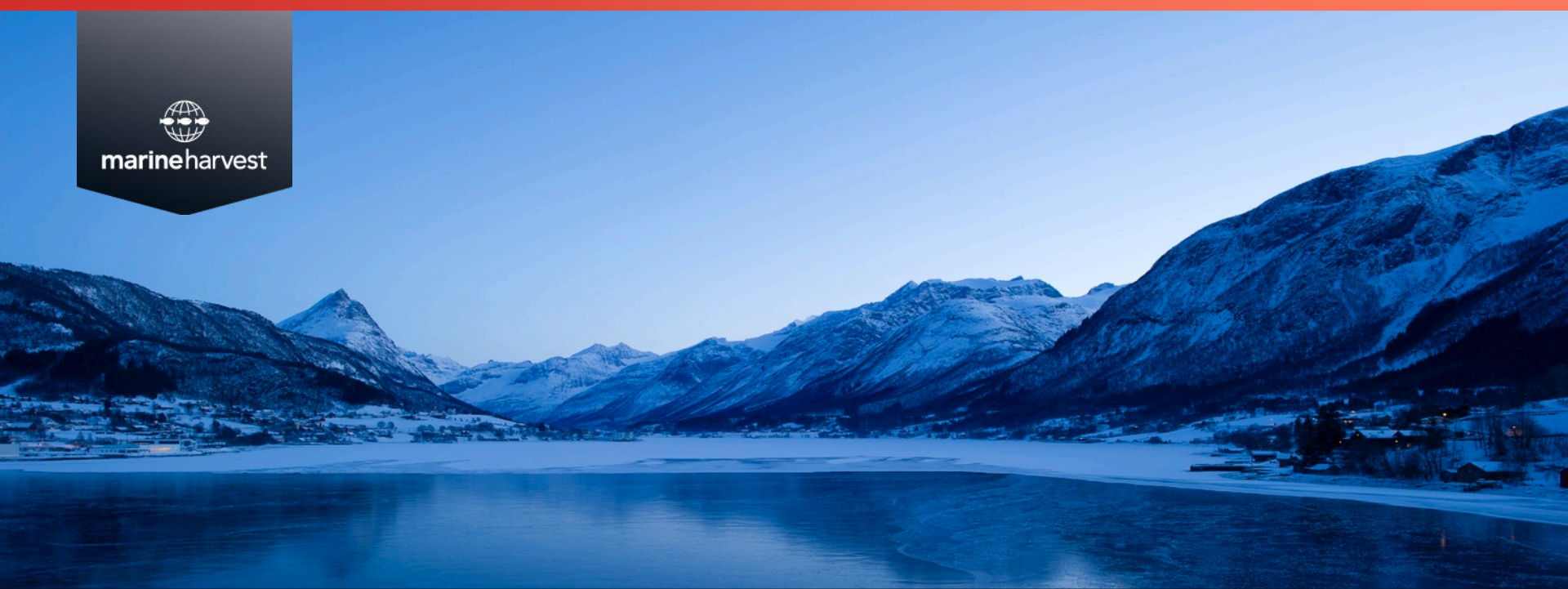




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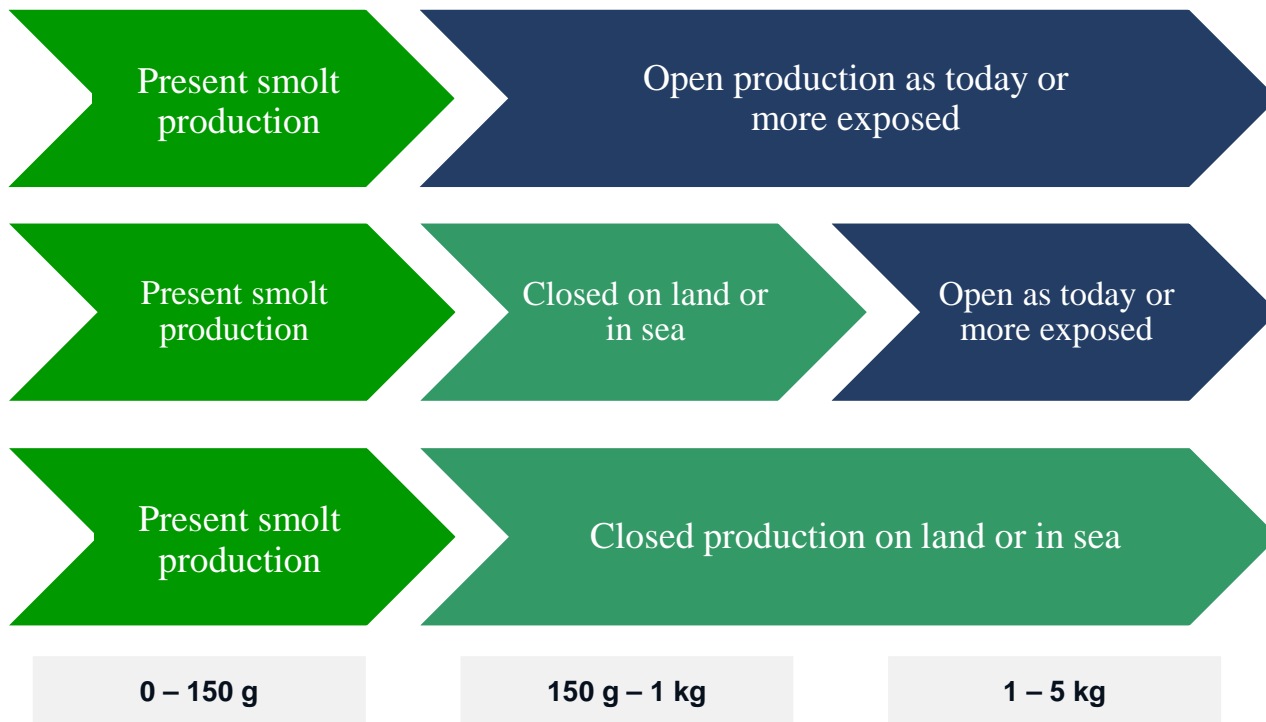
# *Large Smolts in Salmon Farming*

