In-field PD experiences: results from on-farm interviews

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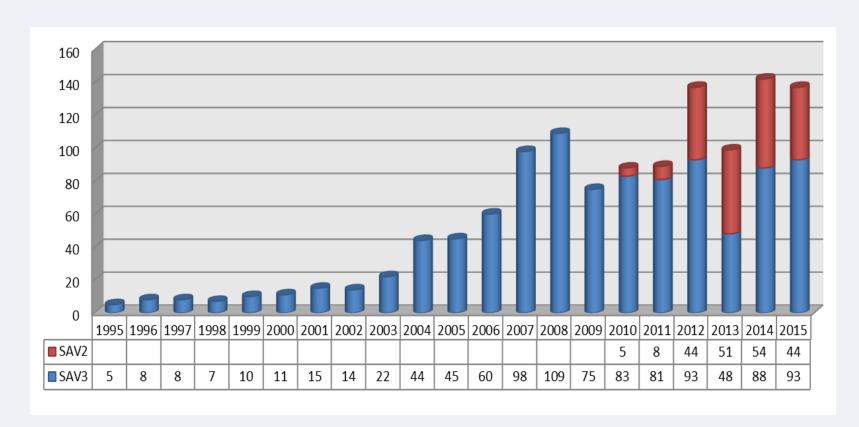
Project:

- Aims:
 - Review current epidemiological knowledge
 - Management measures and control efforts
 - Collect information of in-field experiences
 - Identify knowledge gaps
- October 2014 April 2016
- Participants: NVI, NMBU, Fomas, Havbrukstjenesten, Fish Vet Group (UK), AFBI (IRE), MSD, EWOS, Norwegian Food Safety Authority, Lerøy, Marine Harvest, Salmar og Grieg Seafood.
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Project background:

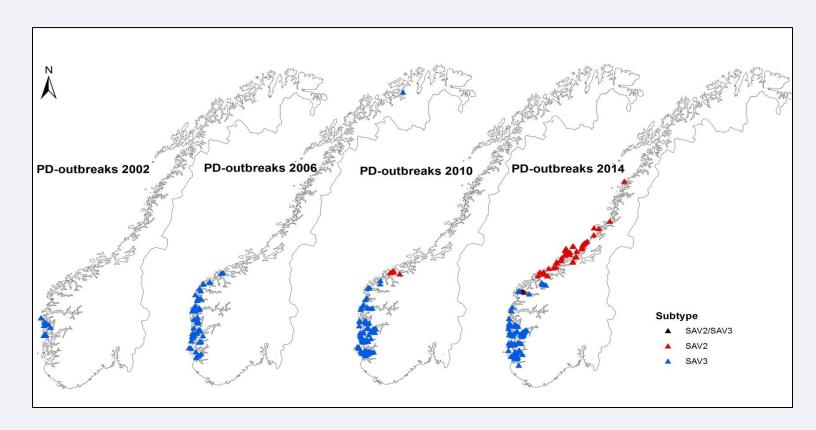
- Pancreas disease (PD) significant losses
- Two separate epidemics geographically & subtype





Project background:

- No reduction in PD cases despite regulations
 - What is being done in the field?
 - What is «good»?
 - What is «bad»?

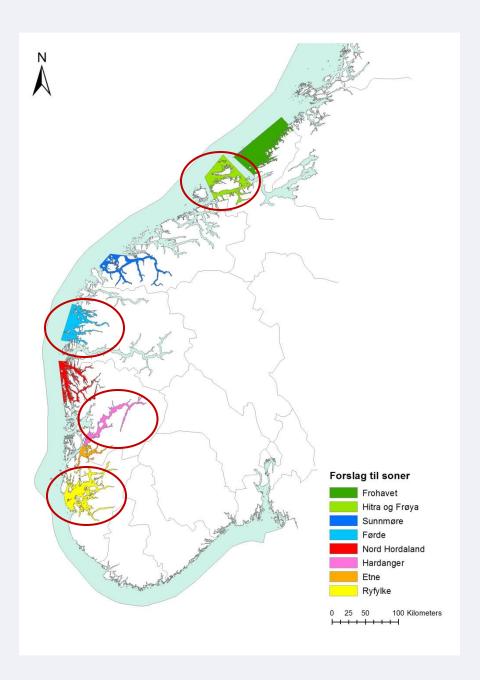




Collection of in-field experiences:

- Qualitative, in-depth interviews:
 - Site managers (with PD experience)
 - Fish health services
 - Norwegian Food Safety Authority (NFSA)
- Four separate areas:
 - 1) Endemic PD, «high» losses
 - 2) Endemic PD, lower losses
 - 3) An area with reduced impact ("controlled")
 - 4) Recent endemic area, experiencing spread







Results:

- Interviews conducted with:
 - 20 site managers (5 in each area)
 - 7 fish health personnel
 - 4 from NFSA
- Interview templates
- Anonymous results



Extent of PD problem:



- General acceptance of the need for regulation
- Some disagreement on specific measures



Use of screening:

- Commonly used
 - required by regulation
 - voluntary
- 1/3 of cases are detected on screening, also in «old» endemic areas
- Useful tool for gaining overview and increases possibilities for control
- Restrictions based on screening some have reduced screening use



Likely causes of PD:

- Constant, high infection pressure in endemic areas
 - difficult to avoid PD outbreaks
 - reduced effect of control measures
 - area eradication requires altered production structure
- Spread to areas without water contact probably due to vessels/fish
 - regulation based on precautionary principles, with strict cleaning, disinfection and fallowing requirements
 - lack of documented effects



Vaccination:

- Widespread vaccination use in SAV3 endemic zone
 - preventive measure although not 100% effective
 - resulted in reduced mortality
- No reported vaccination in SAV2 endemic zone
 - general perception that regulation did not allow vaccination
- Lack of documented effect



Other mitigating measures:

- Few mitigating measures available
- General biosecurity measures
- Use of good quality smolt
 - QTL-PD smolt
- Lack of documented effect of «PD-feed»/»health feed»



Other comments:

- Lice control strategies strongly affect PD:
 - Coordination within production zones reduces PD spread
 - Compulsory treatments increases diseases severity and PD mortality on SAV-positive sites
- Effect of SAV3 spread to SAV2 zone
- Eradication or «improved coexistence» fish farmers' responsibility
- Probably adequate knowledge to eradicate but would require enormous effort by industry, authorities and researchers







Fortsatt viktige mangler i kunnskapen om PD

I et nylig avsluttet FHF-prosjekt ble det gjennomført en Intervjuundersøkelse om erfaringer med pankreassykdom (PD) og PDhåndtering. Undersøkelsen ble gjennomført i fire områder med ulik PD-status, og målgruppa var personer med roller nær merdkanten. Resultatene viste blant annet at tiltak for å redusere risikoen for PDutbrudd og redusere tap ved utbrudd benyttes I stort omfang, men at det er manglende kunnskap om effekten av tiltakene. Vaksinasjon mot PD benyttes gjennomgående på Vestlandet, mens det synes å herske en feiloppfatning i SAV2-sonen at vaksinasjon ikke er tillatt der.

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Notarrikke

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2) Indemik PD, bøye top: Nyfske
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4) Omrade med nyere PD-introduksjon:
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Review

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