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## Foreword

The annual production survey of fish farms in Scotland for 2002 was carried out by Fisheries Research Services, (FRS) an agency of the Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD).

Responses to questionnaires (detailed in Appendix 1 (a-d)) from Scottish fish farming companies covering the period 1 January - 31 December 2002 are summarised in this survey. The survey is structured to allow readers to follow industry trends within the trout, salmon and other farmed species sectors, in addition to providing information on production in 2002. Where available, statistics are given for the 12-year period 1991-2002. Data from previous years have been reassessed and updated where necessary. To allow direct comparison to data provided in previous surveys, production information by region is presented in SEERAD defined areas.

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## SUMMARY

The tables below summarise the full results from the 2002 fish farms annual production survey.
Rainbow Trout (Oncorhyncus mykiss)

|  |  | 2001 | 2002 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total production | (tonnes) | 5,466 | 6,659 |
| Production for the table | (tonnes) | 4,674 | 5,711 |
| Production for restocking | (tonnes) | 792 | 948 |
| Number of staff employed |  | 159 | 160 |
| Mean productivity | (tonnes/person) | 34.38 | 41.6 |
| Number of ova laid down to hatch | (millions) | 23.0 | 22.1 |
| Number of ova imported | (millions) | 21.6 | 21.4 |

In 2002 rainbow trout production increased by 1,193 tonnes. Employment increased by one staff member and productivity per person increased to 41.6 tonnes. There was a slight decrease of 0.9 million ova laid down to hatch and the number of ova imported also decreased slightly.

Other Species (including Arctic charr, Salvelinus alpinus; Brown trout, Salmo trutta; Cod, Gadus morhua; Halibut, Hippoglossus hippoglossus)

|  |  | 2001 | 2002 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total production | (tonnes) | 203.75 | 370.1 |
| Number of staff employed | (full-time) | 75 | 69 |
|  | (part-time) | 22 | 30 |
| Number of ova laid down to hatch | (millions) | 25 | 134 |
| Number of ova imported | (millions) | 0 | 0 |

## Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar)

| Smolts |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2001 | 2002 |
|  | Number of ova produced | (millions) | 99.9 | 108 |
|  | Number of ova laid down to hatch | (millions) | 83.4 | 86.7 |
| Number of ova exported | (millions) | 11.2 | 8.2 |  |
|  | Number of ova imported | (millions) | 47.5 | 47.2 |
| Number of smolts produced | (millions) | 48.6 | 50.1 |  |
|  | Number of smolts put to sea |  | 428 | 405 |
|  | Number of staff employed |  | 111.1 | 116.4 |
| Mean productivity (000s smolts/person) |  |  |  |  |

The production of ova increased by over eight million in 2002 and the number of ova laid down to hatch increased by over three million. Imports of ova increased, while there was a continued drop in ova exports. Smolt production was down slightly. The number of staff employed decreased by 23 and mean productivity increased.

Production fish

|  |  | 2001 | 2002 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total production | (tonnes) | 138,519 | 145,609 |
| Production of 0-year fish | (tonnes) | 1,227 | 824 |
| Production of grilse | (tonnes) | 42,065 | 34,380 |
| Production of pre-salmon | (tonnes) | 54,474 | 57,943 |
| Production of salmon | (tonnes) | 40,754 | 52,462 |
| Mean fish weight 0-year | $(\mathrm{kg})$ | 2.2 | 3.03 |
| Mean fish weight grilse | $(\mathrm{kg})$ | 3.8 | 3.45 |
| Mean fish weight pre-salmon | $(\mathrm{kg})$ | 4.7 | 4.18 |
| Mean fish weight salmon | $(\mathrm{kg})$ | 4.5 | 4.77 |
| Number of staff employed |  | 1,257 | 1,306 |
| Mean productivity | tonnes/person | 110.2 | 111.5 |

Production tonnage increased by $5.1 \%$ with an increased harvest at later stages of production. Staff numbers increased by 49. Mean productivity showed a slight increase.

Smolt survival (percentage harvested)

| Survival (\%) | Years 0+1 | Year 2 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999 input year class | 58.5 | 22.1 | 80.6 |
| 2000 input year class | 52.4 | 24.3 | 76.7 |

Overall smolt survival decreased by under 4\% compared with the 1999-year class.

## 1. RAINBOW TROUT (Oncorhynchus mykiss)

Annual production surveys were sent to all 39 companies registered with the Scottish Executive and engaged in the production of rainbow trout in Scotland during 2002. Returns were received from all 39 companies, covering the 57 sites currently in production.

## Production

Table 1a: Total production (tonnes) of rainbow trout during 1991-2002

| Year | Tonnes | Year | Tonnes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1991 | 3,334 | 1997 | 4,653 |
| 1992 | 3,953 | 1998 | 4,913 |
| 1993 | 4,023 | 1999 | 5,834 |
| 1994 | 4,263 | 2000 | 5,154 |
| 1995 | 4,683 | 2001 | 5,466 |
| 1996 | 4,630 | 2002 | 6,659 |

Production increased in 2002 by 1,193 tonnes, an increase of over $21 \%$. This was mainly due to an increase in production from freshwater cages for the table trade. Within the table trade, significant increases were seen in the large and medium sizes of fish, with a decrease in small fish. In the restocking trade, the production of large and small fish showed an increase, while medium sized fish decreased.

Table 1b: Production (tonnes) for the table trade during 1994-2002 according to weight category

| Year | <450 g | 450-900 g | >900 g | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | <1 lb | $1-2 \mathrm{lbs}$ | >2 lbs | Tonnes |
| 1994 | 2,376 | 288 | 1,038 | 3,702 |
| 1995 | 2,736 | 199 | 1,149 | 4,084 |
| 1996 | 2,701 | 181 | 1,002 | 3,884 |
| 1997 | 2,646 | 104 | 1,098 | 3,848 |
| 1998 | 3,009 | 173 | 887 | 4,069 |
| 1999 | 3,151 | 144 | 1,562 | 4,857 |
| 2000 | 3,005 | 203 | 1,103 | 4,311 |
| 2001 | 3,053 | 404 | 1,217 | 4,674 |
| 2002 | 2,937 | 1,056 | 1,718 | 5,711 |

Production for the table was 5,711 tonnes, an increase of 1,037 tonnes (22\%) over the 2001 total and accounted for $85.8 \%$ of the total rainbow trout production, a similar proportion to that seen in 2001. Supply was mainly of the smaller sized fish weighing up to 450 g , encompassing $51 \%$ of total production.

Table 1c: Production (tonnes) for the restocking trade during 1994-2002 according to weight category

| Year | $<450 \mathrm{~g}$ | $450-900 \mathrm{~g}$ | $>900 \mathrm{~g}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $<1 \mathrm{lb}$ | $1-2 \mathrm{lbs}$ | $>2 \mathrm{lbs}$ | Tonnes |
| 1994 | 125 | 337 | 99 | 561 |
| 1995 | 107 | 411 | 81 | 599 |
| 1996 | 188 | 484 | 74 | 746 |
| 1997 | 97 | 589 | 119 | 805 |
| 1998 | 69 | 538 | 237 | 844 |
| 1999 | 237 | 553 | 187 | 977 |
| 2000 | 41 | 609 | 193 | 843 |
| 2001 | 18 | 526 | 248 | 792 |
| 2002 | 28 | 484 | 436 | 948 |

Production for the restocking of angling waters increased in 2002 and accounted for $14.2 \%$ of total rainbow trout production in 2002. In 2002, production totalled 948 tonnes, an increase of 156 tonnes (19.7\%) on the 2001 total. These figures represent the tonnage of fish supplied to angling waters for restocking purposes; they do not account for the catch taken by anglers.

## Escapes

There were three reported escapes from freshwater rainbow trout farms in 2002, involving the loss of 82,400 fish.

## Production by Farm

Table 2: Numbers of sites grouped by tonnage produced during 1994-2002

| Year | Number of sites per production tonnage |  |  | Total <br> number <br> of sites |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1994 | $\langle 1-25$ | $26-100$ | $101-200$ | $>2$ | 56 |
| 1995 | 25 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 59 |
| 1996 | 24 | 15 | 13 | 5 | 56 |
| 1997 | 19 | 14 | 12 | 6 | 57 |
| 1998 | 26 | 22 | 12 | 4 | 57 |
| 1999 | 18 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 56 |
| 2000 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 49 |
| 2001 | 17 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 44 |
| 2002 | 16 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 45 |

Production was reported from 45 farms. The number of producers in the size brackets, 26-100 tonnes and >200 tonnes, increased in 2002, while those producers in the size brackets, <1-25 tonnes and 101-200 tonnes decreased. These figures do not include those sites specialising in the production of ova or young fish for ongrowing.

## Production by Method

Table 3: Grouping of rainbow trout sites by production tonnages, main method of production in 2002 and comparison with production in 2001

| Production method | Production grouping (tonnes) in 2002 |  |  |  |  | Total tonnage and (\%) by method |  | Number of sites |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | <10 | 10-25 | 26-50 | 51-100 | >100 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| FW cages | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2,639 (48.3) | 3,462 (52) | 10 | 9 |
| FW ponds and raceways | 4 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 2,146 (39.2) | $\begin{gathered} 2,194 \\ (32.9) \end{gathered}$ | 25 | 30 |
| FW tanks and hatcheries | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120(2.2) | 6 (0.1) | 7 | 3 |
| SW cages | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 561 (10.3) | 997 (15) | 3 | 3 |
| SW tanks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 7 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 5,466 | 6,659 | 45 | 45 |

Freshwater production accounted for 5,662 tonnes ( $85 \%$ ) and seawater production for the remaining 997 tonnes (15\%). The main rearing facilities were freshwater cages, ponds and raceways. There was an increase in production in seawater cages, no production in seawater tanks and a decrease in freshwater tank production.

## Company and Site Data

Table 4: Number of companies and sites in production during 1991-2002

| Year | No. of companies | No. of sites |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1991 | 56 | 69 |
| 1992 | 53 | 72 |
| 1993 | 52 | 74 |
| 1994 | 56 | 72 |
| 1995 | 54 | 69 |
| 1996 | 52 | 69 |
| 1997 | 51 | 69 |
| 1998 | 51 | 71 |
| 1999 | 54 | 68 |
| 2000 | 54 | 63 |
| 2001 | 50 | 57 |
| 2002 | 39 | 57 |

The number of companies registered with the Scottish Executive as being actively engaged in rainbow trout production was 39 in 2002. This apparent reduction in the number of companies engaged in rainbow trout production is due to a change in the survey criteria. The number of sites registered and in production during 2002 was 57.

## Staffing and Productivity

Table 5: Number of staff employed and productivity per person during 1991-2002

| Year | Full-time | Part-time | Total | Productivity <br> (tonnes/person) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1991 | 133 | 51 | 184 | 18.1 |
| 1992 | 135 | 73 | 208 | 19.0 |
| 1993 | 134 | 73 | 207 | 19.4 |
| 1994 | 139 | 70 | 209 | 20.4 |
| 1995 | 132 | 64 | 196 | 23.9 |
| 1996 | 129 | 60 | 189 | 24.5 |
| 1997 | 130 | 52 | 182 | 25.6 |
| 1998 | 137 | 49 | 186 | 26.4 |
| 1999 | 126 | 51 | 177 | 33.0 |
| 2000 | 121 | 47 | 168 | 30.7 |
| 2001 | 118 | 41 | 159 | 34.4 |
| 2002 | 114 | 46 | 160 | 41.6 |

The overall number of staff employed in 2001 increased by one to 160 in 2002. The number of full-time staff decreased by four, whilst the number of part-time employees increased by five.

Productivity, measured as tonnes produced per person, increased by more than seven tonnes per person in 2002. No distinction was made between full and part-time employees when calculating productivity.

