It is recommended that in accordance with A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture (CoGP) (Chapter 4, section 4.11) procedures and records should be put in place to demonstrate that a suitably qualified and experienced person(s) must inspect and approve pen systems and the attached tidal barrier.

It is recommended that in accordance with A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture (CoGP) (Chapter 4, section 4.16) procedures should be developed and implemented to ensure the tidal barrier attached to the facilities and its mooring components are inspected in accordance with a documented standard operating procedure and a documented inspection plan which is based on risk assessment.

b)ii) Inspection of records relating to training

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

b)iii) Inspection of records relating to procedures and risk assessments

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

c) Inspection of site and site equipment

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. **However, it is advised that the guidance in section 7.3.1.1 and Annex 4, part A4.21.1.1 of "A Technical Standard for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture" should be considered so**

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that the mooring system of the production facilities and any secondary support structures are designed and installed to prevent chafing of any primary or secondary equipment.

d) Inspection of site specific procedures

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

Further Action

The recommendations in this report should be implemented by 05/06/2026. Documentation should be provided as evidence that the recommendations have been implemented. Enforcement action may result if the recommendations are not implemented in the necessary time frame. Records should be sent to the Marine Directorate's Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) (contact details are provided below).

Please contact myself or the duty inspector should you require any assistance or clarification in implementing any requirement or recommendation detailed in this report.

Signed: Date: 05/12/2025

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Case no:	20250389	Inspector:	[redacted]

Escape investigation

The site was inspected following notification of an escape of 75,000 Atlantic salmon on 04/10/2025. Escape incident number MSe041025SAL1.

An enhanced containment inspection was conducted and a report will be issued separately.

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.

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.

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

Signed: [redacted] Date: 16/10/2025

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Case completion report

Recommendations in relation to the above case were made for implementation by 05/06/2026. Following submission of the required documentation, evidence has now been provided to the Fish Health Inspectorate to demonstrate that the recommendations have been implemented.

This case will now be closed. This site may be subject to further audit and recommendations in the future.

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

Signed: [redacted] Date: 12/06/2026

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