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## New production systems – closed or more exposed?



## Production time in sea decreases with larger smolts – 1 kg vs 70 g





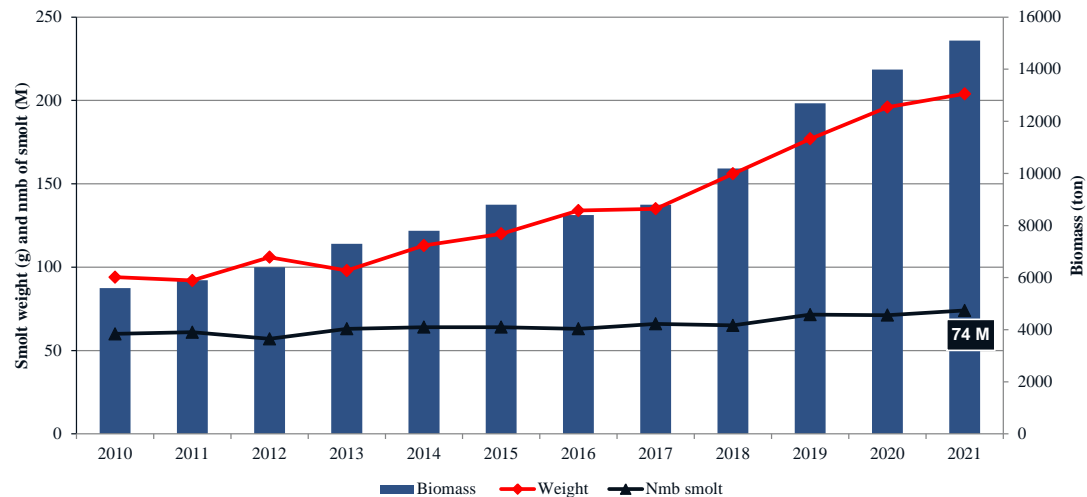
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# Closed farming in Marine Harvest

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## Increased smolt size with RAS systems



## Marine Harvest Norway results with large smolt groups

Heggvika to harvest

Smoltsize (g)	RGI	bFCR
86	99	1,06
88	99	1,09
88	98	1,05
92	95	1,09
143	100	1,06
556	114	1,07

Åkre 90 days

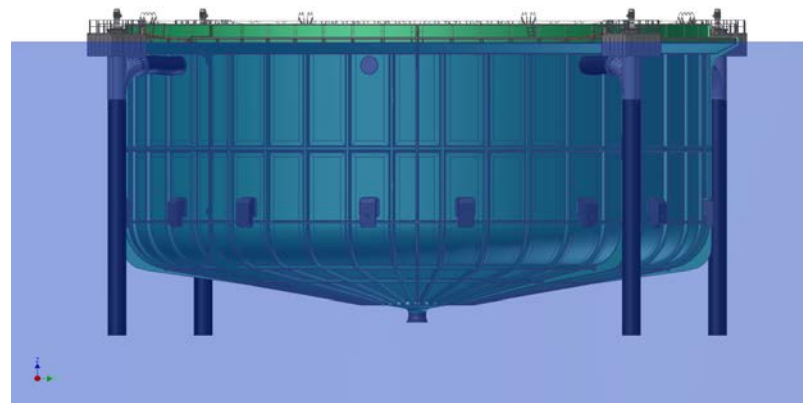
Smoltsize	RGI	Mortality (%)
118	102	1,56
145	97	1,43
147	100	1,44
155	96	1,21
408	122	1,04