## Production by Area

Table 6: Production and staffing by area in 2002

| Area | No. sites | Table <br> production <br> (tonnes) | Restocking <br> production <br> (tonnes) | Mean <br> tonnes <br> per site | Staffing |  |  | F/T |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Productivity <br> tonnes/person |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North | 7 | 473 | 106 | 82.7 | 14 | 4 | 18 | 32.2 |
| East | 19 | 1,472 | 375 | 97.2 | 39 | 17 | 56 | 33.0 |
| West | 13 | 2,892 | 104 | 230.5 | 32 | 12 | 44 | 68.1 |
| South | 18 | 874 | 363 | 68.7 | 29 | 13 | 42 | 29.4 |
| All | 57 | 5,711 | 948 | 116.8 | 114 | 46 | 160 | 41.6 |

Productivity per site was greatest in the west, 230.5 tonnes per site, a reflection of some of the production being in sea water rather than fresh water in this area. Productivity per person was also greatest in the west, at 68.1 tonnes per person.

Figure 1: The Distribution of Active Rainbow Trout Farms 2002

## Type of Ova Laid Down

Table 7: Number (000s) and proportions (\%) of ova types laid down to hatch during 1993-2002

| Year | All female <br> diploid no.(\%) | Triploid no. (\%) | Mixed sex <br> diploid no. (\%) | Total ova |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1993 | $17,261(87)$ | $1,396(7)$ | $1,087(6)$ | 19,744 |
| 1994 | $18,105(92)$ | $1,134(6)$ | $365(2)$ | 19,604 |
| 1995 | $19,546(94)$ | $1,170(6)$ | $119(41)$ | 20,835 |
| 1996 | $21,308(94)$ | $935(4)$ | $435(2)$ | 22,678 |
| 1997 | $21,117(90)$ | $1,386(6)$ | $1,000(4)$ | 23,503 |
| 1998 | $23,222(92)$ | $1,515(6)$ | $504(2)$ | 25,241 |
| 1999 | $16,324(88)$ | $1,853(10)$ | $456(2)$ | 18,633 |
| 2000 | $17,264(82)$ | $1,202(6)$ | $2,513(12)$ | 20,979 |
| 2001 | $20,788(90)$ | $2,107(9)$ | $140(1)$ | 23,035 |
| 2002 | $19,733(89)$ | $1,822(8)$ | $570(3)$ | 22,125 |

## Source of Ova Laid Down

Table 8: Number (000s) and sources of ova laid down to hatch 1993-2002

| Year | Ova produced in Great Britain (GB) |  |  | Imported ova |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Own stock | Other stock | Total | Northern hemisphere | Southern hemisphere | Total |  |
| 1993 | 1,830 | 405 | 2,235 | 12,815 | 4,694 | 17,509 | 19,744 |
| 1994 | 479 | 625 | 1,104 | 13,055 | 5,445 | 18,500 | 19,604 |
| 1995 | 165 | 360 | 525 | 12,485 | 7,825 | 20,310 | 20,835 |
| 1996 | 420 | 988 | 1,408 | 13,247 | 8,023 | 21,270 | 22,678 |
| 1997 | 1,232 | 837 | 2,069 | 11,594 | 9,840 | 21,434 | 23,503 |
| 1998 | 2,559 | 60 | 2,619 | 11,038 | 11,595 | 22,633 | 25,252 |
| 1999 | 878 | 392 | 1,270 | 11,415 | 5,946 | 17,361 | 18,631 |
| 2000 | 1,397 | 900 | 2,297 | 10,161 | 8,525 | 18,686 | 20,983 |
| 2001 | 918 | 525 | 1,443 | 13,515 | 8,075 | 21,590 | 23,033 |
| 2002 | 530 | 200 | 730 | 12,385 | 9,010 | 21,395 | 22,125 |

In 2002, the total number of eyed-ova laid down to hatch decreased by almost one million (3.9\%) on the 2001 figure. The proportion of ova from GB broodstock decreased to $3.3 \%$ of the total, and the rainbow trout industry remained reliant on imported ova. Data on importation of ova into Scotland are also available from the import licences and are shown in Table 9a. Any discrepancy between the figures in Table 8 and 9a is due to data being obtained from two independent sources.

Imports of Ova from Official Import Licences
Table 9a: Number (000s) and sources of ova imported into Scotland during 1995-2002

| Source | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Northern | 6,285 | 4,095 | 2,425 | 2,065 | 3,335 | 1,085 | 710 | - |
| Isle of Man | 3,550 | 4,182 | 4,205 | 3,273 | 4,222 | 5,842 | 6,670 | 6,775 |
| Denmark | 2,650 | 5,075 | 5,354 | 5,700 | 4,546 | 4,225 | 6,135 | 5,000 |
| South Africa | 7,825 | 8,023 | 9,450 | 11,585 | 6,036 | 7,762 | 8,075 | 7,750 |
| USA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,700 |
| Others (EU) | - | 220 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 20,310 | 21,595 | 21,434 | 22,623 | 18,139 | 18,914 | 21,590 | 21,225 |

Table 9b: Seasonal variation in numbers (000s) and sources of ova imported into Scotland during 2002

| Month | Isle of Man | Denmark | South Africa | USA |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 1,660 | 1,200 | - | - |
| February | 185 | 250 | - | - |
| March | 1,580 | 1,900 | - | - |
| April | 80 | 650 | - | 1,000 |
| May | - | 200 | - | 200 |
| June | - | - | 1,000 | 300 |
| July | - | - | 3,300 | - |
| August | - | - | 2,750 | - |
| September | - | - | 700 | 100 |
| October | 1,000 | - | - | - |
| November | 2,150 | 200 | - | - |
| December | 6,775 | 5,000 | 7,750 | 1,700 |
| Totals |  |  | 100 |  |

There were no imports of ova from Northern Ireland during 2002. Denmark, the Isle of Man and a new supplier in the USA accounted for $63.5 \%$ of ova imported into Scotland during 2002 ( $63 \%$ from the northern hemisphere during 2001), the remainder being sourced in South Africa. By using a mixture of ova from the northern and southern hemispheres, producers are able to regulate production throughout the year and produce a constant supply of fish for their markets.

## Trade in Fry and Fingerlings

Table 10: Number (000s) of fry and fingerlings traded during 1993-2002

|  | Fry and fingerlings bought |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | All female <br> diploid nos. (\%) | Triploid nos. <br> $(\%)$ | Mixed sex <br> diploid nos. <br> $(\%)$ | Total number <br> bought | Total number <br> sold |
| 1993 | $8,395(73)$ | $917(8)$ | $2,239(19)$ | 11,551 | 9,823 |
| 1994 | $9,854(90)$ | $1,017(9)$ | $47(<1)$ | 10,918 | 10,379 |
| 1995 | $12,449(95)$ | $683(5)$ | 0 | 13,132 | 10,912 |
| 1996 | $12,174(93)$ | $572(4)$ | $283(2)$ | 13,029 | 11,578 |
| 1997 | $15,028(94)$ | $889(5)$ | $98(1)$ | 16,015 | 10,330 |
| 1998 | $13,035(96)$ | $410(3)$ | $80(1)$ | 13,525 | 11,000 |
| 1999 | $11,264(94)$ | $90(1)$ | $616(5)$ | 11,970 | 9,759 |
| 2000 | $13,410(92)$ | $287(2)$ | $892(6)$ | 14,589 | 12,505 |
| 2001 | $16,065(96)$ | $685(4)$ | 0 | 16,750 | 13,961 |
| 2002 | $10,031(88)$ | $670(6)$ | $667(6)$ | 11,368 | 10,101 |

The established trade between hatcheries and on-growing farms continued in 2002. Some companies specialised in the production of fry and fingerlings. The total number of fry and fingerlings purchased by producers decreased by $32 \%$, whilst the total number sold by producers decreased by $28 \%$. The disparity between supply and demand is met by supplies being bought in from England, Wales and Northern Ireland; the shortage in supply was lower than that seen in 2001.

## Use of Vaccines

Table 11: Number of sites rearing fish vaccinated against enteric redmouth disease (ERM) during 1991-2002

| Year | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of <br> sites | 30 | 33 | 28 | 35 | 31 | 33 | 35 | 31 | 40 | 35 | 33 | 34 |

Vaccines continued to be widely used as a preventative treatment against ERM, a potentially serious bacterial disease, caused by the bacterium Yersinia ruckeri. A total of 30.6 million fish were vaccinated. Vaccination is generally carried out as a bath treatment at the fingerling stage although some vaccines were administered by intra-peritoneal injection.

## 2. ATLANTIC SALMON (Salmo salar) - OVA AND SMOLTS

Annual production surveys were sent to all 55 companies registered with the Scottish Executive as being actively engaged in the freshwater production of Atlantic salmon in Scotland during 2002. Returns were received from all companies, covering the 173 sites currently in production.

## Company and Farm Data

Table 12: Number of companies and sites in production during 1994-2002 ${ }^{1}$

| Year | No. of companies | No. of sites |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1994 | 68 | 147 |
| 1995 | 69 | 162 |
| 1996 | 67 | 166 |
| 1997 | 65 | 171 |
| 1998 | 64 | 177 |
| 1999 | 65 | 189 |
| 2000 | 60 | 184 |
| 2001 | 56 | 169 |
| 2002 | 55 | 173 |

In 2002 the number of companies registered with the Scottish Executive as being actively engaged in the freshwater production of Atlantic salmon decreased by one to 55 . A total of 278 freshwater sites were registered and of these 87 sites were inactive and 191 active. One hundred and seventy-three of the active sites were in commercial production, the difference being accounted for by farms that were not used during 2002.

## Production and Staffing

Table 13: Number (000s) of smolts produced, staff employed and smolt productivity during 1992-2002

| Year | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number (000s) of <br> smolts produced | 20,827 | 21,043 | 23,117 | 26,539 | 33,619 | 38,187 | 44,853 | 39,763 | 45,583 | 47,546 | 47,161 |
| StaffingFull- <br> time | 266 | 233 | 245 | 279 | 308 | 344 | 318 | 300 | 341 | 317 | 312 |
| Part- <br> time <br> Total | 93 | 115 | 133 | 117 | 133 | 166 | 96 | 124 | 103 | 111 | 93 |
| Productivity, <br> 000s of smolts <br> per person | 58.0 | 60.5 | 61.2 | 67.0 | 76.2 | 74.9 | 108.3 | 93.8 | 102.7 | 111.1 | 116.4 |

Smolt production in 2002 decreased by under 0.5 million, a decrease of $0.8 \%$ compared to 2001.

[^0]The number of staff employed decreased by 23 and productivity increased by 5\%, to a figure of 116,400 smolts produced per employee.

## Escapes

There were no reported escapes from freshwater Atlantic salmon farms in 2002.

## Smolts by Age Group

Table 14: Number of smolts (000s) produced by type during 1993-2002

| Year | $\mathrm{S} 1 / 2$ | S 1 | $\mathrm{~S} 11 / 2$ | S 2 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1993 | 686 | 19,698 | 202 | 457 | 21,043 |
| 1994 | 1,672 | 20,712 | 511 | 222 | 23,117 |
| 1995 | 2,663 | 22,705 | 365 | 806 | 26,539 |
| 1996 | 6,298 | 26,334 | 523 | 464 | 33,619 |
| 1997 | 9,333 | 27,679 | 692 | 483 | 38,187 |
| 1998 | 8,478 | 35,383 | 686 | 306 | 44,853 |
| 1999 | 10,770 | 28,345 | 586 | 62 | 39,763 |
| 2000 | 11,841 | 33,722 | 0 | 20 | 45,583 |
| 2001 | 14,684 | 32,732 | 110 | 20 | 47,546 |
| 2002 | 15,791 | 30,527 | 843 | 0 | 47,161 |

In 2002 production was dominated by S 1 smolts, although numbers produced decreased by $7 \%$. The production of $\mathrm{S}^{1} / 2$ smolts increased by $7 \%$ reflecting the increasing trend in the number of photoperiod adjusted smolts used by the industry. There was a marked increase in the production of $\mathrm{S} 11 / 2$, while no S 2 smolts were produced.

