

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 10:00 AM
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Subject: Bawden Point sea lice exceedance

Hi Kerra,

Yesterday our field team conducted a targeted audit at Bawden Point (Clayoquot Sound) and found that they had exceeded the sea lice threshold (14.22 motiles/fish). The last count from this site was received in early February and the sea lice numbers were ~2 lice per fish. This is a significant increase in a short period of time. Yesterday's count was the first one able to be conducted since the beginning of February due to a large harmful algae bloom in the area. Due to this bloom, fish were not able to be handled (including sea lice counts), fed, or treated. The bloom started to subside yesterday and our staff were able to perform an audit.

This looks like a violation of COL 6.6 that requires farms to be under the sea lice threshold by the first Counting Event in March.

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