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Salmon farming the next 10 years

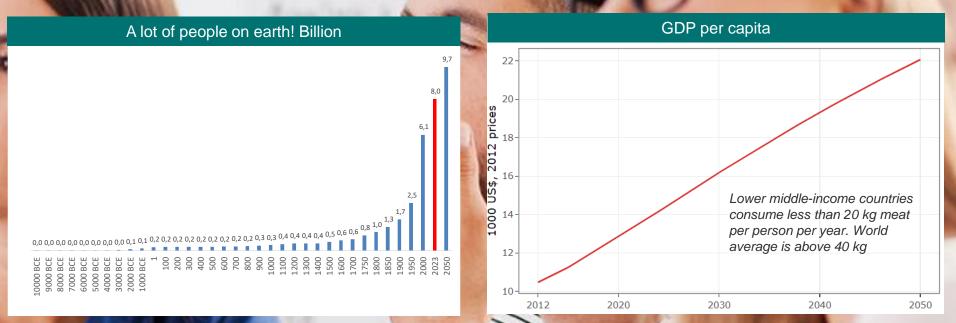
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10 billion people!

We need to produce 56% more food in 2050 than today!



Humanity must now produce more food in the next four decades than we have in the last 8,000 years of agriculture combined. And we must do so sustainably.



FOOD SYSTEMS AND CLIMATE ACTION

PLENARY SESSION

We need at least 75% growth in sustainable aquaculture by 2040 if we are to reach the 1.5°C target

Source: FAO at COP28, Achieving SDG 2 without breaching the 1.5 °C threshold. A global roadmap

Extremely positive backdrop for salmon

• Strong structural demand growth for decades to come

 It is part of the solution to the sustainability crisis in the global food system

• Why is it then controversial and lack public support?

Sustainability - a double-edged sword Low climate footprint Low impact on nature and biodiversity globally Healthy food for humans

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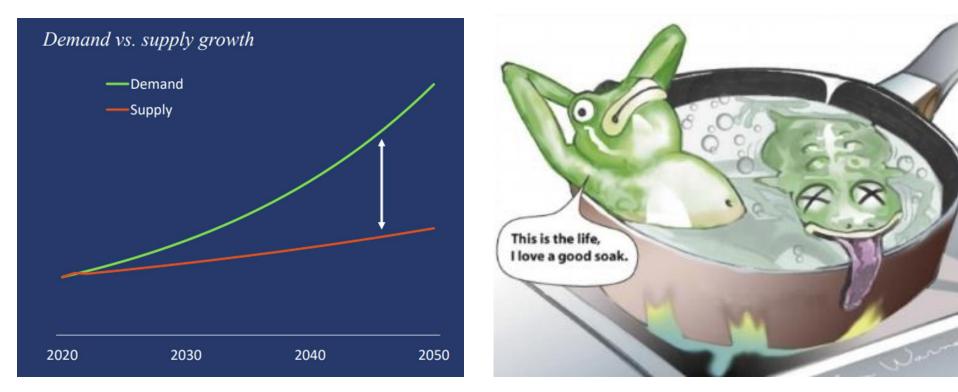
The "Good Foot" theory does not apply in Sustainability

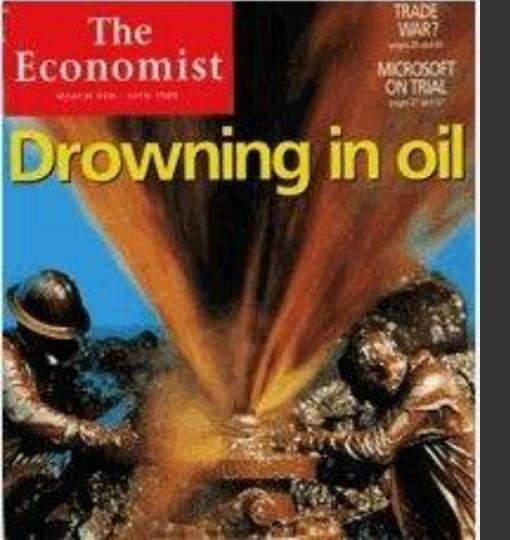
The EU has an inverted Good Foot theory: DNSH!

Social license is especially important in heavily regulated industries It will have significant impact on growth in salmon farming volumes

- Resource tax
 Traffic light coloring?
- Adjustment factor are the gains from new technology taken out as more volume or stricter regulations?
 - Access to electricity
 - Stricter regulations in general Irrational regulations in general
 - Higher direct and indirect taxes in general

«Sense of Urgency» is important





Doomsday predictions often turn out to be wrong.

Not because the analysis was wrong – but because it was correct.

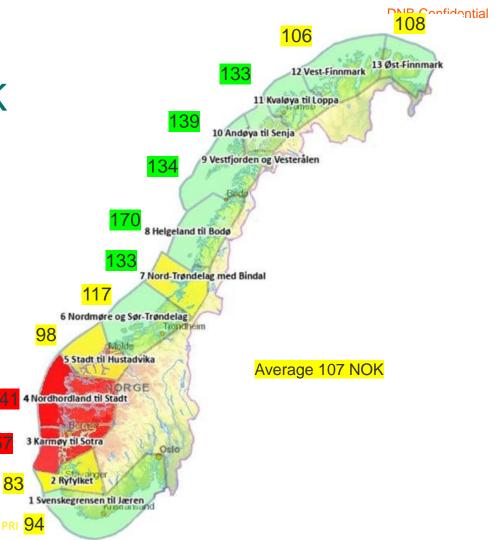
And made people take corrective action!