## Production Systems

Table 15: Number and capacity of production systems during 1998-2002

| System | No. of sites with system |  |  |  | Total capacity, 000s cubic metres |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| Cages | 80 | 86 | 85 | 76 | 81 | 343 | 457 | 344 | 328 | 409 |
| Tanks and <br> Raceways | 97 | 103 | 99 | 93 | 92 | 40 | 39 | 45 | 48 | 41 |
| Total | 177 | 189 | 184 | 169 | 173 | 383 | 496 | 389 | 376 | 450 |

There are two principal types of facility used for the production of smolts in fresh water - tanks and cages. In 2002, the number of farms employing tanks, ponds and raceways decreased by one, and the number of farms employing cages increased by five. In terms of volume, tank capacity decreased by $7,000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$, whilst cage volume increased by $81,000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$. This resulted in a net increase in volume of $74,000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ available for the production of smolts in Scotland during 2002.

Table 16: Number (000s) of smolts produced and stocking densities by production system during 1998-2002

|  | Number of smolts produced (000s) |  |  |  |  | Stocking densities(smolts /m) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| Cages | 25,049 | 22,242 | 24,052 | 25,237 | 27,076 | 73 | 49 | 70 | 77 | 66 |
| All others | 19,804 | 17,521 | 21,531 | 22,309 | 20,085 | 495 | 449 | 478 | 465 | 490 |
| Total | 44,853 | 39,763 | 45,583 | 47,546 | 47,161 | - | - | - | - | - |

The average stocking densities of cages decreased compared to 2001, whilst the stocking densities of tanks increased; in the case of cages from 77 to 66 fish per $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ and in the case of tanks, from 465 to 490 fish per $\mathrm{m}^{3}$.

## Ova Production

Table 17: Number (000s) of salmon ova produced during 1995-2002

| Year | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of ova | 89,556 | 122,665 | 186,470 | 151,841 | 122,649 | 124,619 | 99,921 | 107,996 |

Almost one hundred and eight million ova were stripped in 2002, an increase of over eight million (8.1\%) on the 2001 season.

Table 18: Source, number (000s) and previous year's estimate of ova laid down to hatch during 1993-2002

| Year | In-house <br> broodstock | Out-sourced GB <br> broodstock | GB wild <br> broodstock | Foreign <br> ova | Total | Previous <br> year's <br> estimate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1993 | 44,524 | 19,281 | 514 | 4,381 | 68,700 | 54,415 |
| 1994 | 25,883 | 14,991 | 450 | 5,347 | 46,671 | 49,064 |
| 1995 | 37,176 | 25,063 | 475 | 2,160 | 64,874 | 46,538 |
| 1996 | 46,545 | 23,784 | 65 | 8,045 | 78,439 | 71,635 |
| 1997 | 60,421 | 23,308 | 323 | 1,750 | 85,802 | 76,629 |
| 1998 | 49,207 | 19,085 | 0 | 1,010 | 69,302 | 69,632 |
| 1999 | 52,122 | 25,804 | 4,291 | 500 | 82,717 | 68,644 |
| 2000 | 38,674 | 33,592 | 1,605 | 4,660 | 78,531 | 69,220 |
| 2001 | 40,086 | 32,002 | 615 | 10,720 | 83,423 | 83,458 |
| 2002 | 40,732 | 30,664 | 120 | 15,184 | 86,700 | 80,679 |
| 2003 | - | - | - | - | - | 73,193 |

The number of ova laid down to hatch was 86.7 million, an increase of over three million (4\%) on the 2001 figure. The majority of the ova ( $47 \%$ ) were derived from producers' own broodstock, the proportion being slightly less than that seen in 2001. Supplies from other producer's broodstock were proportionally smaller, with an increasing proportion being derived from sources outside Great Britain. Producers' estimates for the number of ova to be laid down in 2003 shows a projected decrease, although this is usually a lower figure than the numbers of ova laid down in any year. The ova derived from wild stocks are generally held and hatched for wild stock enhancement by the aquaculture industry, in co-operation with the wild fisheries.

Smolts Produced and Put to Sea
Table 19: Actual and projected smolt production and smolts put to sea (millions) during 1993-2004

|  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 199 <br> 7 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual smolts <br> put to sea | 20.5 | 22.0 | 26.8 | 30.8 | 42.8 | 45.9 | 41.1 | 45.2 | 48.6 | 50.1 |  |  |
| Smolts <br> produced | 21.0 | 23.1 | 26.5 | 33.6 | 38.2 | 44.8 | 39.8 | 45.6 | 47.5 | 47.2 |  |  |
| Estimated <br> production | 21.8 | 22.1 | 25.2 | 31.8 | 41.6 | 45.3 | 49.6 | 42.1 | 50.2 | 49.3 | 44.2 | 48.8 |
| Ratio of ova <br> laid down to <br> smolts <br> produced | 3.3 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |  |  |

The figure for the number of smolts put to sea includes smolts produced in England and fish imported from elsewhere whereas smolt production data relate only to those produced in Scotland. Farmers estimate putting 44.2 million smolts to sea in 2003.

The ratio of ova laid down to hatch to smolts produced in 2002 remained similar to the ratio in 2001.

## Scale of Production

Table 20: Smolt producing sites grouped by numbers (000s) of smolts produced during 1991-2002

| Year | Scale of production |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No. of sites in production | Total smolts produced |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1-10 | 11-25 | $\begin{gathered} 26- \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 51- \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 101- \\ & 250 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 251- \\ 500 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 501- \\ 1,000 \end{gathered}$ | >1,000 |  |  |
| 1991 | 2 | 11 | 17 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 5 | 2 | 111 | 22,404 |
| 1992 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 17 | 41 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 110 | 20,828 |
| 1993 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 17 | 32 | 21 | 9 | 0 | 104 | 21,043 |
| 1994 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 24 | 37 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 113 | 23,117 |
| 1995 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 29 | 30 | 26 | 14 | 1 | 122 | 26,540 |
| 1996 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 29 | 33 | 26 | 17 | 3 | 129 | 33,619 |
| 1997 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 22 | 39 | 24 | 18 | 6 | 125 | 38,187 |
| 1998 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 24 | 33 | 29 | 20 | 8 | 130 | 44,853 |
| 1999 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 25 | 29 | 24 | 21 | 7 | 123 | 39,763 |
| 2000 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 36 | 24 | 24 | 9 | 123 | 45,583 |
| 2001 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 30 | 26 | 13 | 14 | 110 | 47,546 |
| 2002 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 17 | 29 | 34 | 17 | 10 | 120 | 47,161 |

Note: These data refer only to sites producing smolts. The sites holding only ova, fry or parr are excluded.
There has been an increase in the number of sites producing smolts since 2001. The number of sites producing less than 101,000 smolts has increased by three, and there has been an increase of seven in the number of sites producing more than 100,000 smolts. Although there has been a decrease in the number of sites producing in excess of one million smolts per year, there was an increase in the number of sites producing between 501,000 and one million smolts per year. This drop in production at larger sites coupled with an increase in the number
of smaller production sites, has resulted in an overall decrease in smolts produced, whilst the total number of sites involved in smolt production has increased.

## Production of Ova and Smolt by Production Area

Table 21: Staffing, and ova laid down to hatch, 2001-2002, smolt production 2001-2002 and projected production 2003-2004 by region

| Region | Number of staff employed in 2002 |  | Ova laid down to hatch (000s) |  | Smolt production (000s) |  | Estimated smolt production (000s) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | F/T | P/T | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| Northwest | 152 | 39 | 48,309 | 49,760 | 25,880 | 23,295 | 23,010 | 25,965 |
| Orkney | 4 | 6 | 117 | 700 | 368 | 681 | 935 | 1,140 |
| Shetland | 19 | 13 | 5,177 | 3,938 | 1,520 | 1,449 | 2,110 | 2,480 |
| West | 59 | 13 | 12,759 | 13,809 | 9,937 | 9,155 | 8,441 | 9,380 |
| Western Isles | 68 | 15 | 14,117 | 14,612 | 7,387 | 9,906 | 7,423 | 7,134 |
| East and South | 10 | 7 | 2,943 | 3,881 | 2,454 | 2,675 | 2,313 | 2,665 |
| All Scotland | 312 | 93 | 83,422 | 86,700 | 47,546 | 47,161 | 44,232 | 48,764 |

The north west, west and the Western Isles were the main ova and smolt producing areas in 2002, and employed the greatest number of staff.

## International Trade in Ova

Since the introduction of the EU single market on 1 January 1993 and the associated Fish Health Regulations common to all EU member states, a trade in live salmon and ova has been established.

In addition, the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement allows trade between the EU and the member states of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). Until 2003 trade, under the EEA Agreement, was restricted to halibut alevins and salmonid eggs or gametes. With the cessation of these restrictions trade became based on the same rules as are established within the EU, regarding approval of farms and zones for listed diseases. Norway has an equivalent status to GB with regard to List II diseases but protective measures in place against infectious salmon anaemia (ISA) and Gyrodactylus salaris have prevented trade. Changes introduced to these protective measures in 2003 mean the importation of salmonid ova is permitted from Norway.

Trade with Third Countries has also been established, but imports are permitted only under licence, from sources that have met rigorous health testing requirements. Exports to countries outside the EU are subject to the health conditions placed by the importing country. FRS advises potential exporters to ascertain with the importing country any specific health testing requirements that may be a condition of import.

Figure 2: The Distribution of Active Smolt Farms 2002


## Imports and Exports

Table 22a: Source and number (000s) of ova, parr and smolts imported during 1993-2002 derived from import licences

| Import Year | Ova |  |  |  |  | Parr and Smolts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EU Member States | EFTA | Third Countries |  | Total | EU Member |
|  |  | Iceland | Australia | USA |  | States |
| 1993 | 4,439 | - | 470 | - | 4,909 | - |
| 1994 | 5,823 | - | 240 | - | 6,063 | 72 |
| 1995 | 1,470 | - | 600 | - | 2,070 | 2,902 |
| 1996 | 6,690 | - | 1,355 | - | 8,045 | 2,849 |
| 1997 | 2,305 | - | 1,200 | - | 3,505 | 2,168 |
| 1998 | 260 | - | 750 | - | 1,010 | 2,140 |
| 1999 | 244 | - | 500 | - | 744 | 900 |
| 2000 | 0 | 4,610 | 500 | - | 5,110 | 3,436 |
| 2001 | 8,173 | 10,833 | 1,620 | - | 20,626 | 2,475 |
| 2002 | 8,650 | 11,623 | 1,800 | 500 | 22,573 | 2,879 |

Table 22b: Destination and number (000s) of salmon ova exported during 1994-2002 derived from export certificates

| Export year | Farmed origin |  |  | Total | Wild origin total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Chile | EU | Others |  |  |
| 1994 | 15,691 | 6,740 | 40 | 22,471 | 350 |
| 1995 | 19,542 | 7,770 | 40 | 27,352 | 450 |
| 1996 | 19,720 | 20,445 | 20 | 40,185 | 435 |
| 1997 | 44,810 | 12,525 | - | 57,335 | 270 |
| 1998 | 23,375 | 4,459 | 20 | 27,754 | 492 |
| 1999 | 16,880 | 13,054 | - | 29,934 | 52 |
| 2000 | 9,740 | 25,311 | - | 35,051 | 50 |
| 2001 | 2,675 | 8,542 | 0 | 11,217 | 0 |
| 2002 | 1,600 | 6,627 | 0 | 8,227 | 0 |

The numbers of ova imported increased by more than 9\%. This was due to the introduction in 2002 of ova availability from the USA along with increases in the importation of ova from the EU, Australia and Iceland. The number of parr imported increased.

