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FIRE DAMAGE TO FISH PEN

Huon Aquaculture Group Limited (ASX: HUO) ("Company", "Huon")

On 23 November a fire broke out on one of the Company's fish pens located at its Zuidpool North lease in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. The fire damage was limited to approximately a third of the pen, burning through and melting the pen infrastructure above and just below the waterline. The damage to the pen resulted in fish escaping.

Peter Bender, Huon Managing Director and CEO, said the fire melted the pen infrastructure and resulted in the fish loss. "We are estimating that we have lost between 50,000 and 52,000 4kg fish," said Peter.

The fish loss number has been ascertained by conducting a count of the remaining fish using one of Huon's wellboats and represents well under 1% of current fish stocks.

Calm weather enabled employees to thoroughly search the surrounding area, including shorelines, to retrieve any pen components that had come adrift during the fire.

"We have electrical equipment on our pens, but in 35 years of farming we have never had an electrical fire on a fish pen so the cause has baffled us."

Mr Bender said studies of previous fish escapes along with a 2018 Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) survey indicated it was unlikely the salmon escapees would have any impact on native marine fauna.

"The IMAS survey was consistent with previous studies (here and overseas) where farmed salmon generally don't appear to feed on native species as they are typically used to feeding on fish pellets.

"Tasmania has no native salmonids so there is no impact on wild genetic stocks (a problem in some northern hemisphere countries)", Peter finished.

The cause of the fire is being investigated. There were no injuries and only minor disruption to operations as a result of the incident. Based on the current preliminary assessment, Huon believes there will be minimal impact on the results of the Company.

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