



Sea for yourself

Animal Welfare

TECHNICAL FACTS



As responsible farmers, we care about our livestock and our team is committed to strong animal welfare practices to ensure our salmon and prawns are properly housed, fed and protected from predators.

We have animal health management plans for all salmon and prawn farming operations which set out our expectations around animal health and welfare and our procedures for optimising outcomes on a farm-by-farm basis.

Our stock is checked and monitored daily for behaviour, appetite, and any abnormal signs, while a specialised animal health department carries out assessments and routine visits. We regularly carry out animal health and welfare risk assessments before major husbandry activities such as smolt transport to sea sites or post larval movement to our grow out farms.

Our animal health program and the changes we make to our farming processes to improve health and welfare are continually assessed by a range of monitoring systems and dashboards that highlight anything out of the ordinary in any pen or pond in real-time allowing for a rapid response.

We proactively conduct animal health and welfare audits and reviews of our processes. When we make broadscale changes to how we farm in order to improve animal health and welfare, we do this only when we have evidence that those changes will be beneficial. This is the principle of evidence-based health management, which we subscribe to.

Harvest

Salmon

Fish harvest protocols are overseen by our company veterinarian. Our fish are humanely harvested by percussive stun followed by bleeding on the harvest vessel. There is no transport of live fish to the processing plant.

We have operational procedures in place for crowding and slaughter during harvest to minimise stress and injuries to our stock.

Our harvest team are appropriately trained and have signed off on our harvest welfare guide. A person responsible for fish welfare is present throughout the entire harvest operation and fish behaviour is constantly monitored.

Harvest

Prawns

We make sure we harvest our prawns humanely, ensuring that stunning occurs quickly through chilling in an ice slurry as recommended by the RSPCA Australia.

Our prawn farmers complete training and sign off on procedures for all activities that may affect animal welfare.

Handling

Salmon & Prawns

We have strict animal handling protocols in place to ensure appropriate handling of animals by our employees. This includes a requirement for handling to only be carried out when absolutely necessary and to keep time out of water to a minimum. These protocols communicate to our employees the methods expected when holding animals and animal recovery following handling.

