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Salmon Escape From Marine Harvest Farm

Campbell River, BC. Marine Harvest Canada reports an escape of farm-raised Atlantic salmon from its Port Elizabeth site on Wednesday, October 21st.

Scuba divers discovered several holes in two pens at this Broughton area farm while removing fish which had died as a result of low oxygen levels.

Prevention methods to eliminate further escape are in place. This incident has been reported to regulators and a vessel is on site for recapture efforts.

A substantial number of fish still remain within these two pens. The exact number of escapees will not be known until officially recounted next week, but is estimated to be approximately 40,000. At an average weight of 4.7 kilograms, these fish were shortly to be harvested and have not been treated with any antibiotics.

This unfortunate event may represent a significant financial loss to the company.

The cause of the holes remains under investigation, but may be related to the fish removal process.

Marine Harvest Canada will provide an update when more information is known.

For more information about fish escapes visit:
http://www.marineharvestcanada.com/farming_escaped_farmed_salmon.php

Marine Harvest Canada produces 40,000 tonnes of high quality farmed Atlantic salmon each year. The company employs approximately 550 people on Vancouver Island and the central coast of BC.

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