

Atlantic Salmon Standards Technical Advisory Group
Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling
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Summary notes

Training

The group discussed the requirements for training of staff, including the length of training and the need for clear criteria for course content. The group agreed that training should be role-specific and flexible in format.

Health Monitoring and Visits

Standards related to health visits, monitoring of suspected diseases and the Veterinary Health and Welfare Plan (VHWP) were discussed, including the level of detail and how data and reports should be stored and presented for assessments.

Handling Practices

The Group discussed the crowding process and the need for more work on this subject. Specific training requirements (basic vs. advanced) were discussed for skippers and crew involved in handling associated with vessels.

Environmental Quality

The Group discussed monitoring of plankton and jellyfish, and the potential mitigations. Further discussions focused on clarifying how to log jellyfish data and thresholds for intervention.

Freshwater standards

Discussion was had on smoltification plans, proposed specific standards for recirculating aquaculture systems and vaccination.