In 2002 a total of 8.2 million ova were exported. Exports to other EU member states decreased by $22 \%$ to 6.6 million. Exports to Chile fell by $40 \%$ to 1.6 million, the lowest level observed to date. Overall, exports were down by $27 \%$ based on the 2001 figure.

## Vaccines

Table 23: Number of sites using vaccines 1994-2002 and number of fish vaccinated during 1994-2002

| Year | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of sites | 85 | 102 | 112 | 118 | 122 | 115 | 114 | 106 | 108 |
| No of fish vaccinated | 19.4 | 25.3 | 31.8 | 39.7 | 43.7 | 43.9 | 45.8 | 51.3 | 47.5 |

Vaccines were used to provide protection against furunculosis, a disease caused by the bacterium Aeromonas salmonicida, which was the cause of serious losses within the fish farming industry in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Vaccination is normally carried out at the pre-smolt stage by intra-peritoneal injection. In addition, some sites vaccinated fish against enteric redmouth disease (ERM), infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNv) and Vibrio spp. bacteria.

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## Production

Production survey information was collected from all 84 companies actively involved in Atlantic salmon production, farming 328 active sites. This figure represents the entire industry operating in Scotland.

Table 24: Annual production of Atlantic salmon (tonnes) during 1986-2002 and projected production in 2003

| Year | Tonnes | Percentage <br> difference | Year | Tonnes | Percentage <br> difference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1986 | 10,337 | - | 1995 | 70,060 | 9 |
| 1987 | 12,721 | 23 | 1996 | 83,121 | 19 |
| 1988 | 17,951 | 41 | 1997 | 99,197 | 19 |
| 1989 | 28,553 | 59 | 1998 | 110,784 | 12 |
| 1990 | 32,351 | 13 | 1999 | 126,686 | 14 |
| 1991 | 40,593 | 25 | 2000 | 128,959 | 2 |
| 1992 | 36,101 | -11 | 2001 | 138,519 | 7 |
| 1993 | 48,691 | 35 | 2002 | 145,609 | 5 |
| 1994 | 64,066 | 32 | 2003 | $176,596^{\star}$ | - |

*farmers' estimate of projected tonnage based on stocks currently being on-grown
The total production of Atlantic salmon during 2002 was 145,609 tonnes, an increase of 7,090 tonnes ( $5 \%$ ) on 2001 production. This is the tenth consecutive annual increase in production.

## Escapes

There were thirteen reported escapes from seawater Atlantic salmon farms in 2002, involving the loss of 367,405 fish.

Table 25: Number (000s) and production (tonnes) of salmon harvested and mean fish weight (kg) per year class during 1994-2002

|  | Year of smolt <br> input | Year of <br> harvest | Number <br> $(000 \mathrm{~s})$ | Production <br> (tonnes) | Mean weight at <br> harvest (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1994 | 1994 | 261 | 388 | 1.5 |  |
|  | 1995 | 1995 | 207 | 369 | 1.8 |
| Harvest in | 1996 | 1996 | 315 | 638 | 2.0 |
| year 0 (i.e. in | 1997 | 1997 | 282 | 585 | 2.1 |
| year of input) | 1999 | 1998 | 696 | 2,048 | 2.9 |
|  | 2000 | 2000 | 1999 | 765 | 2,763 |


|  | Year of smolt <br> input | Year of <br> harvest | Number <br> $(000 \mathrm{~s})$ | Production <br> (tonnes) | Mean weight at <br> harvest (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Harvest in | 1993 | 1994 | 13,446 | 41,865 | 3.1 |
| year 1 | 1994 | 1995 | 14,420 | 47,775 | 3.3 |
|  | 1995 | 1996 | 17,132 | 57,998 | 3.4 |
|  | 1996 | 1997 | 20,245 | 71,349 | 3.5 |
|  | 1997 | 1998 | 29,014 | 86,783 | 3.0 |
|  | 1999 | 1999 | 22,556 | 83,823 | 3.8 |
|  | 2000 | 2000 | 23,077 | 89,963 | 3.9 |
|  | 2001 | 2001 | 22,726 | 96,539 | 4.2 |
|  | 1992 | 2002 | 23,819 | 92,323 | 3.9 |
| Harvest in | 1993 | 1994 | 5,096 | 21,812 | 4.3 |
| year 2 | 1994 | 1996 | 5,137 | 21,916 | 4.3 |
|  | 1995 | 1997 | 5,408 | 24,485 | 4.5 |
|  | 1996 | 1998 | 6,195 | 27,263 | 4.4 |
|  | 1997 | 1999 | 5,148 | 21,953 | 4.3 |
|  | 1998 | 2000 | 9,027 | 40,100 | 4.4 |
|  | 1999 | 2001 | 8,450 | 36,323 | 4.3 |
|  | 2000 | 2002 | 10,992 | 40,754 | 4.5 |
|  |  |  |  | 42,462 | 4.8 |

Table 26: Number (000s) and production (tonnes) of grilse and pre-salmon harvested during 1994-2002

| Year | Grilse (January-August) |  |  | Pre-salmon (September-December) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Tonnes | Average <br> weight (kg) |  | Number | Tonnes | Average weight <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ |
| 1994 | 6,435 | 17,386 | 2.7 |  | 7,011 | 24,479 | 3.5 |
| 1995 | 7,610 | 22,235 | 2.9 |  | 6,809 | 25,540 | 3.8 |
| 1996 | 8,669 | 25,776 | 3.0 |  | 8,462 | 32,222 | 3.8 |
| 1997 | 10,489 | 34,227 | 3.3 |  | 9,756 | 37,122 | 3.8 |
| 1998 | 16,740 | 38,963 | 2.3 |  | 12,275 | 47,820 | 3.9 |
| 1999 | 12,448 | 41,259 | 3.3 |  | 10,109 | 42,564 | 4.2 |
| 2000 | 12,561 | 45,229 | 3.6 |  | 10,516 | 44,734 | 4.2 |
| 2001 | 11,072 | 42,065 | 3.8 |  | 11,654 | 54,474 | 4.7 |
| 2002 | 9,968 | 34,380 | 3.4 |  | 13,851 | 57,943 | 4.2 |

Table 27: Percentage (by weight) of annual production by growth stage harvested during 1995-2002

| Year | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Growth stage | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Input year fish | $<1$ | $<1$ | $<1$ | 2 | 2 | 2 | $<1$ | $<1$ |
| Grilse | 32 | 31 | 35 | 35 | 32 | 35 | 30 | 23 |
| Pre-salmon | 36 | 39 | 37 | 43 | 34 | 35 | 39 | 40 |
| Salmon | 31 | 29 | 27 | 20 | 32 | 28 | 30 | 36 |

## Survival and Production in Smolt Year Classes

Table 28: Survival and production in smolt year classes during 1990-2002

| Year of smolt input | Smolt input (000s) | Harvest year 0 |  |  |  | Harvest year 1 |  |  |  | Harvest year 2 |  |  |  | Total \% of year class harvested | Year class weight (tonnes) | Yield per smolt (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number (000s) | Weight (tonnes) | Mean weight (kg) | \% harvested | Number (000s) | Weight (tonnes) | Mean weight (kg) | \% harvest | Number (000s) | Weight (tonnes) | Mean weight (kg) | \% harvest |  |  |  |
| 1990 | 21,408 |  | - | - | - | 8,877 | 21,026 | 2.4 | 41.5 | 4,315 | 14,728 | 3.4 | 20.1 | 61.6 | 35,754 | 1.67 |
| 1991 | 20,227 | - | - | - | - | 8,864 | 21,373 | 2.4 | 43.8 | 4,675 | 15,875 | 3.4 | 23.1 | 66.9 | 37,248 | 1.84 |
| 1992 | 20,527 | - | - | - | - | 11,102 | 32,738 | 3.0 | 54.1 | 5,096 | 21,812 | 4.3 | 24.8 | 78.9 | 54,550 | 2.65 |
| 1993 | 20,541 | 46 | 78 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 13,446 | 41,865 | 3.1 | 65.5 | 5,135 | 21,916 | 4.2 | 25.0 | 90.7 | 63,859 | 3.10 |
| 1994 | 21,953 | 260 | 388 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 14,420 | 47,775 | 3.3 | 65.7 | 5,408 | 24,485 | 4.5 | 24.6 | 91.5 | 72,629 | 3.31 |
| 1995 | 26,786 | 206 | 269 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 17,132 | 57,998 | 3.4 | 64.0 | 6,195 | 27,263 | 4.4 | 23.1 | 87.8 | 85,530 | 3.19 |
| 1996 | 32,906 | 315 | 638 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 20,245 | 71,349 | 3.5 | 61.5 | 5,148 | 21,953 | 4.3 | 15.6 | 78.1 | 93,940 | 2.85 |
| 1997 | 42,766 | 282 | 585 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 29,014 | 86,783 | 3.0 | 67.8 | 9,027 | 40,098 | 4.4 | 21.1 | 89.6 | 127,466 | 2.98 |
| 1998 | 45,870 | 696 | 2,048 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 22,556 | 83,823 | 3.7 | 49.2 | 8,450 | 36,323 | 4.3 | 18.4 | 69.1 | 122,194 | 2.66 |
| 1999 | 41,106 | 1,000 | 2,763 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 23,077 | 89,963 | 3.9 | 56.1 | 9,096 | 40,754 | 4.5 | 22.1 | 80.6 | 133,480 | 3.25 |
| 2000 | 45,185 | 765 | 2,673 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 22,726 | 96,539 | 4.2 | 50.3 | 10,992 | 52,462 | 4.8 | 24.3 | 76.7 | 151,674 | 3.36 |
| 2001 | 48,643 | 557 | 1,227 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 23,819 | 92,323 | 3.9 | 49.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2002 | 50,086 | 272 | 824 | 3.0 | 0.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

In 2000, the last year for which survival can be calculated, the survival rate from smolt input to harvest was $76.7 \%$. The 2000 year class displayed a lower survival rate than that seen in 1999 and is slightly lower than the survival averaged over the last 11 year-classes.

Of the 2001 year class, $50.1 \%$ of the input has been harvested, approximately $2.3 \%$ fewer than the average harvest of fish one year after input in the 2000 year class. The average weight dropped by 0.3 kg to 3.9 kg . This may indicate an increased harvest in 2003 of two sea winter (2SW) fish, or a decrease in the survival rate of the year class as a whole.

In 2002, the harvest of fish from the 2002 smolt input was $0.5 \%$, a further decrease compared with the proportion of fish harvested from the same year class in recent years.

## Smolts to Sea

Table 29: Number (000s) and origin of smolts put to sea during 1993-2002

| Year | Smolts put to sea (000s) |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { (000s) } \end{aligned}$ | Scottish <br> Origin <br> $\%$ | English Origin |  | Other Origin |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | S $1 / 2$ | S1 | S11/2 | S2 |  |  | (000s) | \% | (000s) | \% |
| 1993 | - | 19,843 | - | 698 | 20,541 | 96 | 827 | 4 | - | - |
| 1994 | 1,865 | 19,701 | 113 | 274 | 21,953 | 93 | 1,451 | 7 | - | - |
| 1995 | 2,442 | 23,081 | 589 | 674 | 26,786 | 97 | 852 | 3 | - | - |
| 1996 | 5,527 | 26,157 | 180 | 974 | 32,838 | 90 | 1,166 | 4 | 1,936 | 6 |
| 1997 | 8,936 | 33,274 | 182 | 374 | 42,766 | 88 | 2,957 | 7 | 2,028 | 5 |
| 1998 | 12,796 | 32,649 | 190 | 235 | 45,870 | 92 | 2,714 | 6 | 1,080 | 2 |
| 1999 | 11,585 | 29,119 | 335 | 68 | 41,107 | 94 | 2,221 | 5 | 600 | 1 |
| 2000 | 9,517 | 35,176 | 399 | 93 | 45,185 | 92 | 3,396 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 2001 | 14,118 | 34,321 | 171 | 33 | 48,643 | 98 | 1,183 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2002 | 15,850 | 32,761 | 1,475 | 0 | 50,086 | 94 | 1,564 | 3 | 1,676 | 3 |

The total number of smolts put to sea in 2002 was over 50 million. The smolt input comprised mainly S1 smolts ( $65 \%$ ), and the proportion of photoperiod adjusted fish ( $\mathrm{S} 1 / 2$ smolts and $\mathrm{S} 11 / 2$ smolts) input increased to $35 \%$. Approximately $6 \%$ of smolts input into Scottish salmon farms were sourced from outwith Scotland. This is an increase compared with the proportion observed in 2001.

