

Salmones Camanchaca activates protocol due to unusual weather conditions in Chaitén

Chaitén, Monday 18 May 2020.- This morning, Salmones Camanchaca activated the protocols and contingency plans to face unusual weather conditions in Chaitén, which is affected by heavy rains and floods. This prevailing condition in the area affected a salmon seawater site near this area, being impacted by strong currents from the Blanco and Chaitén rivers, which overflowed in their exits to the sea.

The events displaced part of the Islotes seawater site, where protocols were activated to prevent or mitigate the possibility of salmon escape and / or fish mortality.

The Company informed that no workers were affected and all of them are in good safety. They also clarified that today at noon, there was no evidence of salmon escaping. The center has insurance coverage, and its structures have recently passed the checks requested by insurers. However, and as a preventive measure, the National Fisheries Service, the Superintendency of the Environment and the Maritime Authority, as well as the community and local authorities were notified.

The affected site has two modules, each of which has 12 cages and 890 thousand fish of 2.8 Kg size. The floods and river overflows seem to have affected one of the modules. Specialized teams are currently at the site to determine the impact on the infrastructures and biomass.

The site is certified by the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) and Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP), which certify the use of sustainable practices in salmon farming.