Sea Lice Report October 2012

Elevated Lice Levels

Elevated sea lice levels are levels which are in excess of treatment trigger levels set out in “Monitoring Protocol No. 3 for Offshore Finfish Farms - Sea Lice Monitoring and Control” (DMNR 2000) & “A strategy for improved pest control on Irish salmon farm” (DAFF 2008). A notice to carry out a sea lice treatment (NTT) is issued on the basis of elevated sea lice levels. Treatment triggers during the spring period (March, April, May) are from 0.3 to 0.5 egg bearing female (ovigerous) sea lice per fish. Outside of the critical spring period, a level of 2.0 egg bearing female sea lice per fish acts as a trigger for a NTT.

Elevated sea lice levels were recorded at:

- Corhounagh, Mannin Bay, Mannin Bay Salmon Company Ltd.
- McSwynes, Donegal Bay, Ocean Farm Ltd
- Lough Swilly, Marine Harvest Ireland

Sample Details

All samples were obtained.

Appendix 1 shows the location of all active fish farms site.
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