

Management of interactions between aquaculture and wild salmonids

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Interactions - hazards

Sea lice - marine

Escapes – marine and freshwater

Disease transfer – marine and freshwater

Right development, using the right technology, in the right location



NASCO International Goals

100% of farms to have effective sea lice management such that there is no increase in sea lice loads, or lice-induced mortality of wild salmonids attributable to sea lice; and

100% farmed fish to be retained in all production facilities

Regulation

Recent scrutiny in Scottish Parliament – 'status quo is not an option'

Regulatory framework spread across several regulatory bodies...confusing and poorly coordinated

Local authorities
Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Marine Scotland Fish Health Inspectorate
Scottish Natural Heritage



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A world-leading regulatory and planning system which protects wild migratory fish and proactively seeks to address any local negative impacts;

Robust, transparent, enforceable and enforced









Adaptive management – sea lice and escapes

Monitoring wild salmonid fish in Scotland

Environmental Management Plans – condition of planning consent

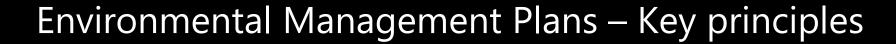
Working to develop techniques to sample wild fish and assess impacts at a local level

Monitoring of wild fish, with an appropriate and precautionary feedback to farm management, should become a statutory responsibility on all farms









Arrangements should cover all farms in the management area;



Should ensure that salmon farming activity does not result in negative impacts to local salmon and sea trout populations and fisheries.

- monitoring of lice burdens on wild fish;
- a framework for cooperation and transparency;
- a framework for adaptive management –
 management measures taken in response to
 evidence of negative impacts on wild salmonids;



What do we want to see?

- Thriving salmon and sea trout populations and fisheries without negative impacts arising from salmon farming;
- A harmonious local coexistence with an industry that understands the importance of being a good neighbour and communicates openly and transparently with stakeholders;
- A world-leading regulatory and planning system which protects wild migratory fish and proactively seeks to address any local negative impacts; and
- Investment of a proportion of any profits generated into the protection and improvement of local salmon and sea trout populations and fisheries.