


Challenging the status quo Kaldnes® RAS

The background of the slide is a photograph of a large-scale Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) facility. It features several large, white, circular tanks filled with greenish water, with various pipes, valves, and mechanical components visible. The facility is housed in a modern, industrial-style building with a glass and steel structure.

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Outline

- **Brief intro to Krüger Kaldnes**
- **Kaldnes® RAS**
- **Macro trends in Salmon aquaculture**
- **New production schemes**
- **High priority R&D**
- **Concluding remarks**

Krüger Kaldnes AS

Krüger Kaldnes AS is Norway's leading contractor within the water industry. As a part of Veolia Water, we have access to technologies and expertise that enables us to offer the most in water and wastewater treatment.

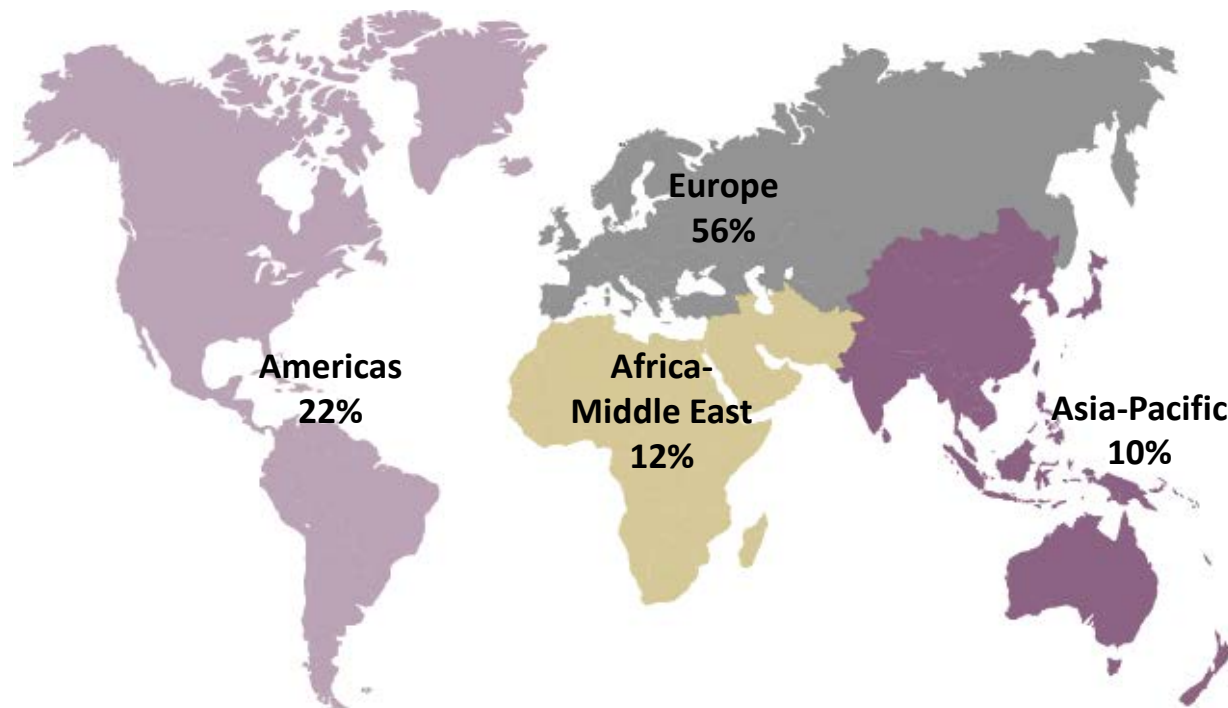


Business Areas – Krüger Kaldnes



Veolia Water Technologies

- ~11.000 employees in 57 countries



workforce breakdown by geographical area

Background to Krüger Kaldnes' involvement in RAS



Biomedia for aquaculture



2008

**MBBR to Nofima -
largest R&D RAS facility in
Europe.**



2009

**Marine Harvest
Dalsfjord**



2016 →

**Leading RAS supplier for
large facilities**



Kaldnes® RAS

Compact and efficient

The ultimate combination

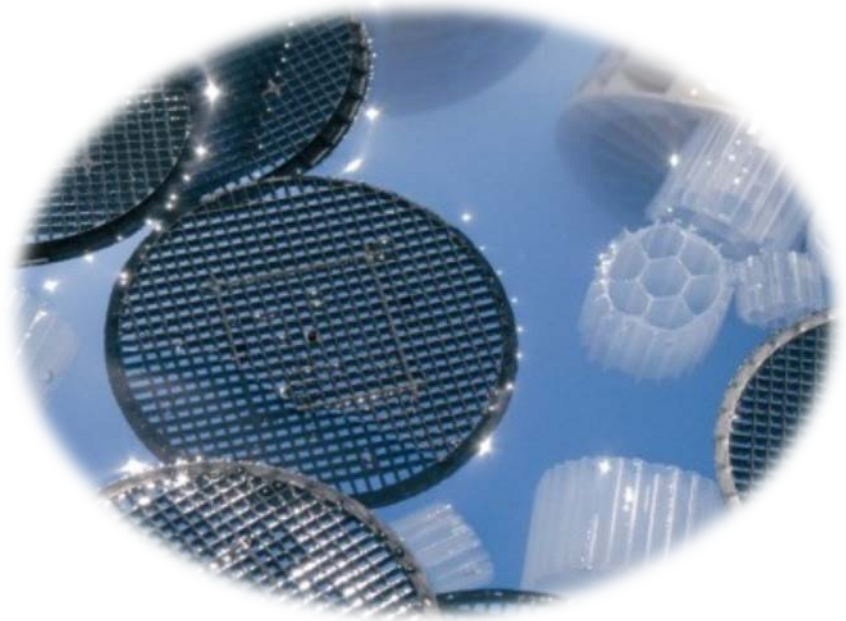
HYDROTECH Micro screens

- Market leading
- Designed for aquaculture
- High hydraulic capacity
- Easy to operate



