

DRIVERS FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT IN NORWEGIAN AQUACULTURE

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A rare rate of innovation in Norwegian aquaculture



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Risk dimensions



Environment

Fish welfare



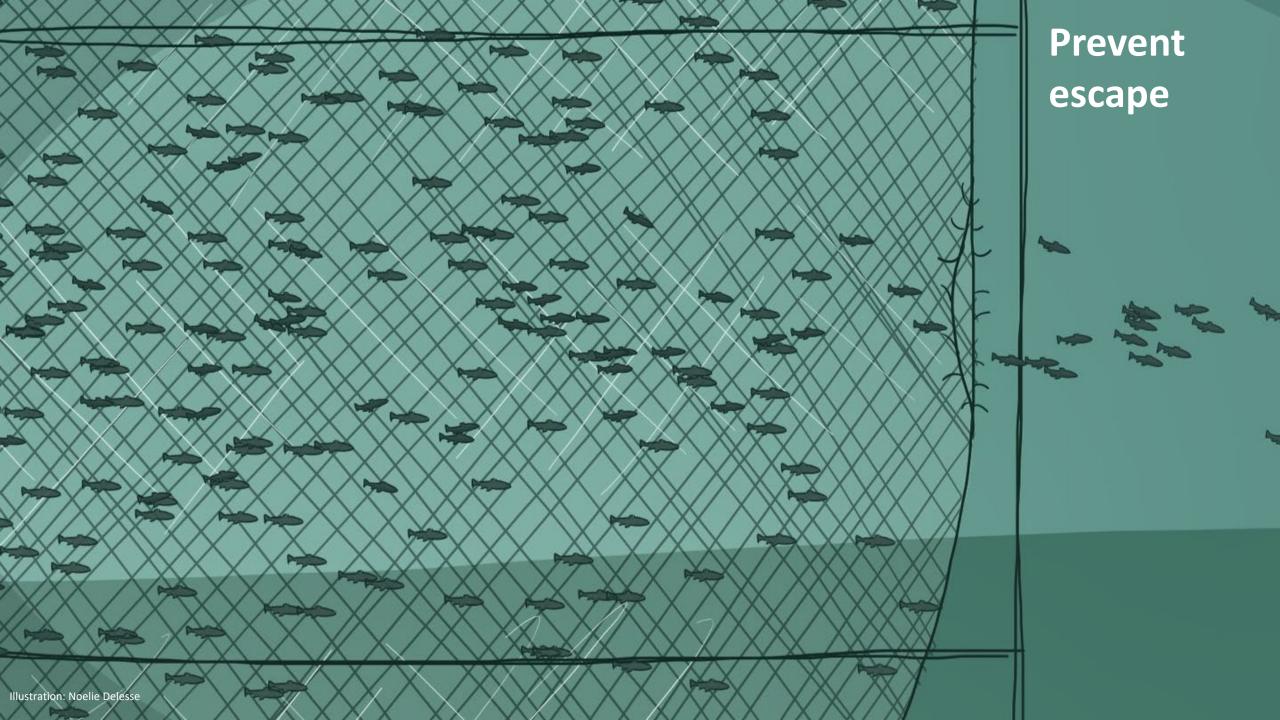
Food safety



Reference: Yang et al. (2020) Methodology for hazard identification in aquaculture operations (MHIAO)

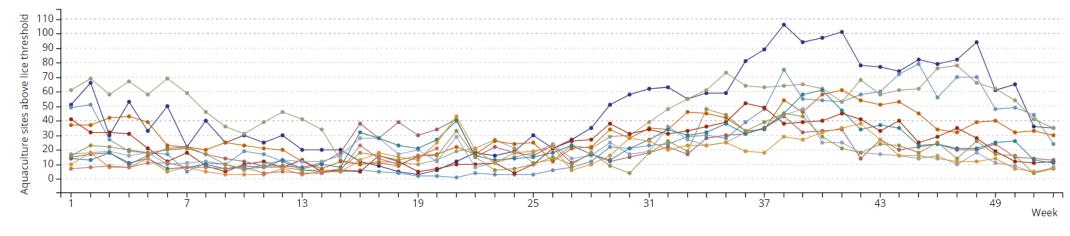
Personnel

Material assets



Salmon lice levels – Traffic light system

Number of aquaculture sites above the louse threshold per week throughout the year



■ 2012 ■ 2013 ■ 2014 ■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022





New areas and production systems

- Open ocean aquaculture
- Closed and semi-closed systems
- Land based systems



Technology push policy – Development Licenses

- Prevent sea lice
- Environmental impact (escape, waste)
- New areas
- Innovation and investments
- Promote and measure fish welfare



Development licenses

Which <u>technological directions</u> are prominent in development license applications and awarded licenses?