Survival and Production in Smolt Year Classes by Production Area
Table 30: Number (000s) of smolts put to sea and year class survival by area during 1992-2002

| Region | Smolts put to sea (000s) |  | Harvest in year 0 |  |  | Harvest in year 1 |  |  | Harvest in year 2 |  |  | Total Harvest (=survival) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Year | No | Year | No | \% | Year | No | \% | Year | No | \% | No | \% |
|  | 1992 | 7,650 | 1992 | - | - | 1993 | 5,160 | 67.5 | 1994 | 1,647 | 21.5 | 6,807 | 89.0 |
|  | 1993 | 7,684 | 1993 | 47 | 0.6 | 1994 | 5,405 | 70.3 | 1995 | 1,927 | 25.1 | 7,379 | 96.2 |
|  | 1994 | 7,914 | 1994 | 108 | 1.4 | 1995 | 4,721 | 59.7 | 1996 | 1,438 | 18.2 | 6,267 | 79.2 |
|  | 1995 | 9,428 | 1995 | 60 | 0.6 | 1996 | 7,500 | 79.6 | 1997 | 1,153 | 12.2 | 8,713 | 92.4 |
|  | 1996 | 12,438 | 1996 | 99 | 0.8 | 1997 | 8,335 | 67.0 | 1998 | 1,818 | 14.6 | 10,252 | 82.4 |
| North West | 1997 | 11,228 | 1997 | 112 | 1.0 | 1998 | 7,253 | 64.6 | 1999 | 2,183 | 19.4 | 9,548 | 85.0 |
|  | 1998 | 17,808 | 1998 | 315 | 1.7 | 1999 | 9,075 | 50.9 | 2000 | 1,614 | 9.1 | 11,004 | 61.8 |
|  | 1999 | 11,393 | 1999 | 288 | 2.5 | 2000 | 9,422 | 82.7 | 2001 | 1,198 | 10.5 | 10,908 | 95.7 |
|  | 2000 | 11,308 | 2000 | 457 | 4.0 | 2001 | 6,754 | 59.7 | 2002 | 2,144 | 19.0 | 9,355 | 82.7 |
|  | 2001 | 13,767 | 2001 | 93 | 0.7 | 2002 | 8,112 | 58.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2002 | 12,634 | 2002 | 135 | 1.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1992 | 681 | 1992 | - | - | 1993 | 236 | 34.7 | 1994 | 217 | 31.9 | 453 | 66.6 |
|  | 1993 | 726 | 1993 | - | - | 1994 | 478 | 65.8 | 1995 | 176 | 24.2 | 654 | 90.0 |
|  | 1994 | 754 | 1994 | - | - | 1995 | 399 | 52.9 | 1996 | 222 | 29.4 | 621 | 82.3 |
|  | 1995 | 1,127 | 1995 | - | - | 1996 | 508 | 45.1 | 1997 | 430 | 38.1 | $938$ | 83.2 |
|  | 1996 | 1,175 | 1996 | - | - | 1997 | 428 | 36.4 | 1998 | 291 | 24.2 | 719 | 61.2 |
| Orkney | 1997 | 1,506 | 1997 | - | - | 1998 | 971 | 64.5 | 1999 | 257 | 17.1 | 1,228 | 81.6 |
|  | 1998 | 2,409 | 1998 | 75 | 3.1 | 1999 | 986 | 40.9 | 2000 | 259 | 10.8 | 1320 | 54.8 |
|  | 1999 | 3,235 | 1999 | 10 | 0.3 | 2000 | 1,614 | 49.9 | 2001 | 782 | 24.2 | 2,406 | 74.4 |
|  | 2000 | 2,604 | 2000 | - | - | 2001 | 670 | 25.7 | 2002 | 235 | 9.0 | 905 | 34.7 |
|  | 2001 | 2,932 | 2001 | - | - | 2002 | 1,660 | 56.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2002 | 2,741 | 2002 | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1992 | 5,014 | 1992 | - | - | 1993 | 2,342 | 46.7 | 1994 | 1,248 | 24.9 | 3,590 | 71.6 |
|  | 1993 | 4,491 | 1993 | - | - | 1994 | 3,354 | 73.1 | 1995 | 993 | 21.6 | 4,347 | 94.7 |
|  | 1994 | 5,012 | 1994 | 24 | 0.5 | 1995 | 3,055 | 61.0 | 1996 | 1,846 | 36.8 | 4,925 | 98.3 |
|  | 1995 | 5,811 | 1995 | 41 | 0.7 | 1996 | 3,021 | 52.0 | 1997 | 2,622 | 44.4 | 5,643 | 95.5 |
|  | 1996 | 6,234 | 1996 | - | - | 1997 | 3,828 | 61.4 | 1998 | 1,141 | 18.3 | 4,966 | 79.7 |
| Shetland | 1997 | 13,276 | 1997 | - | - | 1998 | 7,265 | 54.7 | 1999 | 3,835 | 28.9 | 11,100 | 83.6 |
|  | 1998 | 12,617 | 1998 | 78 | 0.6 | 1999 | 5,498 | 43.6 | 2000 | 4,783 | 37.9 | 10,359 | 82.1 |
|  | $1999$ | $12,663$ | 1999 | 65 | 0.5 | 2000 | 5,576 | 44.0 | $2001$ | 4,139 | 32.7 | $9,780$ | 77.2 |
|  | 2000 | 15,096 | 2000 | - | - | 2001 | 5,102 | 33.8 | 2002 | 4,578 | 30.3 | 9,680 | 64.1 |
|  | 2001 | 17,398 | 2001 | 123 | 0.7 | 2002 | 6,465 | 37.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2002 | 17,260 | 2002 | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Region | Smolts put to sea (000s) |  | Harvest in year 0 |  |  | Harvest in year 1 |  |  | Harvest in year 2 |  |  | Total Harvest (=survival) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Year | No | Year | No | \% | Year | No | \% | Year | No | \% | No | \% |
|  | 1992 | 3,989 | 1992 | - | - | 1993 | 1,667 | 41.8 | 1994 | 1,182 | 29.6 | 2,849 | 71.4 |
|  | 1993 | 5,131 | 1993 | - | - | 1994 | 2,300 | 44.8 | 1995 | 1,215 | 23.6 | 3,515 | 68.5 |
|  | 1994 | 4,614 | 1994 | - | - | 1995 | 2,994 | 64.9 | 1996 | 1,460 | 31.6 | 4,454 | 96.5 |
|  | 1995 | 6,437 | 1995 | 25 | 0.4 | 1996 | 3,268 | 50.8 | 1997 | 1,349 | 21.0 | 4,642 | 72.1 |
|  | 1996 | 9,924 | 1996 | 64 | 0.6 | 1997 | 3,317 | 33.4 | 1998 | 1,408 | 14.2 | 4,789 | 48.2 |
| South West | 1997 | 11,540 | 1997 | - | - | 1998 | 4,126 | 35.8 | 1999 | 2,305 | 20.0 | 6,431 | 55.8 |
|  | 1998 | 6,505 | 1998 | 41 | 0.6 | 1999 | 2,543 | 39.1 | 2000 | 1,501 | 23.1 | 4,085 | 62.8 |
|  | 1999 | 5,370 | 1999 | 226 | 4.2 | 2000 | 1,626 | 30.3 | 2001 | 2,131 | 39.7 | 3,983 | 74.2 |
|  | 2000 | 7,851 | 2000 | 110 | 1.4 | 2001 | 4,554 | 58.0 | 2002 | 2,925 | 37.3 | 7,589 | 96.7 |
|  | 2001 | 7,667 | 2001 | - | - | 2002 | 3,014 | 39.3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2002 | 7,403 | 2002 | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1992 | 3,195 | 1992 | - | - | 1993 | 1,742 | 54.5 | 1994 | 802 | 25.1 | 2,544 | 79.6 |
|  | 1993 | 2,805 | 1993 | - | - | 1994 | 1,909 | 68.1 | 1995 | 825 | 29.4 | 2,734 | 97.5 |
|  | 1994 | 4,002 | 1994 | 125 | 3.1 | 1995 | 3,252 | 81.3 | 1996 | 442 | 11.0 | 3,819 | 95.4 |
|  | 1995 | 3,983 | 1995 | 80 | 2.0 | 1996 | 2,836 | 71.2 | 1997 | 641 | 16.1 | 3,557 | 89.3 |
|  | 1996 | 5,137 | 1996 | 152 | 3.0 | 1997 | 4,340 | 84.5 | 1998 | 491 | 9.6 | 4,983 | 97.1 |
| Western Isles | 1997 | 5,274 | 1997 | 170 | 3.2 | 1998 | 3,900 | 73.9 | 1999 | 447 | 8.5 | 4,517 | 85.6 |
|  | 1998 | 6,559 | 1998 | 187 | 2.8 | 1999 | 4,455 | 67.9 | 2000 | 294 | 4.5 | 4,936 | 75.2 |
|  | 1999 | 8,445 | 1999 | 411 | 4.9 | 2000 | 4,839 | 57.3 | 2001 | 847 | 10.0 | 6,097 | 72.2 |
|  | 2000 | 8,325 | 2000 | 198 | 2.4 | 2001 | $5,646$ | $67.8$ | 2002 | 1,110 | 13.3 | 6,954 | 83.5 |
|  | $2001$ | $6,879$ | $2001$ | $341$ | $4.9$ | 2002 | 4,568 | 66.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2002 | 10,048 | 2002 | 137 | 1.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 3: The Distribution of Active Salmon Production Farms 2002


## Staffing

Table 31: Number of staff employed in salmon production during 1992-2002

| Year | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Staff $\quad \mathrm{F} / \mathrm{T}$ | 985 | 976 | 1,003 | 1,104 | 1,150 | 1,088 | 1,117 | 1,036 | 1,141 | 1,066 | 1,083 |
|  | $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{T}$ | 275 | 248 | 242 | 251 | 241 | 207 | 192 | 268 | 256 | 191 |

The total number of staff employed in salmon production in 2002 was 1,306 an increase of 49. The staffing figures collected refer specifically to the production of salmon and do not include figures for staff involved with processing or marketing activities. Productivity increased to 111.5 tonnes production per person.

## Production Methods

Table 32: Production methods, capacity, tonnage and average stocking densities (kg/m³) during 2000-2002

| Method | Number of sites |  |  | Total capacity (000s cubic metres) |  |  | Production (tonnes) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| Seawater tanks | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 129 | 232 | 330 |
| Seawater cages | 344 | 318 | 326 | 14,423 | 14,893 | 15,374 | 128,830 | 138,287 | 145,279 |
| For cage sites:ratio of production ( Kg ) to cage capacity ( $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8.9 | 9.3 | 9.4 |

Almost all of the fish, 145,279 tonnes ( $99.8 \%$ ) were produced in seawater cages, the proportion from seawater tanks, $0.2 \%$, remained the same as in 2001. This figure ( $0.2 \%$ ) reflects the continued high installation and running costs incurred in operating seawater tank systems. Thirty five active seawater tank sites were registered in Scotland. Only two were actively producing salmon. Most seawater tank capacity has now been re-deployed for the production of other species or salmon broodstock.