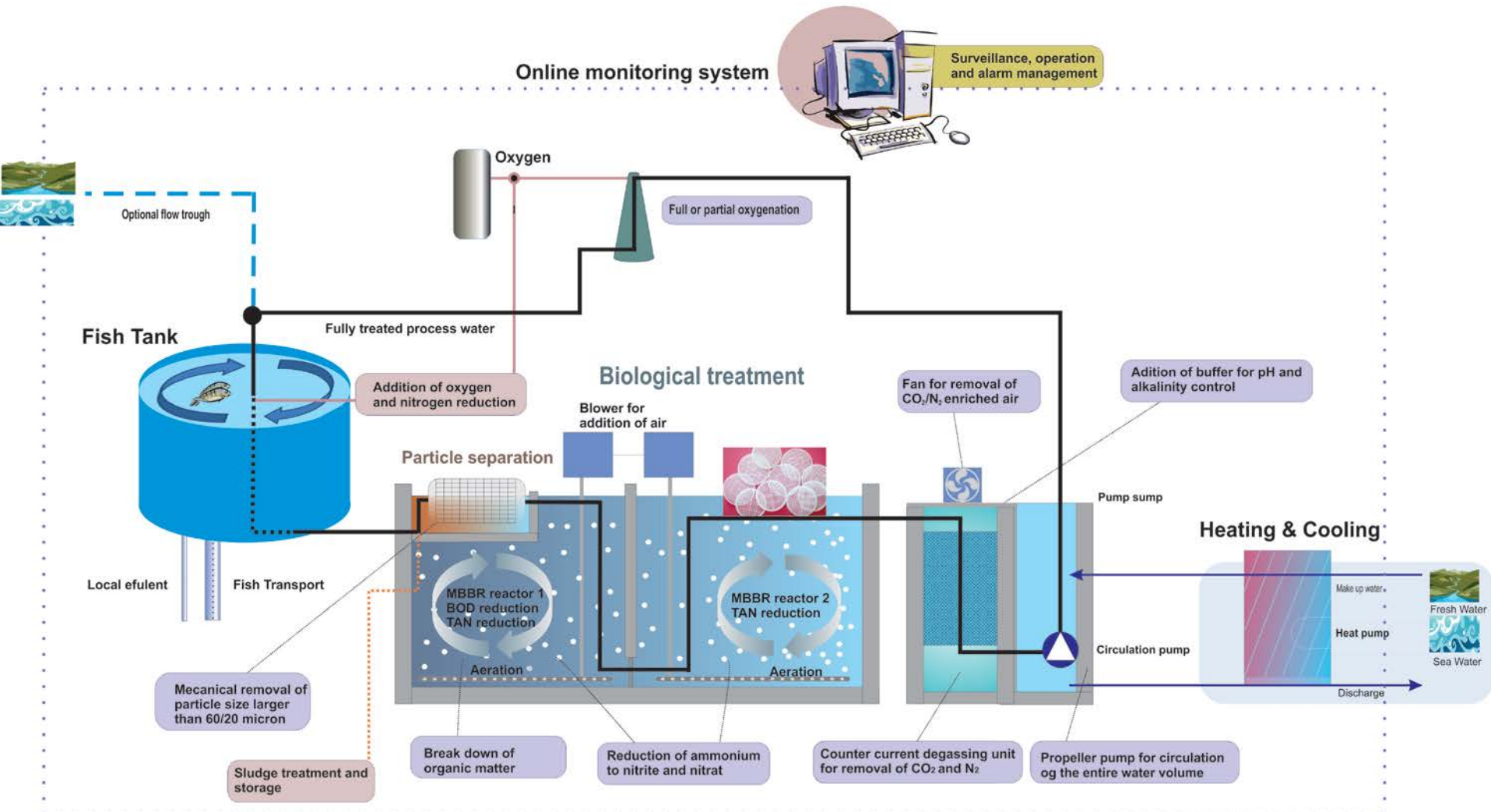
ANOXKALDNES™ MBBR

- “The biological engine” of Kaldnes® RAS
- Sheltered biofilm
- No clogging
- No back flushing



Schematic view of concept

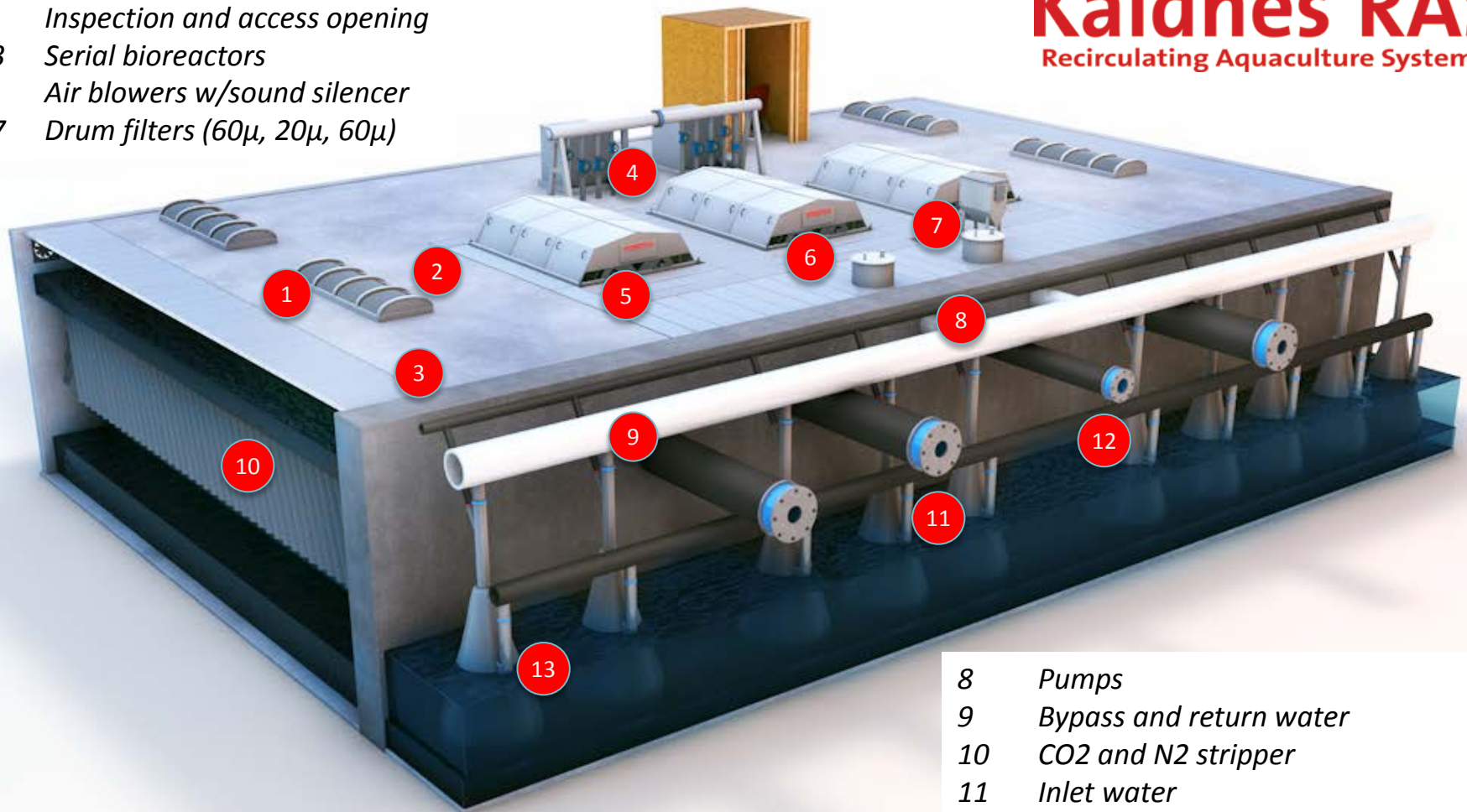
Kaldnes® RAS Recirculating Aquaculture Systems



The core technology!

Kaldnes® RAS
Recirculating Aquaculture Systems

- 1 Inspection and access opening
- 2-3 Serial bioreactors
- 4 Air blowers w/sound silencer
- 5-7 Drum filters (60μ, 20μ, 60μ)



- 8 Pumps
- 9 Bypass and return water
- 10 CO2 and N2 stripper
- 11 Inlet water
- 12 Outlet water
- 13 Deepshaft oxygen cone

Kaldnes[®] RAS in practice

Recent references for smolt/postsmolt in Norway



| Name | Max feeding(kg/d) | Rearing volume (m ³) |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Marine Harvest Steinsvik | 8.900 | 10.900 |
| Sundsfjord smolt | 3.200 | 3.000 |
| Helgeland smolt | 20.400 | 21.700 |
| Osland settefisk | 1.556 | 1.611 |
| Sævareid Fiskeanlegg | 9.000 | 7.200 |
| Salangfisk | 7.390 | 9.955 |
| Astafjord smolt | 2.700 | 3.400 |
| Salmar Follafooss | 8.000 | 11.740 |

