

INFORMATION LETTER – AUGUST 2022

1. STATUS APPLICATION FOR AQUACULTURE PERMIT

The application has been submitted and is being processed by the public sector authorities:

- a. **Trøndelag County Authority (Trøndelag Fylkeskommune/TFK)**
 - 5 Apr 2022: Aquaculture permit application sent to TFK
 - 19 May 2022: TFK forwarded the application to Åfjord municipality and the sector authorities
- b. **Åfjord Municipality (ÅK)**
 - 31 May 2022: ÅK publishes the application with a 4-week consultation period
 - 28 Jun 2022: Hearing deadline: ÅK has received 1 notice from the Fosen Nature Conservation Association (Fosen Naturvernforening)
 - 24 Aug 2022: The planning committee in ÅK processes the aquaculture application and recommends approval
 - 01 Sep 2022: ÅK submits a statement to TFK with an attached note from the Fosen Nature Conservation Association (Fosen Naturvernforening)
- c. **The County Governor (Statsforvatler) in Trøndelag**
 - In the dialogue with the County Governor (Statsforvatler), 3 particular points are highlighted beyond the application documents sent on 05 Apr 2022:
 1. Assessment of drainage route and discharge point
 2. The discharge's impact on the shoreline
 3. Calculation of the degree of purification
- d. **The Norwegian Food Safety Authority (Mattilsynet)**
 - The Norwegian Food Safety Authority has decisive authority concerning the biosecurity plan for the facility based on regulation **FOR-2022-04-05-624**
 - FOR-2022-04-05-624 came into effect on 28 April 2022 and supplements the Animal Health Regulations (Dyrehelseforskriften) with provisions on requirements for biosecurity when approving aquaculture facilities and the movement of aquatic animals etc. (akvabiosikkerhetsforskriften). This establishes new and significant requirements for land-based facilities, including Kvidul's planned facility at Brennholmen
 - Kvidul has prepared documents that meet the regulatory requirements with expertise from Åkerblå to create the **Biosafety Plan (Biosikkerhetsplanen)** – which must be approved by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority
- e. **The Norwegian Coastal Administration (Kystverket)**
 - The Norwegian Coastal Administration has asked for an assessment of the potential consequences for sea traffic and safety for the operation of the aquaculture facility with the chosen drainage route
 - A separate report has been prepared by Kvidul and submitted to the Norwegian Coastal Administration on 07 Sep 2022
- f. **Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries (Fiskeridirektoratet)**
 - provides a statement regarding traditional fishing interests, including those of the Sami

2. PRELIMINARY DESIGN



The preliminary design includes:

- a. Final definition of buildings and construction
- b. Final definition of process plant
- c. Assessment of construction engineering solutions, blasting and mass calculation in dialogue with Tore Løkke AS
- d. Assessment of geotechnical solutions, planning and project support in dialogue with Multiconsult AS