

February 18, 2020

To the members of the Board of Environmental Protection:

As someone who has been following the Nordic Aquafarms (NAF) process for nearly 2 years, it is our understanding that the time from egg to full grow-out is about 24-26 months for Atlantic Salmon. As you can see from the pictures I've attached to this email, NAF is claiming on social media that they are currently harvesting salmon in their Fredrickstadt facility. Yet, on May 29 and July 19, 2020 they were claiming to be receiving their first smolts. This does not seem possible to me.

I've shared these photos from NAF with an expert on Atlantic Salmon and he suggested the following based upon these pictures:

"May 2019 to February 2020 would suggest sick fish harvested early and at a smaller than optimal ROI size. Or for promotional purposes, but generally this would be sick fish harvested early in my experience.

12 months egg to smolt (minimum), then another 12 months (minimum) to 3-4.5 kilo area.

Ba ha aha ha. "approaching harvest". That is a DEAD fish. A LIVE fish would be rolling (full maximum angle) its eye looking downward. This is a known fact of the fish's behaviour when handled while alive.

circa 6 pounds. 2.72 kilos. About where May 29th fish would be at best of picking out the biggest in the tanks.

Note the deformed tail fin - worn way from being in a tank, scale loss, etc"

I believe one of the witnesses at the recent hearings called for a "checkpoint review" by the DEP of the NAF Fredrickstadt facility. I believe a checkpoint review would confirm both the veracity of NAF as well as their technical capability. I urge the DEP to take this necessary step before granting any kind of permit to Nordic Aquafarms.

Respectfully,

Tim Samway
Anne Marie Samway

614 Shore Road
Northport, ME 04839

33 old stage road
#248
Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Nordic Aquafarms Maine
 May 29, 2019 · 🌐

Passionate about fish!
 A new batch of fish arriving at our facility in Fredrikstad, Norway. 🇳🇴
 Our people are passionate about our fish and take great pride in our high standards of fish welfare.



👍❤️ 28 3 Shares

Nordic Aquafarms Maine
 July 19, 2019 · 🌐

Strong swimmers traveling to their new home in Fredrikstad, Norway... few farmed fish will get as much exercise as these guys.



👍 Allison Beards and 33 others 2 Comments

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Most Relevant ▾

 Write a comment...

 **Scootch Pankonin** Bright, shiny little guys. What's the approx. age/weight at this stage?
 Like · Reply · 30w

 **Erik Heim** Scootch Pankonin 10 months/0.23 pounds. They will be cared for by our dedicated staff every day for the next 12 months.
 Like · Reply · 30w 👍 1

Nordic Aquafarms Maine
 February 13 at 9:33 PM · 🌐

As we approach the final hours of the BEP hearings I am incredibly proud of the team Nordic has assembled in Maine. Strong performance backed by vast experience through three days of rigorous scrutiny.

Thanks to our dedicated partners and supporters in Maine who also did their job well. Thanks to scientific institutions who joined us to lay out the science. And thanks to Scandinavian colleagues for their support. We have assembled an amazing group of highly competent people.

And thanks to patient BEP and DEP staff also for staying sharp through these long days.

This week has shown that NAF is a best in class player in the RAS segment. To those who still disagree with us - we remain committed to working with all in the Belfast community.

I leave you with a picture of our beautiful salmon in Norway approaching harvest. We hope Maine is next...

Erik Heim