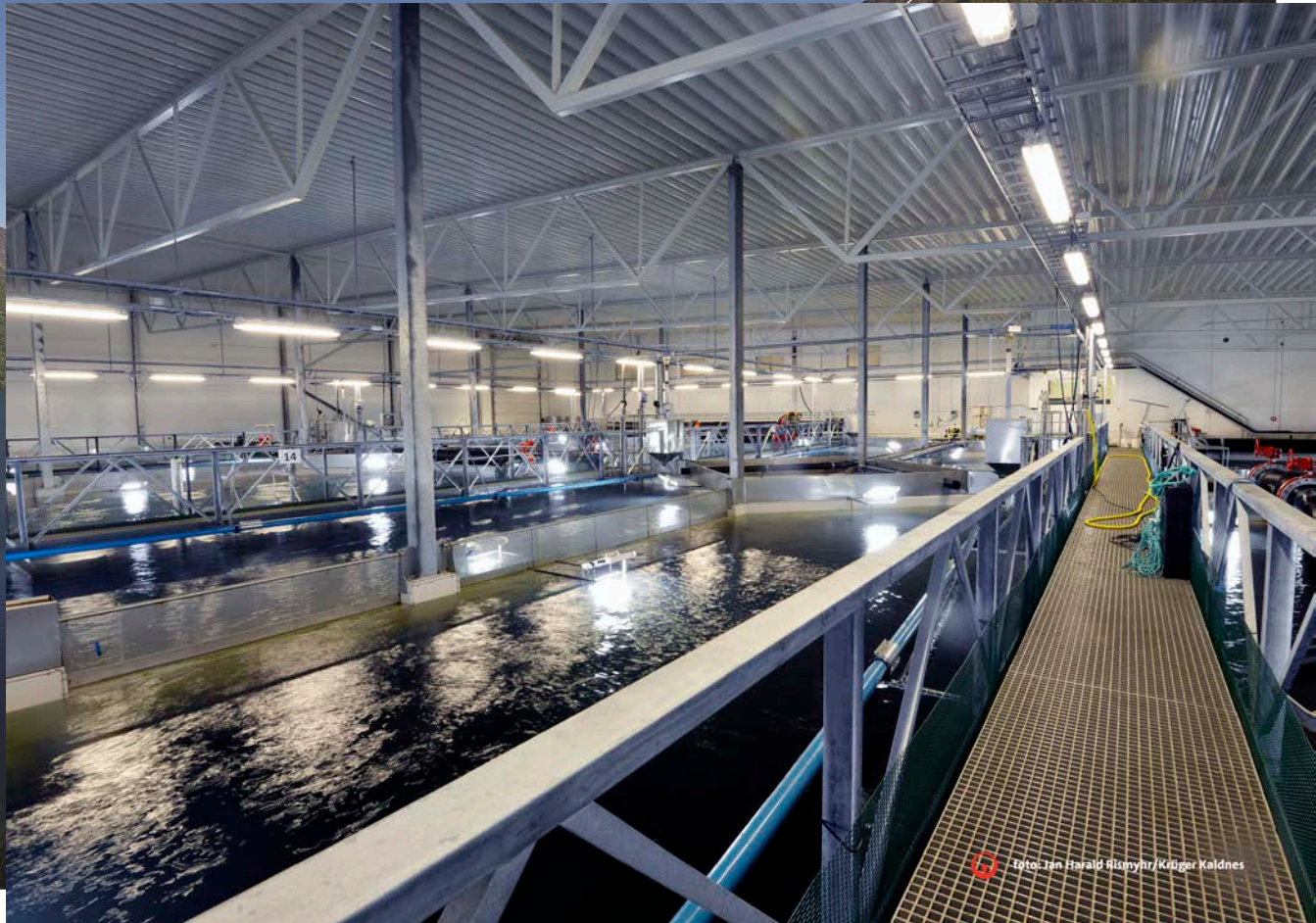
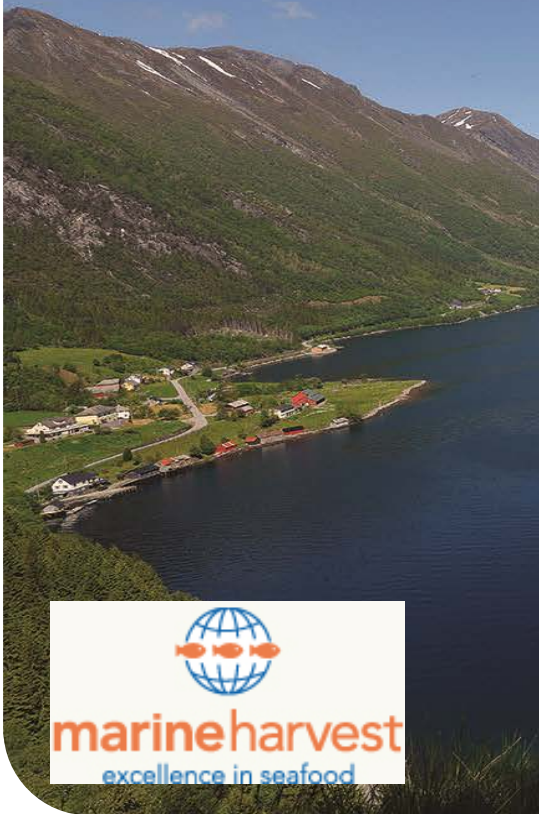
Marine Harvest - Steinsvik

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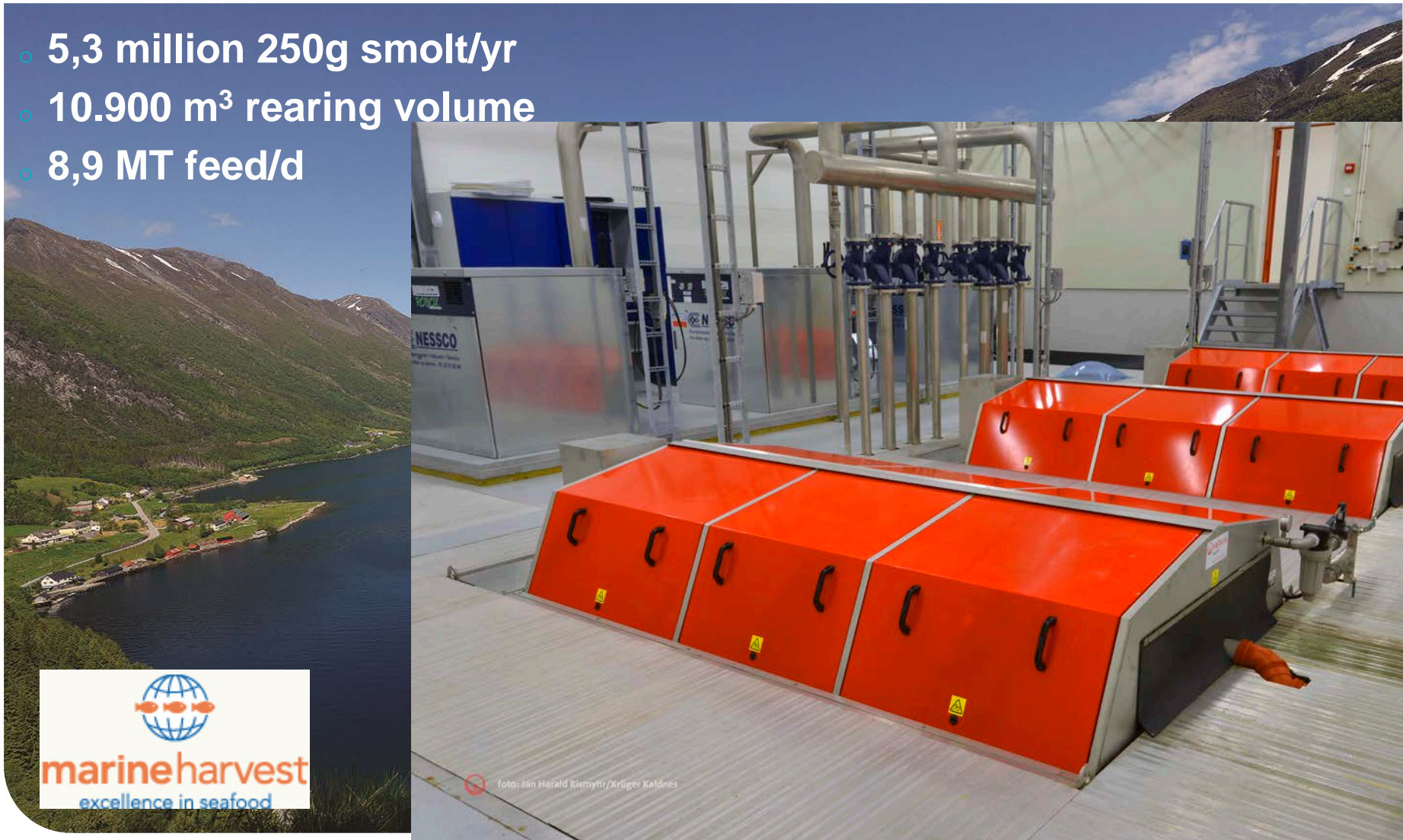
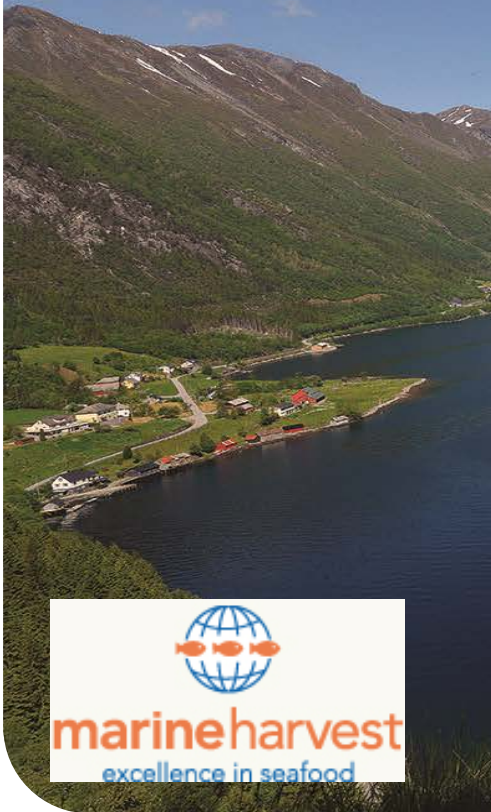