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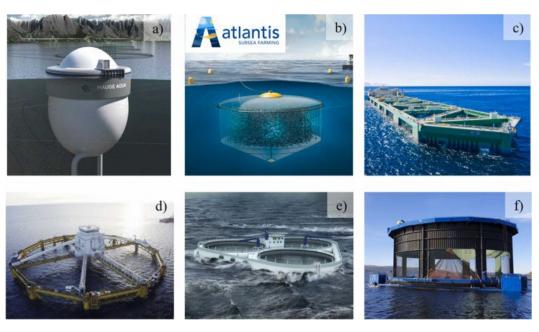
Technological innovations promoting sustainable salmon (Salmo salar) aquaculture in Norway

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Farm concepts in applications

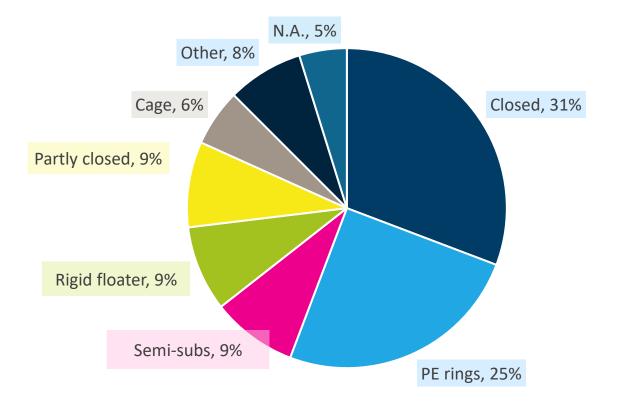
a) closed "The egg"

b) submersible PE-rings "Atlantis" c) semi-subs "Havfarm"



d) semi-subs "Ocean Farm"

e) rigid floater "Øymerd" f) partly closed farm "Aquatraz"



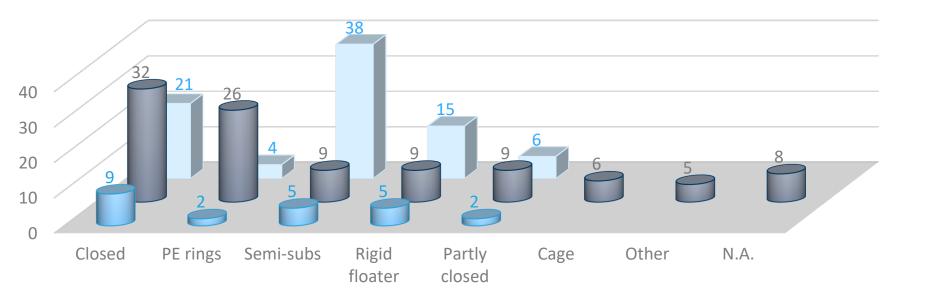


Registered and awarded



Registered applications





- Most applications: Closed and PE rings
- Highest successrate: Semi-subs and rigid floaters



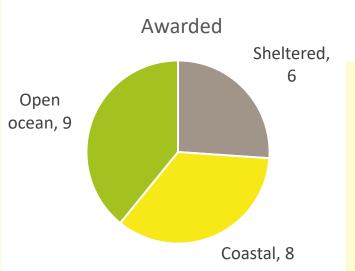
Designed for a specific location



Closed containers (impermeable)



Withstand loads from waves and currents





Reduced environmental interactions



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Technologies for sustainable production

- Prevent sea lice infections (100% of awarded)
 - Shielding and inlet water control
- Prevent escape (91 %)
 - Stronger enclosures and structures
- Collect waste (43 %)
- Promote fish welfare (70 %)
 - Provide beneficial conditions for fish



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Drivers for technology development moving forward

