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Yours faithfully

If you have any questions about our work in the Western Isles, please get in touch with me on 01397 715032 or at (ben.hadfield@marineharvest.com)

During the remainder of the year we will continue to treat our salmon with freshwater and hydrogen peroxide and you may continue to see tankers on the roads or on the ferry and we hope we can continue to rely on your support.

Because it is an oxidising agent it has to be transported in specialist tankers. We take every care to ensure it is transported safely on our roads. We have a hard working and incredibly competent team of skilled staff in the Western Isles who care about their local environment. They also care deeply about operating in a safe way and we know we can rely on them to deal with this challenging situation brought about by exceptional weather conditions. Our team are, in turn, grateful for the ongoing support they receive from their local communities.

Gill amoebae is treated using either freshwater or hydrogen peroxide, a substance which is often used in toothpaste and shampoo. In the salmon pens it rapidly breaks down naturally into water and oxygen. Small amounts of gill amoebae (Neoparaamoebae) are present in seawater all over the world, including Scotland but the levels we are seeing this year are unprecedented and normally only found in warmer places such as Tasmania.

This has led to an increase in an amoebae that irritates salmon gills but is harmless to humans. If left untreated the amoebae multiply and would eventually suffocate the fish. As you know, in June and July our weather conditions in the Western Isles were very unusual. A result we have experienced much higher seawater temperatures and higher salinity levels than is the norm.

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