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**Marine Harvest Canada Reports
Plankton Bloom Near Klemtu Farm Sites**

Marine Harvest Canada reports that two farms in the Klemtu area of operations have experienced mortality of salmon as a result of a harmful plankton bloom. Heterosigma is a naturally occurring organism that multiplies in warm ocean temperatures and may become toxic to fish in its path. The bloom originated within channels far to the east of the farms but has grown in recent days, making its way by ocean current to the farm locations. Initial estimates of mortality are approximately 500 tonnes. These farm-raised salmon are otherwise healthy stock and none have escaped the pens during this event. The event has been reported to authorities and these fish are now being removed from the pens, delivering them to composting sites on Vancouver Island.

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