Sea cage capacity increased by $481,000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ in 2002 , reflecting the rise in the size of sites in production. Production efficiency in cages, measured as the ratio of fish weight in kilograms produced per cubic metre, increased by 0.1 kg in 2002. In cage sites, the ratio of production, expressed in kilograms, to cage capacity, expressed in cubic metres, was 8.9; 9.3 and 9.4 in 2000, 2001 and 2002 respectively. This indicates that on average across all production stages in any year, the stocking density is less than 10 kilograms per cubic metre.

## Scale of Production by Site

Table 33: Number of sites shown in relation to their production grouping and percentage share of production 1994-2002

*Includes farms stocked but having no production.

In 2002, there was an increase of one in the number of sites producing less than 50 tonnes and an increase of 12 in those sites producing between 501 and 1,000 tonnes. This trend toward large sites has been continuing over several years.

## Company Productivity

Table 34: Number of companies grouped by production (tonnes), manpower and productivity (tonnes per person) during 2001-2002

| Total Tonnage |  | 0-100 | $\begin{aligned} & 101- \\ & 200 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 201- \\ 400 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 401- \\ & 700 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 701- \\ 1,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,001- \\ & 2,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 22,000 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No of Companies | 2001 | 29 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 87 |
|  | 2002 | 24 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 15 | 84 |
| No of tonnes | 2001 | 37 | 686 | 2,779 | 7,440 | 5,377 | 12,036 | 110,164 | 138,519 |
|  | 2002 | 346 | 650 | 3,464 | 4,898 | 6,215 | 18,892 | 111,144 | 145,609 |
| Manpower (total) | 2001 | 103 | 24 | 71 | 91 | 50 | 112 | 806 | 1,257 |
|  | 2002 | 49 | 19 | 69 | 56 | 103 | 167 | 843 | 1,306 |
| Productivity (tonnes/person) | 2001 | 0.36 | 28 | 39 | 82 | 107 | 107 | 137 | 110 |
|  | 2002 | 7 | 34 | 50 | 88 | 60 | 113 | 132 | 111 |

Productivity may be used as a measure of efficiency, and was found to be related to the scale of production. The greatest productivity (132 tonnes per person) was achieved in those companies having a production in excess of two thousand tonnes and the least (seven tonnes per person) in the companies producing the smallest tonnages. In comparison with 2001 the average company productivity increased from 110 to 111 tonnes per person.

Overall production was dominated by 15 companies in 2002, which between them accounted for over $76 \%$ of the salmon production in Scotland.

## Manpower and Production by Production Area

Table 35: Manpower and production (tonnes) by area 1994-2002 and projected production in 2003

| Region | Year | Staff |  | Annual Production | Productivity (t/pers) | Year of input |  | Grilse |  | Pre salmon |  | Salmon |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | F/T | P/T |  |  | Tonnes | Mean weight (kg) | Tonnes | Mean weight (kg) | Tonnes | Mean weight (kg) | Tonnes | Mean weight (kg) |
| North west | 1994 | 407 | 59 | 25,003 | 54 | 170 | 1.6 | 7,392 | 2.7 | 9,991 | 3.7 | 7,450 | 4.5 |
|  | 1995 | 401 | 54 | 22,509 | 49 | 99 | 1.6 | 7,291 | 2.7 | 7,433 | 3.6 | 7,686 | 4.0 |
|  | 1996 | 405 | 45 | 32,282 | 72 | 200 | 2.0 | 14,824 | 3.1 | 10,789 | 3.9 | 6,469 | 4.5 |
|  | 1997 | 392 | 40 | 35,218 | 82 | 221 | 2.0 | 14,879 | 3.2 | 14,669 | 3.9 | 5,449 | 4.7 |
|  | 1998 | 396 | 43 | 32,213 | 73 | 1,139 | 3.6 | 12,847 | 3.0 | 10,973 | 3.8 | 7,254 | 4.0 |
|  | 1999 | 403 | 72 | 39,635 | 83 | 670 | 2.3 | 18,618 | 3.1 | 12,538 | 4.0 | 7,809 | 3.6 |
|  | 2000 | 365 | 62 | 45,486 | 106 | 1,795 | 3.9 | 20,360 | 3.5 | 16,374 | 4.4 | 6,957 | 4.3 |
|  | 2001 | 373 | 38 | 34,120 | 83 | 130 | 1.4 | 14,062 | 3.5 | 13,334 | 4.8 | 6,594 | 5.5 |
|  | 2002 | 366 | 77 | 40,156 | 91 | 467 | 3.2 | 11,819 | 3.2 | 17,772 | 4.0 | 10,128 | 4.7 |
|  | 2003 |  |  | 41,707* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Orkney | 1994 | 48 | 19 | 2,108 | 31 | - | - | 371 | 2.5 | 957 | 3.0 | 780 | 3.6 |
|  | 1995 | 58 | 11 | 1,903 | 28 | - | - | 392 | 2.7 | 849 | 3.4 | 662 | 3.8 |
|  | 1996 | 55 | 13 | 2,444 | 36 | - | - | 511 | 2.5 | 1,023 | 3.3 | 910 | 4.1 |
|  | 1997 | 36 | 20 | 3,063 | 67 | - | - | 277 | 2.6 | 1,119 | 3.5 | 1,667 | 3.9 |
|  | 1998 | 66 | 15 | 4,485 | 55 | 150 | 2.0 | 1,884 | 3.4 | 1,378 | 3.3 | 1,073 | 3.4 |
|  | 1999 | 78 | 20 | 4,902 | 50 | 22 | 2.2 | 1,162 | 3.2 | 2,486 | 4.0 | 1,232 | 4.8 |
|  | 2000 | 91 | 15 | 6,370 | 60 | - | - | 3,338 | 3.6 | 2,089 | 3.1 | 943 | 3.6 |
|  | 2001 | 75 | 15 | 5,588 | 62 | - | - | 810 | 4.2 | 1,892 | 4.0 | 2,886 | 3.7 |
|  | $2002$ | 80 | 11 | $7,585$ | 83 | - | - | 2,720 | 3.9 | 3,971 | 4.1 | 894 | 3.8 |
|  | 2003 |  |  | 10,335* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shetland | 1994 | 193 | 106 | 14,279 | 48 | 23 | 1.0 | 3,371 | 2.6 | 5,967 | 2.9 | 4,918 | 3.9 |
|  | 1995 | 201 | 109 | 15,523 | 50 | 59 | 1.4 | 4,204 | 3.2 | 6.908 | 3.9 | 4,352 | 4.4 |
|  | 1996 | 209 | 114 | 19,710 | 61 | - | - | 2,042 | 2.8 | 8,814 | 3.9 | 8,854 | 4.8 |
|  | 1997 | 224 | 83 | 24,630 | 84 | - | - | 3,207 | 2.9 | 10,002 | 3.7 | 11,421 | 4.4 |
|  | 1998 | 218 | 93 | 33,404 | 107 | 222 | 2.8 | 11,162 | 1.5 | 16,690 | 4.2 | 5,330 | 4.7 |
|  | 1999 | 227 | 100 | 36,228 | 111 | 221 | 3.4 | 4,449 | 2.7 | 15,111 | 4.0 | 16,447 | 4.3 |
|  | 2000 | 258 | 77 | 43,133 | 129 | - | - | 7,189 | 3.7 | 16,360 | 4.5 | 19,584 | 4.1 |
|  | 2001 | 227 | 52 | 39,745 | 142 | 130 | 1.1 | 4,905 | 3.7 | 16,441 | 4.3 | 18,269 | 4.4 |
|  | 2002 | 238 | 46 | 49,341 | 174 | - | - | 7,107 | 3.6 | 19,646 | 4.4 | 22,588 | 4.9 |
|  | 2003 |  |  | 69,755* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Region | Year | Staff |  | Annual Production | Productivity (t/pers) | Year of input |  | Grilse |  | Pre salmon |  | Salmon |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | F/T | P/T |  |  | Tonnes | Mean weight (kg) | Tonnes | Mean weight (kg) | Tonnes | Mean weight (kg) | Tonnes | Mean weight (kg) |
| South <br> West | 1994 | 173 | 35 | 13,184 | 63 | 5 | 1.0 | 3,277 | 2.8 | 4,249 | 3.8 | 5,653 | 4.8 |
|  | 1995 | 247 | 51 | 15,777 | 53 | 47 | 1.9 | 4,641 | 3.0 | 5,505 | 3.8 | 5,584 | 4.6 |
|  | 1996 | 273 | 44 | 17,223 | 54 | 68 | 1.1 | 3,889 | 2.8 | 6,895 | 3.7 | 6,371 | 4.4 |
|  | 1997 | 197 | 19 | 17,194 | 80 | - | - | 6,186 | 3.2 | 4,705 | 3.4 | 6,303 | 4.7 |
|  | 1998 | 223 | 14 | 23,722 | 100 | 88 | 2.1 | 8,783 | 3.2 | 8,936 | 3.8 | 5,915 | 4.2 |
|  | 1999 | 108 | 26 | 23,929 | 179 | 741 | 3.3 | 5,064 | 3.4 | 5,594 | 5.2 | 12,530 | 5.4 |
|  | 2000 | 166 | 87 | 14,088 | 56 | 325 | 3.0 | 2,894 | 3.4 | 3,385 | 4.3 | 7,484 | 5.2 |
|  | 2001 | 165 | 48 | 32,574 | 153 | - | - | 9,113 | 4.2 | 13,166 | 5.4 | 10,295 | 4.8 |
|  | 2002 | 196 | 54 | 26,351 | 105 | - | - | 2,992 | 3.5 | 9,112 | 4.2 | 14,247 | 4.9 |
|  | 2003 |  |  | 31,486* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wester Isles | 1994 | 182 | 23 | 9,494 | 46 | 191 | 1.5 | 2,976 | 2.7 | 3,316 | 4.2 | 3,011 | 3.8 |
|  | 1995 | 197 | 26 | 14,348 | 64 | 164 | 2.0 | 5,707 | 2.9 | 4,845 | 3.8 | 6,632 | 4.4 |
|  | 1996 | 208 | 25 | 11,462 | 49 | 370 | 2.4 | 4,510 | 2.8 | 4,701 | 3.8 | 1,881 | 4.3 |
|  | 1997 | 239 | 45 | 19,082 | 67 | 364 | 2.1 | 9,678 | 3.5 | 6,627 | 4.2 | 2,413 | 3.8 |
|  | 1998 | 214 | 27 | 17,073 | 71 | 449 | 2.4 | 4,287 | 3.2 | 9,843 | 3.8 | 2,494 | 5.1 |
|  | 1999 | 220 | 50 | 21,992 | 81 | 1,109 | 2.7 | 11,966 | 4.1 | 6,835 | 4.5 | 2,082 | 4.7 |
|  | 2000 | 261 | 15 | 19,882 | 72 | 553 | 2.8 | 11,448 | 3.7 | 6,526 | 3.8 | 1,355 | 4.6 |
|  | 2001 | 226 | 38 | 26,493 | 100 | 967 | 2.8 | 13,176 | 3.8 | 9,640 | 4.4 | 2,710 | 3.2 |
|  | 2002 | 203 | 35 | 22,176 | 93 | 387 | 2.8 | 9,742 | 3.6 | 7,442 | 4.0 | 4,605 | 4.2 |
|  | 2003 |  |  | 23,313* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Scotland | 1994 | 1,003 | 242 | 64,066 | 51 | 389 | 1.5 | 17,386 | 2.7 | 24,479 | 3.5 | 21,812 | 4.3 |
|  | 1995 | 1,104 | 251 | 70,060 | 52 | 368 | 1.8 | 22,235 | 2.3 | 25,540 | 3.8 | 21,916 | 4.3 |
|  | 1996 | 1,150 | 241 | 83,121 | 60 | 638 | 2.0 | 25,776 | 3.0 | 32,222 | 3.8 | 24,485 | 4.5 |
|  | 1997 | 1,088 | 207 | 99,197 | 77 | 585 | 2.0 | 34,227 | 3.3 | 37,122 | 3.8 | 27,263 | 4.4 |
|  | 1998 | 1,117 | 192 | 110,784 | 85 | 2,048 | 2.9 | 38,963 | 2.3 | 47,820 | 3.9 | 21,953 | 4.3 |
|  | 1999 | 1,036 | 268 | 126,686 | 97 | 2,763 | 2.8 | 41,259 | 3.3 | 42,564 | 4.2 | 40,100 | 4.4 |
|  | 2000 | 1,141 | 256 | 128,959 | 92 | 2,673 | 3.5 | 45,229 | 3.6 | 44,734 | 4.2 | 36,232 | 4.3 |
|  | 2001 | 1,066 | 191 | 138,520 | 110 | 1,227 | 2.2 | 42,066 | 3.8 | 54,473 | 4.7 | 40,754 | 4.5 |
|  | 2002 | 1,083 | 223 | 145,609 | 112 | 824 | 3.0 | 34,380 | 3.4 | 57,943 | 4.2 | 52,462 | 4.8 |
|  | 2003 |  |  | 176,596* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Estimated production in 2003