EBIT per fish put into sea, measured in NOK (2017-22)

Important regional explanatory factors for different profitability

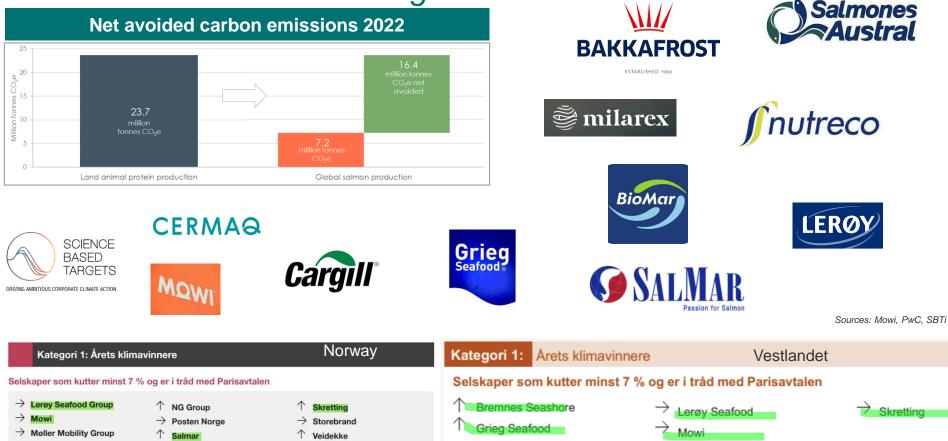
- **Biomass density**
- Number of companies ۲
- Number of locations •
- But there are also big differences ٠ between companies in the same region based on operations



Source: The Quality Report, DNB Markets equity research

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Increased <u>global</u> focus on sustainability is positive for salmon Salmon is a low-carbon animal protein. And the salmon farmers work hard to get even better





Gustav Witzøe

In my opinion, we are at a crossroads -



Source: salmonlivinglab

What can the industry do?

- Show that you care
- Take the problems seriously & improve
- Communicate more and better over time
- Cooperate well
 - Tragedy of the commons
 - Industry internal rivalry not a key risk, the market is big enough for all. The key risks are:
 - Losing society's trust
 - Failing in developing new technology and farming practices which will allow sustainable growth in volumes

"Control your own destiny or someone else will." - Jack Welch



Salmon in 2034

Predictions

- Volume growth has picked up somewhat based on new technology, better farming practices, and better regulations
 - New production methods like land based and offshore successful, volumes still low but with large potential. If they perform better than open pen coastal farming in key sustainability terms, that will put public pressure on traditional farmers
- Focus on the global food system and food transition has increased radically.
 - Sustainability focus, including animal welfare, even stronger than today. Air freight increasingly controversial

Hopes

- The industry has strengthened its social license based on operational improvements and better dialogue with all stakeholders and voters
- The positive contributions of salmon farming to solving key global sustainability problems understood and accepted by the public
- Biological and sustainability performance has improved significantly based on new knowledge and good cooperation in the industry and value chain and with the regulators

Fears

- Industry fails to build trust and improve practices, bad regulations and higher taxes (politicians say they were correct about ground rent as no supply growth drives prices to the sky. Key market segments like European discount retail disappears as outbid by deeper pockets
- Demand growth slows as lack of product makes it difficult to attract new consumer
 - Big lost opportunity for the industry, consumers, and the planet. But lost opportuntie is don't get much attention

The force is with us!

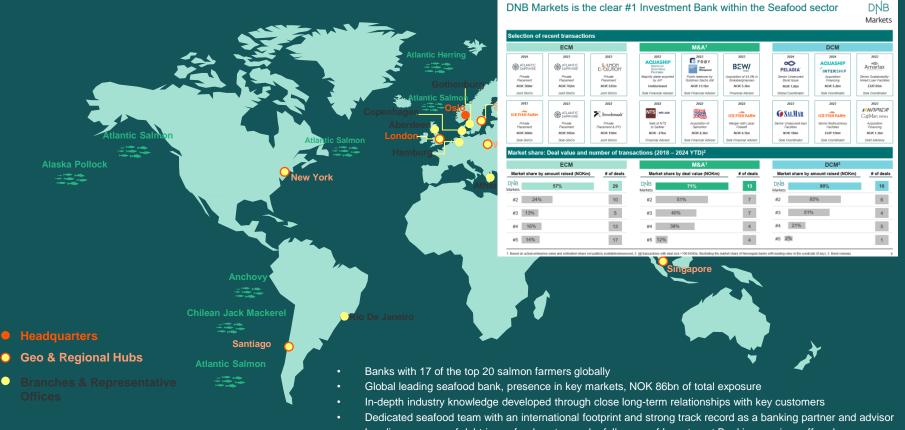
"All" the mega-trends in favor of the salmon farming industry



Salmon farming and aquaculture fit both key consumer trends and the need to produce more food on a planet which is already seriously challenged in terms of climate change and biodiversity loss

Source: DNB Seafood

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