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Dear ██████████

Animal Welfare Act 2006
Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006
The Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Regulations 2010
The Veterinary medicines Regulations 2013
The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2013
The Sheep & Goats (Records, Identification & Movement) (Scotland) Order 2009

Thank you for your time and cooperation during my visit to the Scottish Salmon sea site at Vacasay with my colleague ██████████, FHI on Wednesday 5th September 2018. The visit was in response to an allegation of poor welfare. My findings and advised actions are listed as follows.

FINDINGS

1. The site records indicated that there was a sharp rise in the number of sea lice during week 29 and over the next 7 weeks 'Hydrolicer' treatment was given to all the stocked cages four times. The fourth treatment was being undertaken during my visit and I was able to inspect the treated fish as they emerged from the treatment and the crowded fish awaiting treatment. Evidence of sea lice was seen on the untreated fish and some skin damage on a very low number of fish was seen.
2. I inspected cages where the fish had not yet had the fourth treatment, had received treatment and cage 5 that was being treated during my visit. I am content that the measures being used to treat the infestation of sea lice at the Vacasay site are effective and with the health and welfare of the fish at the site.
3. The stocked cages all had about 950 Lump fish each and at the time of my visit, 5 cages were receiving in feed 'Slice'. You indicated that in addition bath treatments were planned to be used as part of the site's sea lice treatment plan.
4. Post mortem examination of five salmon revealed only skin lesions and some slight gill lesions. You will receive a full report from FHI once the samples have been analysed.

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ACTIONS

1. Continue with the current sea lice treatment strategy and please ensure that any seriously affected salmon or moribund fish are removed and euthanased humanely as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and cooperation and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or [REDACTED] FHI.

Yours sincerely,

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Veterinary Officer, Animal & Plant Health Agency
CC: [REDACTED] FHI

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