## Company and Farm Data

Table 36: Number of companies and sites engaged in salmon production during 1993-2002

|  | Number of companies |  |  | Number of sites |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Producing | Non- <br> producing | Total |  | Producing | Non- producing | Total |
| 1993 | 132 | 12 | 144 |  | 283 | 86 | 369 |
| 1994 | 119 | 12 | 131 |  | 262 | 101 | 363 |
| 1995 | 108 | 12 | 120 |  | 268 | 91 | 359 |
| 1996 | 106 | 1 | 107 |  | 278 | 56 | 334 |
| 1997 | 98 | 3 | 101 |  | 275 | 65 | 340 |
| 1998 | 95 | 11 | 106 |  | 289 | 54 | 343 |
| 1999 | 94 | 1 | 95 |  | 264 | 87 | 351 |
| 2000 | 68 | 22 | 90 |  | 163 | 183 | 346 |
| 2001 | 81 | 6 | 87 |  | 238 | 82 | 320 |
| 2002 | 73 | 11 | 84 |  | 197 | 131 | 328 |

The number of companies registered with SEERAD and actively producing salmon in 2002 was 73, a decrease of eight on the 2001 figure. Eleven companies remained active and registered, although not producing salmon for harvest in 2002. This continued the trend of salmon production being concentrated within fewer companies. These 84 companies have 328 registered active sites, although not all active sites may have produced fish for harvest in 2002.

## Fallowing

Table 37: Number of seawater cage sites employing a fallow period during 1994-2002

| Year | Fallow Period (weeks) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | $<4$ | $4-8$ | $9-26$ | $27-51$ | 52 | Total |
| 1994 | 118 | 13 | 48 | 64 | 12 | 103 | 358 |
| 1995 | 110 | 14 | 60 | 73 | 6 | 91 | 354 |
| 1996 | 112 | 12 | 71 | 70 | 13 | 56 | 334 |
| 1997 | 122 | 6 | 54 | 77 | 11 | 65 | 335 |
| 1998 | 118 | 10 | 55 | 84 | 22 | 54 | 343 |
| 1999 | 94 | 12 | 49 | 90 | 33 | 73 | 351 |
| 2000 | 74 | 23 | 61 | 86 | 25 | 75 | 344 |
| 2001 | 80 | 10 | 76 | 94 | 15 | 45 | 320 |
| 2002 | 99 | 8 | 85 | 85 | 24 | 27 | 328 |

Of the 328 cage sites recorded as being active in 2002, 202 farms were fallow for a variable period, whilst a further 27 farms were fallow for the whole of 2002. The accepted normal production cycle in seawater varies in length between 18 months and two years, and a fallow period at the end of production can break the cycle of disease or parasitic infections. There were 99 sites that had no fallow period in 2002. These may have been stocked late in 2001 with out of season smolts, or may not follow recommended practice of incorporating a fallow period in the production cycle.

## Broodstock Farms

Table 38: Number of sites holding broodstock during 1991-2002

| Year | 199 | 199 | 199 | 199 | 199 | 199 | 199 | 199 | 199 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Broodstock <br> sites | 27 | 15 | 21 | 24 | 18 | 28 | 37 | 25 | 20 | 18 | 15 | 19 |

In 2002, the number of sites holding broodstock, including freshwater and seawater farms was 19, an increase on the 2001 figure. The number of sites holding broodstock in any one year is variable, as can be seen from the previous years' figures, which indicate no obvious trend. Twenty-two thousand, one hundred and eighty-eight female fish were stripped, yielding almost 108 million ova, compared with almost 100 million in 2001, which can be calculated to show an average ova yield per fish of 4,867.

## 4. OTHER SPECIES

There has been a continued increase in interest for the farming of other species. Brown trout (Salmo trutta) has been farmed for many years for the restocking market, but there is an increasing interest in farming marine species. These provide a diversification from the production of rainbow trout and Atlantic salmon, allowing some of the smaller companies to remain within the aquaculture sector and the larger companies to broaden their production base. As the other species sector expands, the employment provided and the contribution to the total production of the Scottish aquaculture industry will increase.

Table 39: Number of staff employed in farming other species during 1999-2002

| Year | Full-time | Part-time | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999 | 54 | 18 | 72 |
| 2000 | 73 | 25 | 98 |
| 2001 | 75 | 22 | 97 |
| 2002 | 69 | 30 | 99 |

Table 40: Number of companies and sites producing other species' and production of other species (tonnes) during 1999-2002 and estimated production in 2003

| Species | No of companies | No of sites | $1999$ <br> Production tonnage | $2000$ <br> Production tonnage | $2001$ <br> Production tonnage | $2002$ <br> Production tonnage | $2003$ <br> Production tonnage* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arctic Charr | 7 | 10 | 2.8 | 7 | 3.75 | 7.2 | 17 |
| Brown Trout/ Sea Trout | 19 | 26 | 92 | 138 | 105 | 175.7 | 400 |
| Cod | 6 | 7 | 0.1 | 15.7 | 15 | 0 | 144 |
| Halibut | 7 | 12 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 80 | 187.2 | 292 |

*farmers' estimates based on stocks currently being on-grown
Not all of this production is for the table market. There is some production of Arctic charr (Salvelinus alpinus) and brown trout for the angling restocking market.

There were no reported escapes from farms rearing other species in 2002.
Table 41: Source of other species' ova laid down to hatch during 2002

| Species | Source of ova laid down to hatch (000s) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Own <br> broodstock | Other GB <br> broodstock | Foreign ova |
| Arctic charr (Salvelinus alpinus) | 30 | 40 | 0 |
| Cod (Gadus morhua) | 112,000 | 4,071 | 0 |
| Brown trout/Sea trout (Salmo trutta) | 3,231 | 365 | 0 |
| Halibut (Hippoglossus hippoglossus) | 14,000 | 160 | 0 |

Table 42: Trade in other species small fish in 2002

| Species | Bought (000s) | Sold (000s) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 57 | 42 |
| Halibut | 133 | 105 |
| Brown Trout / Sea Trout | 69 | 821 |

There were also sites stocked with carp (Cyprinus carpio), turbot (Scophthalmus maximus), lemon sole (Microstomus kitt), brook charr (Salvelinus fontinalis) and haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus). There was production of haddock, brook charr and turbot, but due to the small number of companies in production, it is not possible to summarise these data without revealing the production of individual companies.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

## Rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)

The production of rainbow trout increased by $21 \%$ in 2002 to 6,659 tonnes and was directed at both the table ( $85.8 \%$ ) and restocking ( $14.2 \%$ ) markets. The total numbers of staff employed by the sector increased by one to 160 . As a consequence of this the overall productivity of the industry increased to reach 41.6 tonnes per person. One of the reasons for this is the continued increase in the proportion of large farms producing in excess of 200 tonnes.

The number of ova laid down to hatch decreased by under one million and was almost exclusively either allfemale diploid ( $89 \%$ ) or sterile triploid ( $8 \%$ ) stocks. Only $3.3 \%$ of these ova were sourced within GB reflecting a continued rise in the numbers imported from abroad and a decline in the numbers of home produced ova. Although $36.5 \%$ of these imports were to meet the needs of out of season production (mainly from South Africa) the trend reflects the high dependence of the Scottish trout industry on imported ova.

There was a continuing trade in fingerlings, with the majority still being sourced within Scotland.
A high percentage of stock was vaccinated against ERM, indicating producers' awareness of the risk of infectious diseases.

## Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar)

The survey shows increased production of salmon, improved productivity per person and improved yield from smolts. There was a slight decrease in the production of smolts and the yield from ova stayed the same.

Smolt production decreased by $0.8 \%$ to 47.2 million with slightly under two thirds ( $64.7 \%$ ) being S1 and the majority of the remainder being $\mathrm{S} 1 / 2(33.5 \%)$ smolts. The number of staff directly employed on freshwater sites decreased by 23. This resulted in an increase in productivity to over 116,000 fish per person. Although productivity per person increased, the actual number of smolts produced decreased by $0.8 \%$. The number of ova laid down to hatch has increased by $4 \%$. The ratio of ova laid down to smolts produced has remained at 1.8 in 2002. Projected estimates for 2003 suggest that fewer ova were laid down to hatch, and that less smolts will be produced in 2003 and 2004.

Almost all ova for the production of Scottish salmon was derived from Scottish farmed stocks, with 17\% derived from non-Scottish stocks, an increase of $4 \%$ on reliance from foreign sources. The export of ova to other countries within the EU decreased by $22 \%$, whilst exports to Chile decreased by $40 \%$.

The production tonnage in seawater increased by $5.1 \%$ in 2002; due mainly to an increased average weight giving a higher yield per smolt put to sea. The number of staff directly employed on site increased, with the development of 49 jobs in the seawater industry. Although the estimated smolt placement in 2003 is down to 44.2 million, a continued increase in production is expected in 2004 given the improvements in average weight and survival rates of fish that are already at sea. The estimated harvest forecast for 2003 is 176,596 tonnes, an increase of $21.3 \%$ on the 2002 total.

Along with the increase in tonnage, the number of sites in production increased from 320 to 328 . The trend towards increasing the size of producing sites continued with $52 \%$ of sites producing over 500 tonnes in 2002.

## Other Species

Interest in the diversification of aquaculture continues but progress is still limited. Nevertheless in 2002 there were significant increases in the tonnages of halibut and sea trout produced. Although interest in cod remains encouraging there was no production reported during 2002.

APPENDIX 1

Questionnaires sent to Fish Farmers

# ANNUAL RETURN of INFORMATION from SCOTTISH FISH FARMS for the PERIOD 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2002 

## RAINBOW TROUT - DATA

Please complete and return by 31 JANUARY 2002 to R J Smith, FRS Marine Laboratory PO Box 101, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB

Name of site
Please correct site name here (if necessary)

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Please correct main method of production on each site (if necessary), ie fresh water cages or tanks

1 How many staff were employed in RAINBOW TROUT production (company total)

2 How many eyed ova were laid down for hatching in 2002
a from own broodstock
b from other GB broodstock
c from abroad (Northern Hemisphere incl, N Ireland and Isle of Man)
d from abroad (Southern Hemisphere)
3 How many of the above ova were
a all female diploid
b mixed sex diploid
c all triploid
4 How many fry/fingerlings were
a bought
b sold
5 How many bought fry/fingerlings were
a all female diploid
b mixed sex diploid
c all triploid
6 How many of these fish were vaccinated against ERM
a vaccinated on site
b bought vaccinated
7 What was your total production in TONNES for the TABLE TRADE
$<450 \mathrm{~g}$ (<1 lb)
$450-900 \mathrm{~g}(1-2 \mathrm{lb})$
$>900 \mathrm{~g}$ (>2 lb)


8 What was your total production in TONNES for the RESTOCKING TRADE
$<450 \mathrm{~g}$ ( $<1 \mathrm{lb}$ )
$450-900 \mathrm{~g}(1-2 \mathrm{lb})$
$>900 \mathrm{~g}(>2 \mathrm{lb})$


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## Rainbow Trout

## GENERAL NOTES

1. Please check that the pre-printed information on the sheet is correct.
2. If a site is inactive and not part of a fallowing cycle, please write "INACTIVE" after the site name.
3. When completing the boxes please start from the right, if NONE then enter a zero in right hand box eg


Hopefully all questions are self explanatory but you may wish to note that:

## Q1. How many staff

a Please give the total number of full and part-time workers employed by the company in rainbow trout production
b Please ensure that the same staff are NOT included more than once if the company/business operates more than one site
c Staff employed solely in processing dead fish for marketing should NOT be included

## Q2. Ova laid down for hatching

Give the TOTAL NUMBER of ova laid down, if the number exceeds six figures please indicate the total number clearly in margin beside the appropriate box - this also applies to questions 3-5

## Q7-8. Weight of fish sold for:

Please record the weight of fish sold to the nearest tonne (not in kgs ), for part tonnes please indicate strongly using a decimal point, eg $\mathbf{3 1 . 5}$

It will be appreciated if the questionnaires are returned promptly and not later than 31 January to allow the Annual Survey Report for 2002 to be produced.

