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Via email: salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com
CC: complaints@asc-aqua.org; asc-ca@lrqa.com
Ref.: FHS-00057056
Regarding: Alleged breach of ASC Salmon Standard by Mowi Scotland Colonsay, Carradale and Greanem/Grey Horse Channel Outer farm sites.

Dear Don,

Please consider this our response to your complaint of Monday 10 April 2023.

With regards to the specific issues raised in your complaint, those related to Colonsay and Greanem/Grey Horse Channel Outer were reported to us by the certificate holder (Mowi Scotland) and have already been addressed in line with defined procedures and requirements. The issues related to Carradale have not previously been addressed by us, so will now be reviewed.

In respect of Colonsay and Greanem/Grey Horse Channel Outer, the escapes you reference and their implications for the sites' continuing compliance with ASC requirements were reviewed when notified to us. It was determined that the farms were not in conformity with Indicator 3.4.1 of the Salmon Standard and, as a result, major non-conformities were raised against each farm. As with any non-conformity, these require addressing which the certificate holder is currently doing. When available, their response, including any proposed corrective actions and evidence as to the exceptionality of the offending incidents, will be reviewed for conformity (or not) with ASC requirements.

Potential suspension of these sites was considered due to the 1 in 10 year 'allowance' for exceptional escape events referenced in your complaint. In that regard, Footnote 56 of the ASC Salmon Standard v1.4 specifies that the 10-year period within which a certificate holder is 'allowed' one exceptional episode starts at the beginning of the production cycle for which the farm is applying for certification meaning escape events that pre-date a farm's entering the ASC programme are outside the scope of consideration. In this case, this includes the escape events at Carradale in June 2015 and August 2020 (entered ASC in July 2022) and Marulaig Bay in June 2009 (entered ASC in May 2020) referenced in your complaint.

Your submission will additionally be treated as a stakeholder submission in respect of the relevant sites and will be addressed at the next audit of these sites in line with ASC requirements.

If you have questions, please contact us, bearing in mind that issues specific to the merits of ASC requirements are best raised directly with the ASC. Also, if you remain dissatisfied, you may choose to escalate your complaint within LRQA or submit your complaint directly to the [ASC](#) and/or their appointed accreditation body ([ASI](#)).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Sam Dignan', is written over a horizontal line.

Sam Dignan
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