'Aquaculture within the shared public space'

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"An aquaculture industry that is sustainable, diverse, competitive, economically viable and which contributes to food security whilst minimising environmental impact."

Scotland's National Marine Plan.

The Scottish Government – 'supporting aquaculture growth and protecting Scotland's environment' - acknowledging the Challenges



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A policy and regulatory framework that enables sustainable growth while maintaining the right balance across our economic, environmental and social responsibilities.

Sea Lice – New Enforcement Policy



Comes into effect 1 April 2017

- Redefining of 'satisfactory measures' as required by AFSA 2007 to prevent, control and reduce sea lice on farmed fish
- Fish farms should report to FHI where an average of 3 adult female sea lice per fish is reached
- >3.0 plan agreed with FHI to reduce lice levels + increased monitoring.
- Exceeding an average of 8.0 adult female lice requires the implementation of an explicit action plan to reduce below 3.0. If this is not achieved an enforcement notice may be issued.
- Where a site breaches an average of 3.0 adult female lice per fish, and does not proceed to reduce lice levels below 3.0, enforcement action may also be taken.
- Industry will continue to operate to CoGP suggested criteria for treatment

Aquaculture – some context



- Scotland is the 3rd largest producer (over 170,000 tonnes per annum) worldwide behind Norway and Chile and had been key to the EU's aquaculture blue growth aspirations (Scotland produces the vast majority of EU farmed salmon c.94%).
- Scottish aquaculture (production & value) is worth about £1.8 bn to Scottish economy and dominated by farmed salmon with real potential, within the right enabling future framework, to sustainably grow and deliver significant economic benefits to Scotland.
- Rural communities have been reinvigorated by the jobs, repopulation and local spending power of aquaculture companies with real prospects of locked-in community benefit.
- Salmon is Scotland's top food export (UK's 2nd) worth around £500 m per annum and exported to over 60 countries (incl. USA and the Far East) with Europe the biggest market by far around 40%.



The role of the Aquaculture Industry Leadership Group



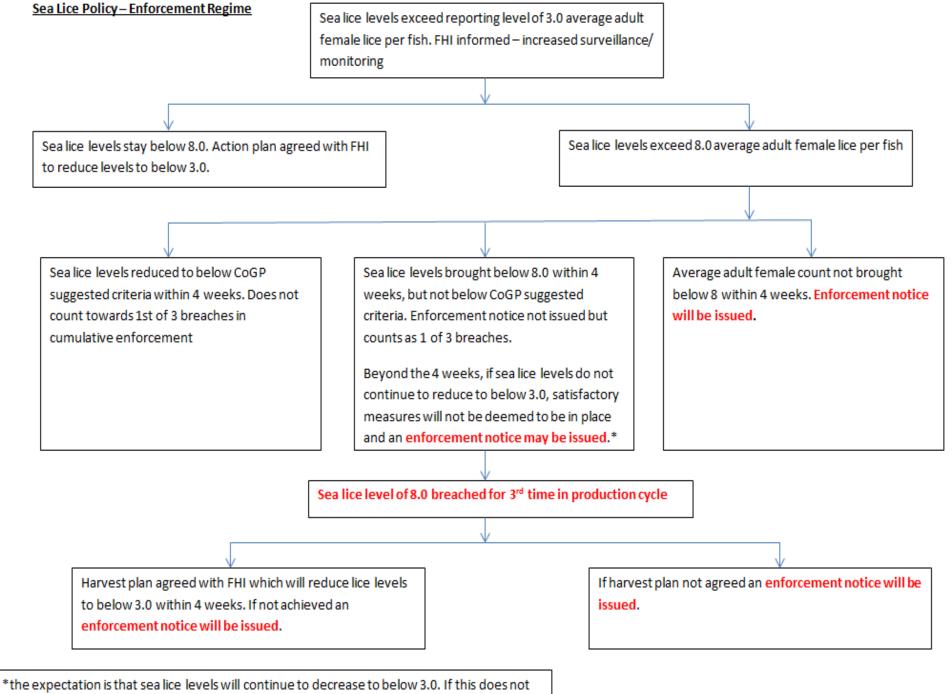
Maintaining the dialogue

'Change happens by listening and then starting a dialogue with the people who are doing something you don't believe is right.' Dame Jane Morris Goodall DBE



Thank you for listening.





occur then enforcement action may be taken – this will be judged on a case by case basis