# ANNUAL RETURN OF INFORMATION FROM SCOTTISH FISH FARMS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2002 

## ATLANTIC SALMON - SMOLT DATA

Please complete and return by 31 JANUARY 2003 to R J Smith, FRS Marine Laboratory PO Box 101, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB

Reg No SF/

Name of site

Please correct site name here (if necessary)

Please correct main method of production on each site (if necessary) ie fresh water cages or tanks

1 How many staff were employed in smolt production (company total)

2 How many ova were produced in the winter of 2001-2002 (company total)

3 How many eyed ova were laid down for hatching in winter of 2001-2002
a From own farmed broodstock
b From other GB farmed broodstock
c From GB wild broodstock
d From foreign sources
4 How many eyed ova do you expect to hatch this winter (2002-2003)

5 How many fry or parr were
a Transferred into the site
b Transferred out of the site

6 How many smolts were produced as
a $\mathbf{S} 1 / 2 \mathbf{S}$ (ie from 2002 hatch)
b S1s (ie from 2001 hatch)
c S1 $1 / 2 \mathbf{s}$ (ie from 2000 hatch)
d S2s (ie from 2000 hatch)

7 How many smolts were sold as
a S1s (incl S $1 / 2 s$ s)
b S2s (incl S1 1 1 2 s)

8 How many smolts do you expect to produce for sea winter on-growing next spring (2003) as
a S1s (incl S $1 / 2 s$ )
b S2s (incl S1½s)

9 How many smolts do you plan to produce in 2004

10 What is the fish holding capacity of each site in cubic metres

11 Duration of FALLOW PERIOD in WEEKS (cage sites only)

12 How many fish did you vaccinate
a against furunculosis
b against ERM
c against IPN
d against Vibrio spp.

Site 1


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## SEERAD ANNUAL PRODUCTION SURVEY 2002

## GUIDANCE NOTES FOR QUESTIONNAIRE <br> Atlantic SALMON SMOLTS

## GENERAL NOTES

1. Please check that the pre-printed information on the sheet is correct.
2. If a site is inactive and not part of a fallowing cycle, please write "INACTIVE" after the site name.
3. When completing the boxes please start from the right, if NONE then enter a zero in right hand box eg

4. If the numbers for any box exceeds 6 figures please indicate the total number clearly in margin beside the appropriate box

Hopefully all questions are self explanatory but you may wish to note that:

## Q1. How many staff

Please enter the total number of full and part-time staff employed in smolt production, this includes maintenance staff and staff seasonally employed for specific purposes, eg vaccination - please indicate clearly if you have contracted out vaccinating work to avoid duplication in numbers

Please ensure that the same staff are NOT included more than once if your company operates more than one site, especially for companies which operate both smolt and salmon grower sites

Companies are asked to use their discretion as to what they class as full and part-time staff

## Q2. Number of ova produced

Enter the total number of ova produced by the company only once, if more than one form is used please enter zero or score out on subsequent forms

Q6. How many smolts produced as $S 1 / 2$ or $S 1$ etc
The definitions used for the survey are:
$\mathrm{S}^{1} / 2<12$ months old, ie put to sea in year of hatch
S1 12-18 months old, ie put to sea in January-June in year post hatch
S1 $1 / 2 \quad$ 19-24 months old, ie put to sea in July-December in year post hatch
S2 $>24$ months old when put to sea

Q7. For S1s - combine numbers of $\mathrm{S}^{1} 2 \mathrm{~S}$ with S 1 s and
Q8. $\}$ For $\mathbf{S} 2 s$ - combine numbers of $S 11 / 2 S$ with $S 2 s$

Q9. Enter here the total number of smolts (any stage) likely to be produced
Q11 Please enter the total cubic metre capacity for all tanks or cages combined
Q12. Fallow period - applies to cage sites only
Please enter any weeks that the site was fallow in 2002 (maximum =52)
It will be appreciated if the questionnaires are returned promptly and not later than 31 January to allow the Annual Survey Report for 2002 to be produced.

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## ATLANTIC SALMON - PRODUCTION DATA

Please complete and return by 31 JANUARY 2003 to R J Smith, FRS Marine Laboratory
PO Box 101, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB

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Please correct site name here (if necessary)

Please correct main method of production on each site (if necessary), ie sea water cages or tanks

1 How many staff were employed in salmon production (company total), excluding post-harvest processing staff

Site 1


Site 2


Site 4

2 How many smolts were put into the site in 2002 as:
a $\quad \mathbf{S} 1 / 2 \mathbf{s}$ (ie from 2002 hatch)
b S1s (ie from 2001 hatch)
c $\quad \mathbf{S} 11 / 2 \mathbf{s}$ (ie from 2000 hatch)
d S2s (ie from 2000 hatch)

3 How many of the above smolts came from England

Total smolt input proposed in 2003

5 HARVEST of 2002 SMOLT INPUT in 2002
a Number of tonnes
b Number of fish

6 HARVEST of 2001 SMOLT INPUT from 1 JANUARY to 31 AUGUST
a Number of tonnes
b Number of fish

7 HARVEST of 2001 SMOLT INPUT from 1 SEPTEMBER to 31 DECEMBER
a Number of tonnes
b Number of fish

8 HARVEST of 2000 SMOLT INPUT
a Number of tonnes
b Number of fish
9 How many tonnes of fish do you expect to harvest in 2003

10a Were brood fish produced in 2002
b How many fish were stripped
11 What is the current fish holding capacity of each site in cubic metres

12 Duration of FALLOW PERIOD in WEEKS (cage sites; MAX = 52)

13 Does a management agreement in respect of fish health operate with other producers in your area

## SEERAD ANNUAL PRODUCTION SURVEY 2002

## GUIDANCE NOTES FOR QUESTIONNAIRE

## Atlantic Salmon

## GENERAL NOTES

1. Please check that the pre-printed information on the sheet is correct.
2. If a site is inactive and not part of a fallowing cycle, please enter "INACTIVE" after the site name.
3. If a site was used only to hold broodstock for stripping please enter "BRD" after the site name.
4. When completing the boxes please start from the right eg for 250 tonnes enter as $\qquad$ or if NONE then enter as


Hopefully all questions are self explanatory but you should note that:

## Q1. How many staff

Please enter the total number of full and part-time workers employed in salmon production; this includes site staff, veterinary and maintenance staff, vaccination teams, administrative and harvesting staff but NOT processing or marketing staff

Please ensure that the same staff are NOT included more than once if the company operates more than one site, especially if your company operates both salmon grower and smolt sites

Q2. How many smolts put to sea
The definitions used for the survey are:
S $1 / 2<12$ months old, ie put to sea in year of hatch
S1 12-18 months old, ie put to sea in January-June in the year post hatch
S1 $1 / 2 \quad$ 19-24 months old, ie put to sea in July-December in the year post hatch
S2 $\quad \mathbf{2 4}$ months old, ie when put to sea

## Q10. Broodstock production

Please circle YES if broodfish were produced on the site

## Q11. Fish holding capacity

Please enter the total cubic metre capacity for all tanks and cages combined or, if not known, give the size of tanks or cages (area or circumference plus depth x nos tanks or cages)

## Q12. Fallow period

For cage sites only; please enter any number of weeks a site was fallow in 2002; the total number of fallow weeks should not exceed 52

It will be appreciated if the questionnaires are returned promptly and not later that 31 January to allow the Annual Survey Report for 2002 to be produced.

# ANNUAL RETURN of INFORMATION from SCOTTISH FISH FARMS for the PERIOD 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2002 

## OTHER SPECIES - DATA

Please complete and return by 31 JANUARY 2003 to R J Smith, FRS Marine Laboratory, PO Box 101, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB
$\qquad$ Business number: FB/0 $\qquad$

Name of site Site no $\quad$ Species code Main method of production


1. How many staff in total were employed in other

Full time $\square$ Part time $\square$ species production (company total)

Site $\qquad$ Site $\qquad$ Site $\qquad$ Site $\qquad$
5. What is your predicted production for the market in 2003 in TONNES

Species code
2. How many ova were laid down for hatching in 2002
a) From own brood stock
b) From GB brood stock
c) From foreign sources
3. How many fry/small fish were
a) Bought
b) Sold
4. What was your total production for the market in TONNES
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# SEERAD ANNUAL PRODUCTION SURVEY <br> <br> GUIDANCE NOTES FOR QUESTIONNAIRE 

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## OTHER Species

## GENERAL NOTES

1. The results of this survey will be made available to the FAO and will be published in the Annual Production Survey of Scottish Fish Farms produced by SEERAD, in summary form only.
2. All information on the form has been hand written, please check that it is correct.
3. If a site is inactive, and not part of a fallowing cycle, or is no longer used to culture the species concerned, please score through the relevant site name or species code.

| Species Codes |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ACH | Arctic Charr | BCH | Brook Charr |
| CAR | Carp | COD | Cod |
| HAD | Haddock | HAL | Halibut |
| LSO | Lemon Sole | TIL | Tilapia |
| TRO | Brown/sea trout | TUR | Turbot |

## Q1. How many staff

Please include those staff that were involved only in other species production. Please do not include staff that are involved in the production of Atlantic salmon or rainbow trout.

It will be appreciated if the questionnaires are returned promptly and not later than 31 January to allow the annual survey report for 2002 to be produced

APPENDIX 2
Glossary and Abbreviations

| Active | Fish farms in a production growing cycle which may contain stock or be fallow. |
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| Alevin | Young fish, at stage from hatching to end of dependence on yolk sacs as primary source of <br> nutrition. |
| Approved Zone <br> Status | EU recognition of an area clear of listed disease(s). |
| Broodstock | Adult fish held until maturation for breeding purposes. |
| Diploid | Fish with the normal two sets of chromosomes. |
| EEA | European Economic Area | | EFTA | European Free Trade Association |
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| S1/2 | Salmon or sea trout smolting at approximately six months from hatch (usually by photoperiod and/or temperature manipulation). |
| :---: | :---: |
| S1 | Salmon or sea trout smolting at approximately one year from hatch. |
| S11/2 | Salmon or sea trout smolting at approximately 18 months from hatch. |
| S2 | Salmon or sea trout smolting at approximately two years from hatch. |
| SEERAD | Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department |
| Smolt | Fully silvered juvenile salmon ready to be transferred or to migrate to sea. |
| Third Country | Country outside the EU. |
| Triploid | Genetically modified fish that have three sets of chromosomes instead of two. |
| Year Class | Fish hatched or put to sea in a given year. |
| ERM | Enteric redmouth |
| IHN | Infectious haemopoeitic necrosis |
| IPN | Infectious pancreatic necrosis |
| ISA | Infectious salmon anaemia |
| VHS | Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia |
| RTFS | Rainbow trout fry syndrome |

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