



Update on ISA Virus in Aysen Region

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In relation to the salmon farming health situation in the Aysen Region in the south of Chile, Camanchaca communicates that yesterday, May 15th, the company was informed by Sernapesca (*National Fishery Agency*) that as a result of the ISA Surveillance and Control Program that this agency has implemented, positive reaction to this virus was found at laboratory level in several fish from three cages at our Izaza farming site located in the Neighborhood #20, Macrozone #6. These 3 cages currently hold 120.000 fish. The HPR type has not been determined so far, with neither mortalities nor signs associated with ISA.

This site had presence of HPR0 (non-virulent strain) since 2012, and this finding by Sernapesca possibly will confirm the presence of a virulent strain, when the samples sequencing conclude, as virulent ISA presence was detected in an adjacent farming sites from other player. This was an expected and normal situation due to the prevalent conditions in the aforementioned zone. Camanchaca has already arranged a harvest plan of the 3 involved cages, which will be completed in the next 10 days.

Fortunately, Camanchaca had contemplated to begin harvesting this site, which holds 901.000 fish, on May 19th and extend the harvest until mid-July. Therefore, this harvest plan won't have an economic impact on the Company. The fish that are due to be harvested starting this weekend had already reach commercial sizes, this is, between 3,7 and 4 kilograms of weight, and perfectly suited to be commercialized to every market.

The Izaza site is currently the only Camanchaca operative site located in the Neighborhood #20, so the chances of spreading to other Company's biomass in this neighborhood do not exist. Of the other two sites that were operative in this neighborhood, one is already closed and the other will be closed in the next few days. Regardless of this situation, and according to the neighborhood resting normative, the industry must by all means finish the whole of the harvests by July.

It is important to inform that, according to Sernapesca report, the positive reaction was detected in a very early stage, as there was an absence of symptoms in fish. After the inspection of all cages, signals of the disease caused by virulent ISA were not detected. Even more, IZAZA has shown a good behavior in terms of mortality, displaying so far an accumulated total in the cycle of 11.2%, with weekly indexes below 0.15% for the last 2-3 weeks averages.

The above, reflects the effectiveness of the preventive measures addressed jointly with the Authority, and of the good and opportune level of monitoring that exists.

Camanchaca understands that the ISA virus is a reality with which the Chilean and World industry will have to live with, and that it is not possible to eradicate it. To ensure that this and other diseases do not limit the sustainability of the business along time, what correspond is to appropriately address its sprouts and take preventive responses in a timely manner, which is exactly what the Chilean regulation and Camanchaca had been doing. Our Company is currently working and closely collaborating with Sernapesca in order to take the best sanitary and productive decisions.

As in other opportunities, we will keep the Market and competent Authorities informed in a clear, complete and timely manner.