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Helgeland smolt

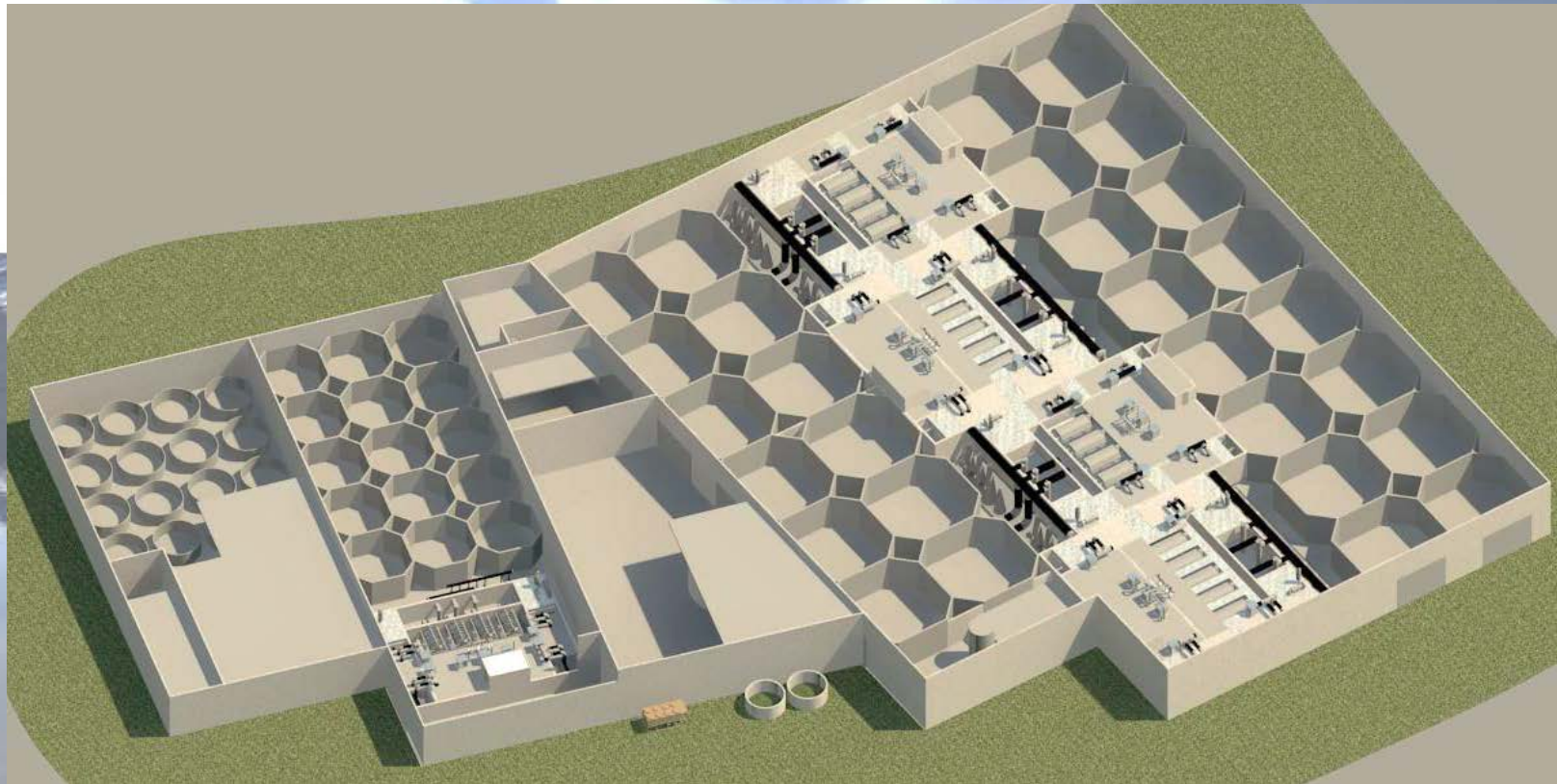
- 4,5 million post smolts 450 g/yr
- 21 700 m³ rearing volume
- 20 MT feed/d



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Helgeland smolt



Kaldnes® RAS in Practice

Valperca (CH)

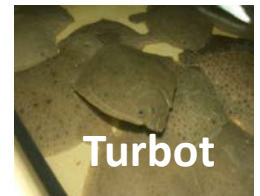
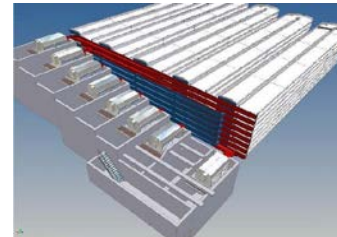
500 kg feed/day



Seafarm BV (NL)

200 MT Turbot/yr

Multilevel shallow Raceways (8 layers)



