

National Aquaculture Program

Monthly Report for March 2009

Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA Program)

Date	Number of Samples	Confirmed Positive Cages	Cumulative Program Samples
April 2008	92	0	12632
May 2008	85	0	12717
June 2008	76	0	12793
July 2008	109	0	12902
August 2008	109	0	13011
September 2008	88	0	13099
October 2008	88	0	13187
November 2008	77	0	13264
December 2008	83	0	13347
January 2009	79	0	13426
February 2009	72	0	13498
March 2009	57	0	13555

There were 6 surveillance inspections conducted at 6 different sites for a total of 57 fish sampled. All sites were scheduled for monthly surveillance; however, due to inclement weather some inspections may not have been performed. Routine harvest of market size fish began in Machias Bay this month. Water temperatures increased slightly in response to the warming air temperatures. There were no cages confirmed this month. There are 8 Category 1 sites in the water at this time.

ISA Program Site Category	Description
Category 1 (negative)	ISAv has not been detected at a cage or site participating in active ISAv surveillance testing; considered negative for ISA.
Category 2 (suspect)	ISAv has been detected by one diagnostic test or in one fish; considered suspect needing further evaluation and testing
Category 3 (suspect)	ISAv has been detected by at least two diagnostic tests in at least two fish from the same cage; considered suspect needing further evaluation and testing.
Category 4 (infected)	Meets criteria for Category 3 above, plus clinical disease is present (as diagnosed by a veterinarian).
Category 5 (infected)	Meets criteria for Category 4 above, plus mortality consistent with ISA is present at the rate of 0.05% per cage population per day for three consecutive days.
Category 6	Cage or site previously classified as Category 2 through 5 has been harvested or fallowed.