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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 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 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:

- Vacasay (FS1091) during calendar weeks 33 – 36.

This has been recorded as a breach with regard to the current Scottish Government policy in relation to the production cycle of stock present on the site during 2018.

If The Scottish Salmon Company (FB0169) intend to continue to farm fish at the Vacasay (FS1091) 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 under Part 1 of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007.

Further information regarding the regulation of sea lice in Scotland can be found at:
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Publications/TopicSheets/tslist/sealicerregs>



Yours sincerely,

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