Viet Uc (Vietnam)

container RAS

150 kg feed/day



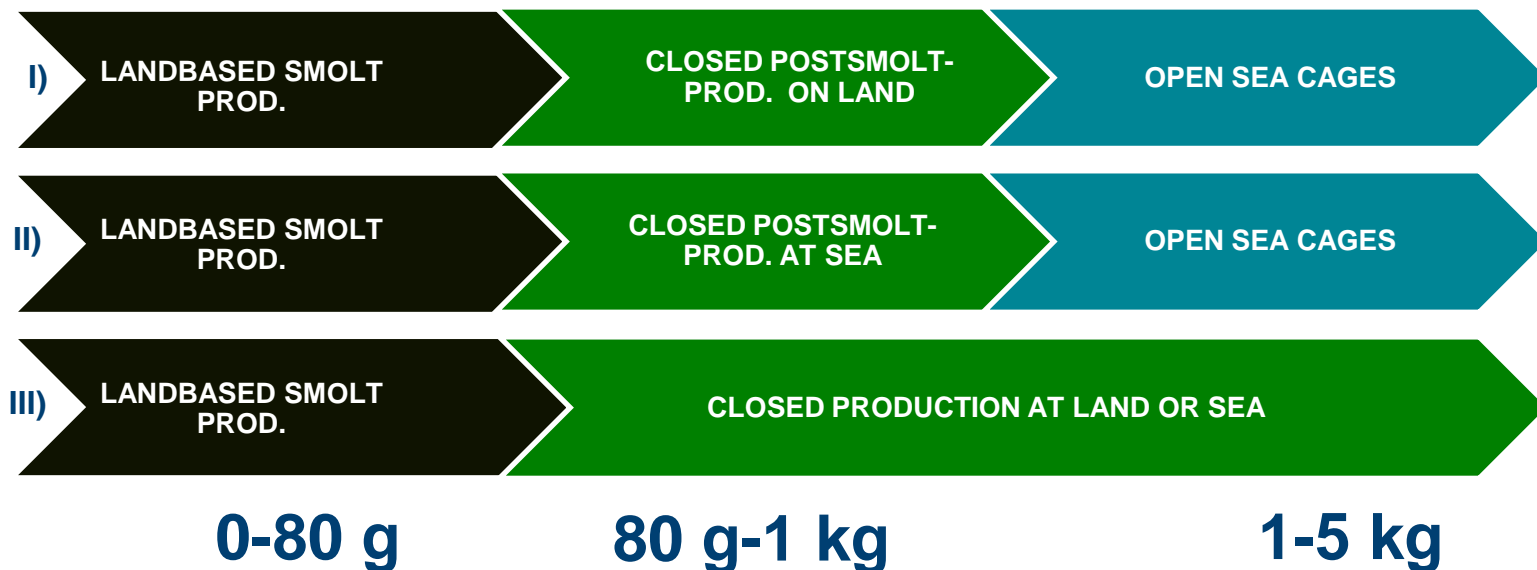
Macro trends in Salmon aquaculture

Macro trends in industrial Salmon aquaculture

CURRENT FARMING PRACTICE IN NORWAY



FUTURE INNOVATIONS



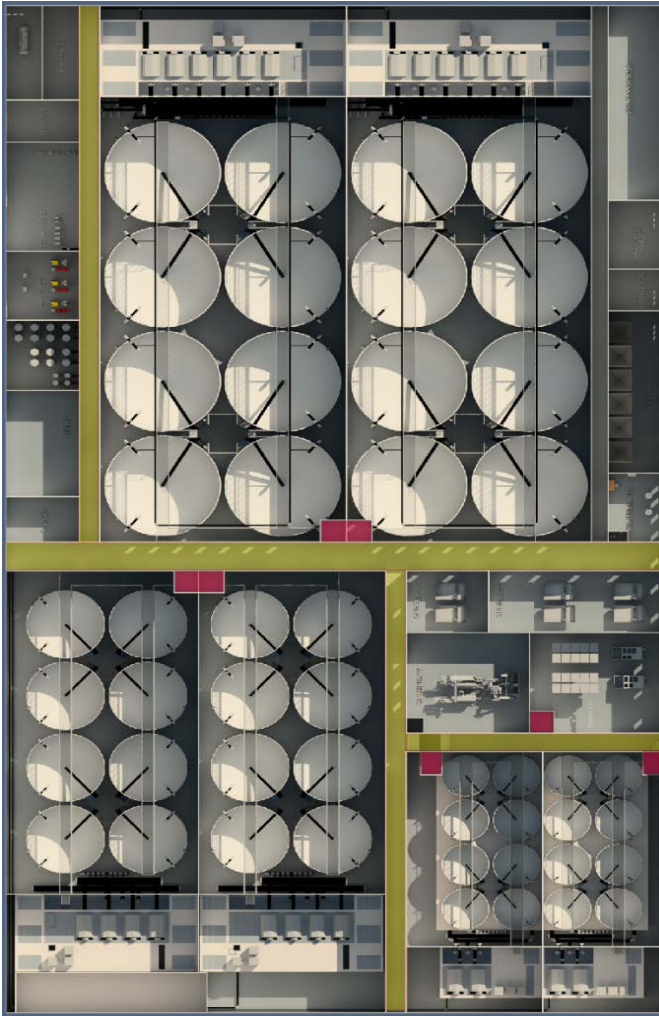
Terjesen et al. 2014

CtrlAQUA

Macro trends in industrial Salmon aquaculture

- Post smolt (0,25 – 1 kg) becomes «the normal»
 - Control of sea lice
 - Increased production capacity in existing seawater locations
 - Better overall economy
- Strongly increased production capacity in new smolt farms
 - more postsmolt
 - higher total number of smolt ($>> 300$ M/yr)
 - 2008: large RAS = 2 ton feed/d , 250 - 400m³ fish tanks
 - 2016: large RAS = 20 ton feed/d , 750 – >1000 m³ fish tanks
 - Requests for larger projects (100+ ton feed/d)
- More focus on closed containment systems (CCS) at sea
 - Both flow through and RAS
 - Sea lice control
- **Full production cycle on land is increasing**
 - High growth is expected
- **Sludge capture and treatment**
 - Sludge as resource (energy, fertilizer, spin off products etc)
 - Phosphorous recapture?

Norewegian outlook

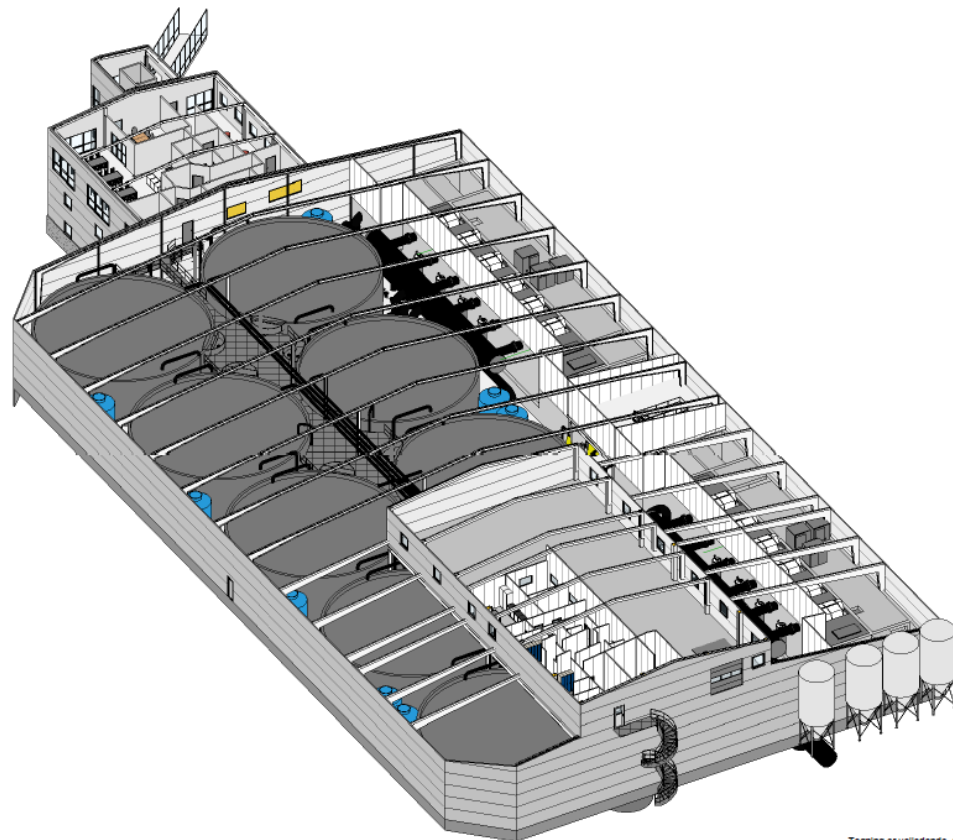


Smolt factories:

- Designed for efficient logistics
- Effective sorting og vaccination
- Central plants for feeding, heating/cooling, chemicals, dead fish collection, sludge handling etc
- Automatic control of all water treatment processes
- Automatic controls for valves and pumps
- Well-developed operations control systems with monitoring and alarm management

Some focus areas for RAS in Norway

- Defining optimal water quality conditions and fish welfare for postsmolt
- Biosecure production
- Scaling of production units (e.g. tanks and RAS modules)
- Water treatment efficiencies vs energy consumption and adaptation of new technologies
- Wastewater and sludge treatment (e.g. saline sludge)



Tegning er veiledende, ej målfast

Rapidly increasing!

SALMON ON LAND – TO FULL SIZE

A large number of salmon are swimming in a circular tank. The water is clear, and the fish are visible throughout the tank. The tank is surrounded by a metal railing, and there are some yellow ropes hanging from the top. The text "Rapidly increasing!" is in a blue box at the top left, and "SALMON ON LAND – TO FULL SIZE" is in white text in the center of the image.

Challenges

- Biological design and fish physiology competences
- Big fish logistics
- Cost-efficient solutions vs ocean based production
- Early maturation – deterioration of flesh quality
- Off flavor – deterioration of taste





Rjukan Akvafarm - Norway

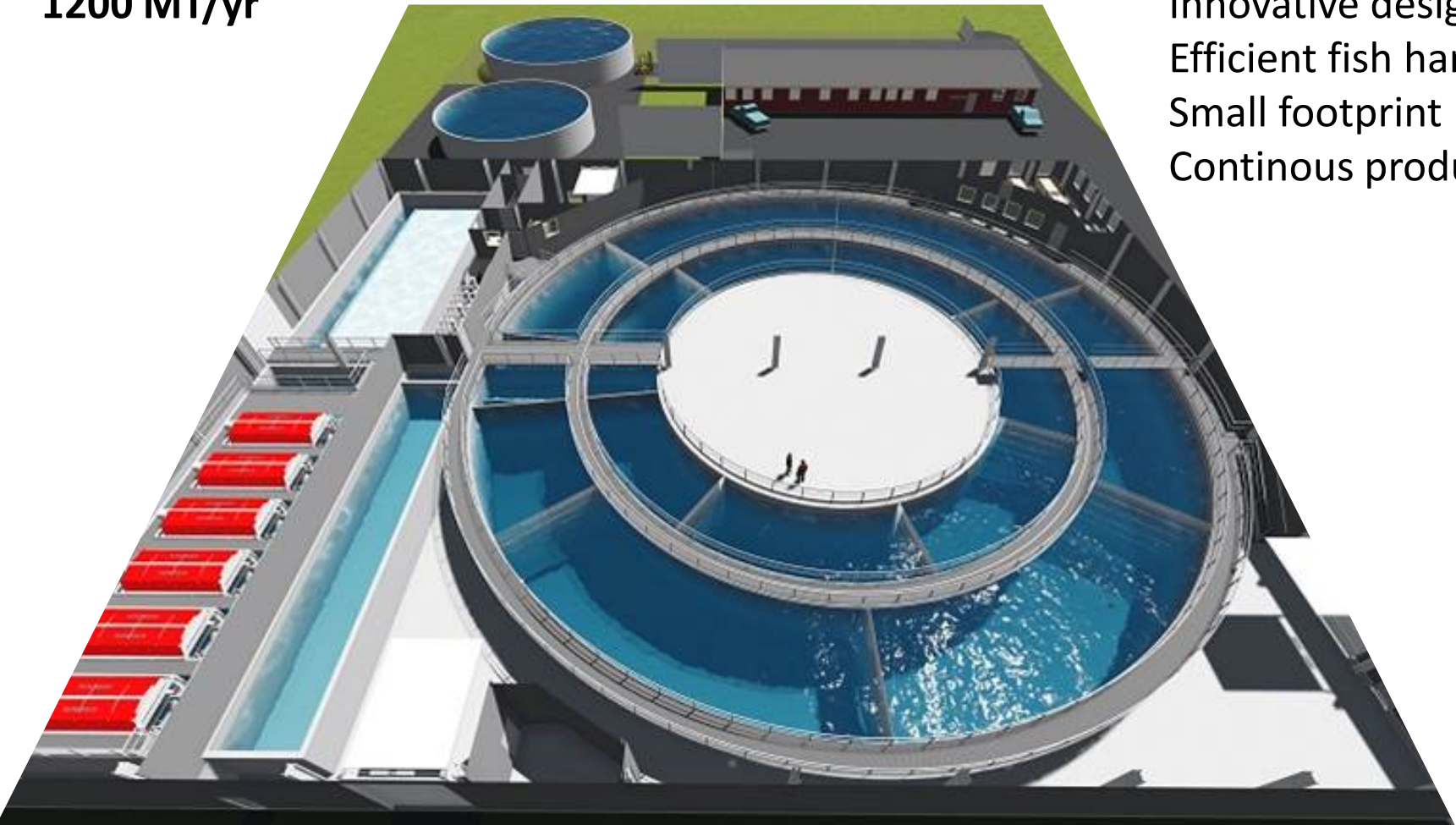
Modular farm – 10 000 MT/yr



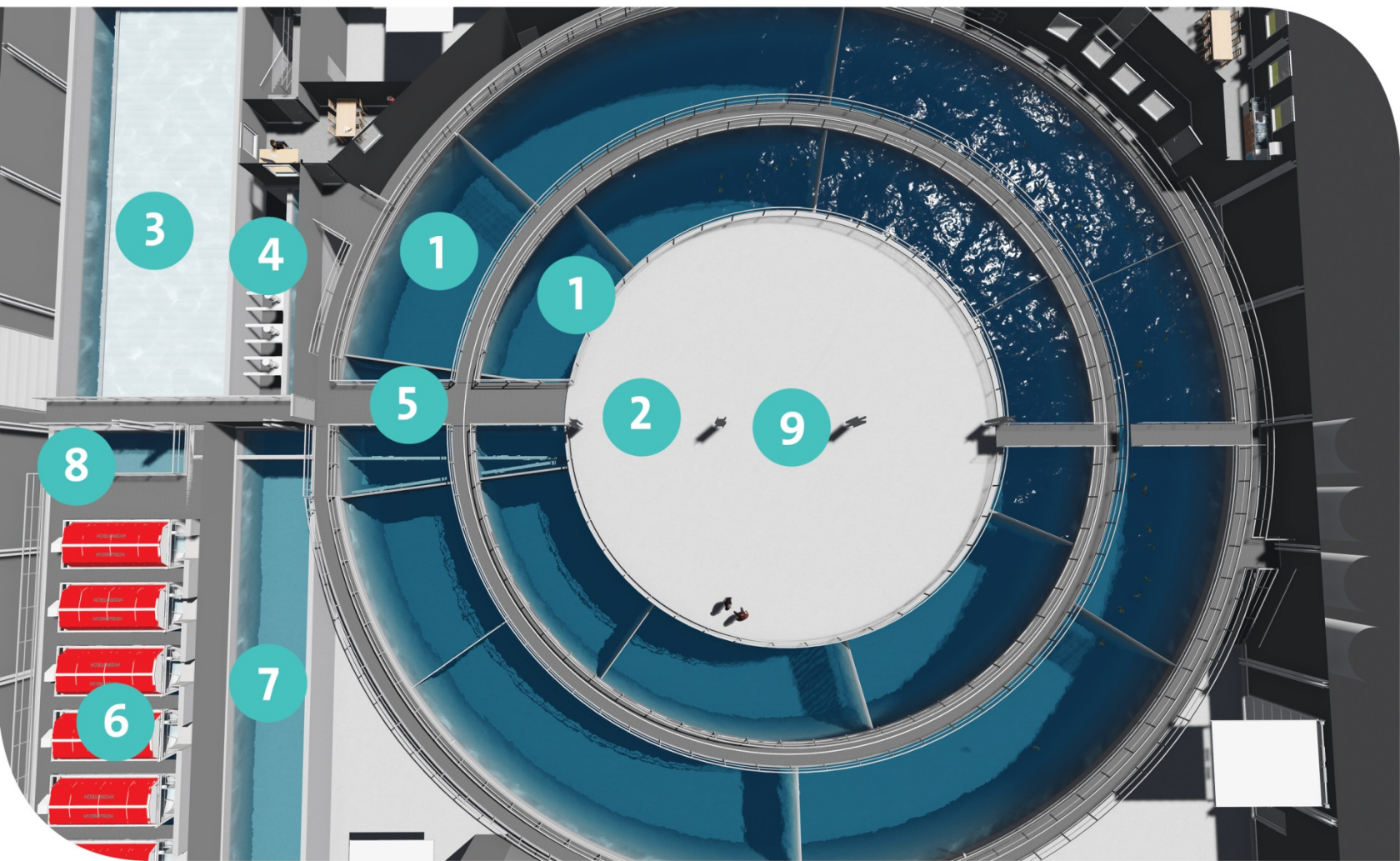
Freshwater salmon production

RAS2020 – A new approach for cost efficient salmon production

1200 MT/yr



Innovative design
Efficient fish handling
Small footprint
Continuous production



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| 1. Fish tanks with movable compartments | 4. Propeller pumps into level weir | 7. Purging tank |
| 2. Biofilter MBBR reactor (Krüger Kaldnes – Veolia) | 5. Inlet channel and circulation propeller | 8. UV filter |
| 3. CO ₂ and N ₂ Degasser – (Krüger Kaldnes – Veolia) | 6. Drumfilters (Hydrotech – Veolia) | 9. Denitrification chamber (optional) |

References for RAS2020

A wide-angle photograph of a multi-lane highway stretching into the distance. The road is paved and has white dashed lane markings. On the left side of the road, there is a construction area with a large yellow crane and several large concrete structures. The background features steep, forested mountains under a clear blue sky. A few cars are visible on the road in the distance.

Swiss Alpine Fish – Switzerland – Start-up September 2016
Sashimi Royal – Denmark – Start up December 2016
Fredrikstad Seafoods – Norway – In design phase

R&D

a prerequisite for innovation

Our development strategy

Development of exceptional RAS plants through technical know-how, innovation and validation

Strong focus on understanding fish physiology, water quality and technological performance enables us to apply the best solutions available

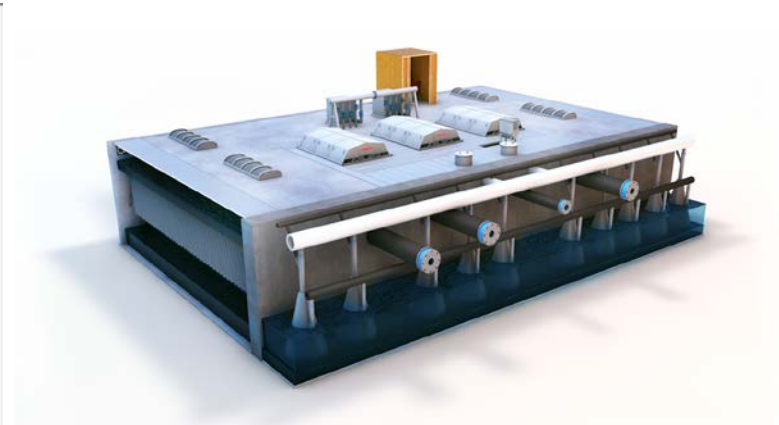
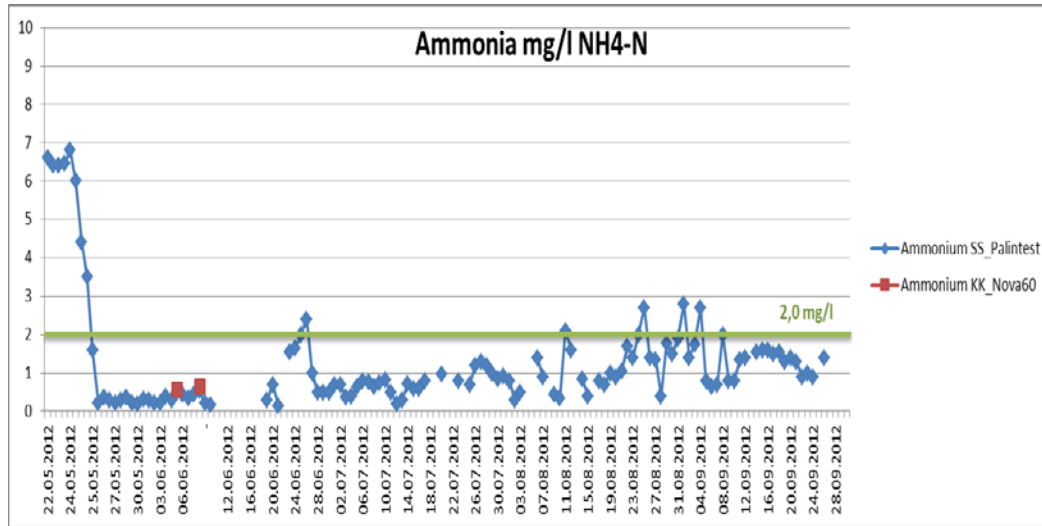


Planned and ongoing testing & R&D



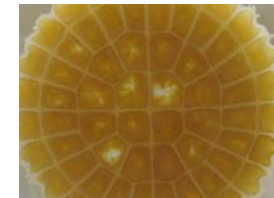
- Some Ctrl AQUA projects
 - *Effect of suspended particles on fish health and welfare*
 - *Hydrodynamics in large fish tanks*
 - *AOP in RAS* (to be initiated)*
- Internal and partner projects
 - *Fine particle removal (filtration, membranes, oxidation, skimming)*
 - *Efficient gas removal/addition (CO₂/N₂, O₂)*
 - *Wastewater & Sludge handling (filtration, composting, drying, biogas)*
 - *P recovery from sludge (Struvia)*
- Strategies for combating early maturation
 - *Temperature controls*
 - *Lighting regime*
 - *Stocking density*
- Efficient purging systems
 - *Removal of MIB/Geosmin in the RAS loop*
 - *Work-out regimes*

Testing og validation - Kaldnes® RAS



Documentation of Kaldnes® Moving Bed under various operating conditions:

- The effect of rapid load changes (e.g. at fish delivery)
- The transition from freshwater to seawater
- Influence of environmental factors



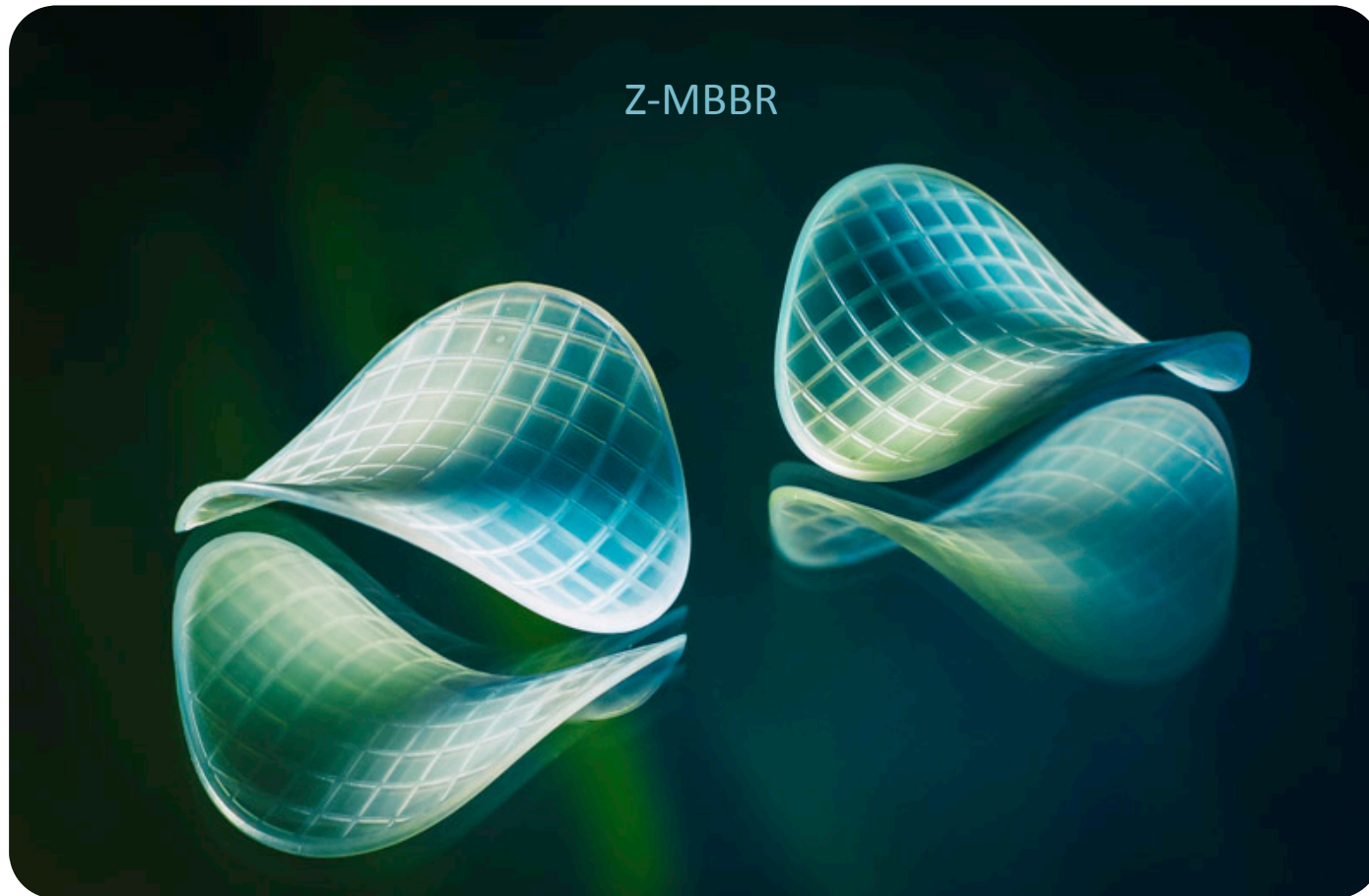
New technology - Kaldnes® RAS

AOT (Advanced Oxidation Technology)

Photocatalytic oxidation



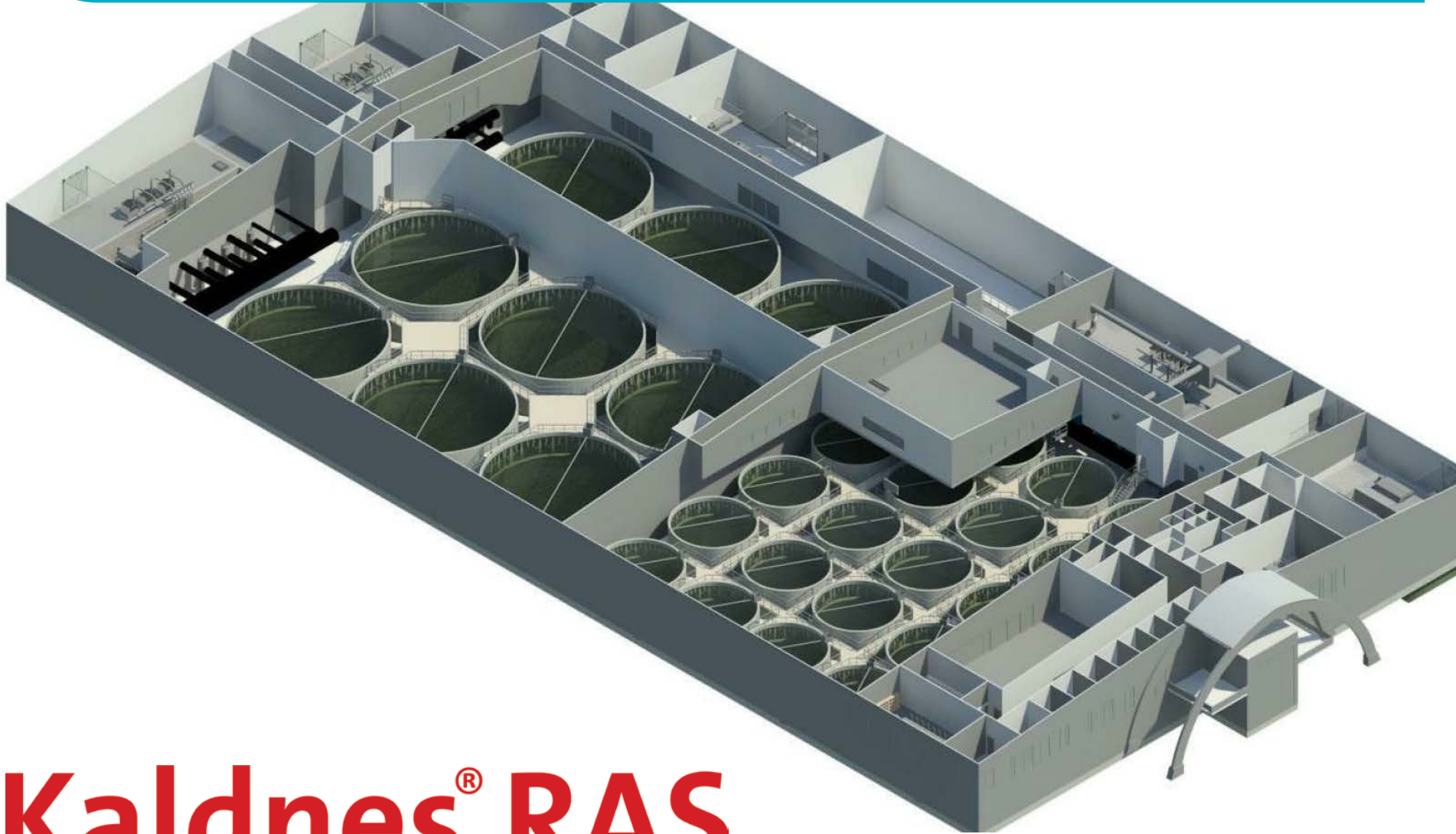
New Technology – self regulating biomedica for MBBR



Concluding remarks!

- RAS has moved from being a **niche** to **State of the art** and **mainstream** production method for salmonids
- Development of smolt farms is towards **larger production** units for **larger smolts/postsmolts**. This causes changed conditions for how RAS plants are built and operated. Many challenges are addressed for efficient, predictable and cost efficient means of production.
- Salmon to full size on land is likely to increase dramatically in the very close future. Experiences from front runners are mixed, though lessons learned and new research and development address key challenges and strategies to make land based salmon farms a viable production method in the future.

Thank you!



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Recirculating Aquaculture Systems