## Postsmolt in sea



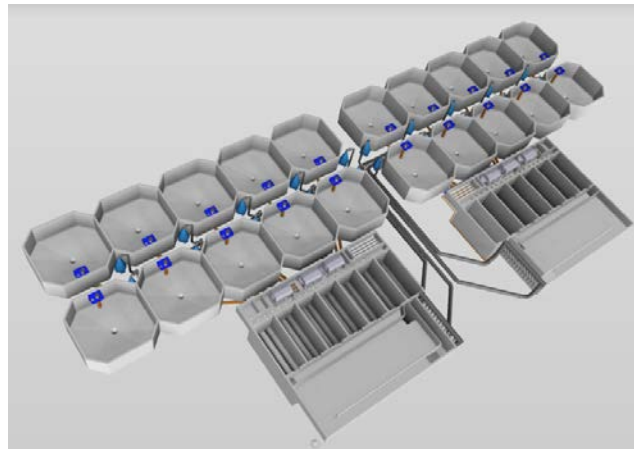
Floating semi-closed tank at Marine Harvest Norway site “Molnes”

The tank is 21 000 m<sup>3</sup>, water being pumped in from 30 m depth to prevent sealice and stabilizing temperature





## Postsmolt on land - Laxa MH Faroes



- 2.8 mill fish annually á 650 g
- Shorter production cycle 24 → 18 months
- Same #fish – less exposure time
- 4000 tonnes extra production – EV 25 NOK/kg





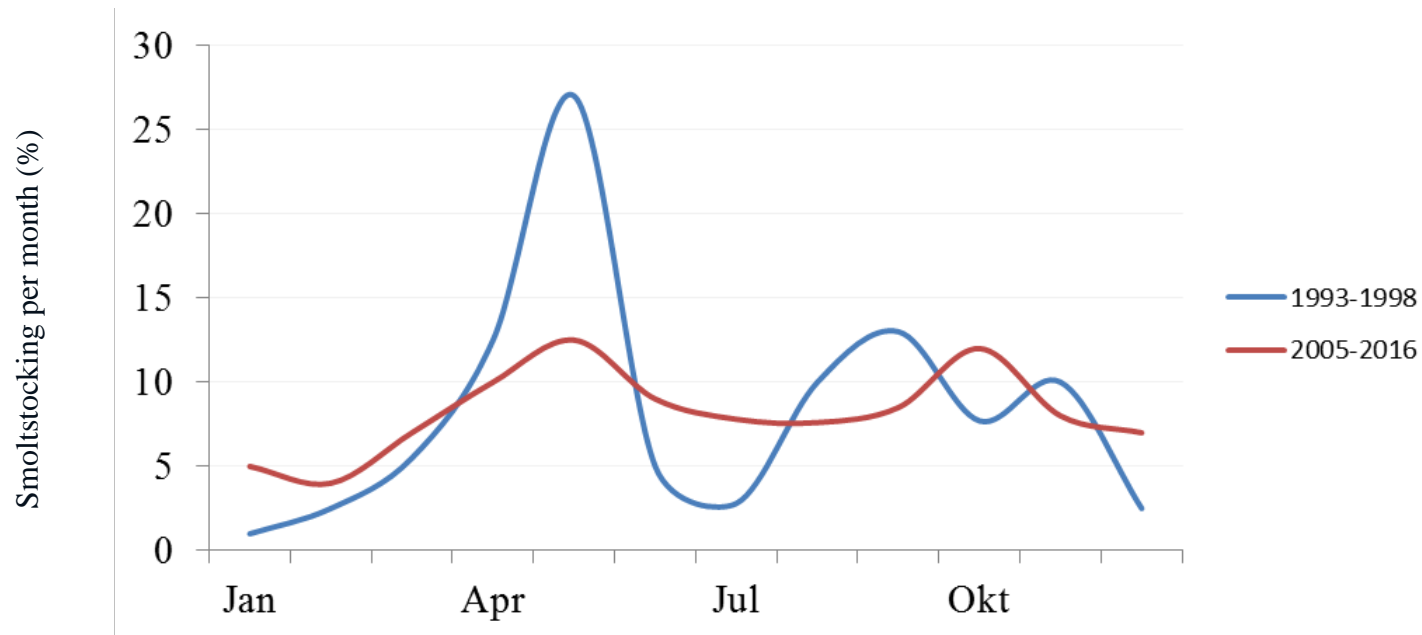
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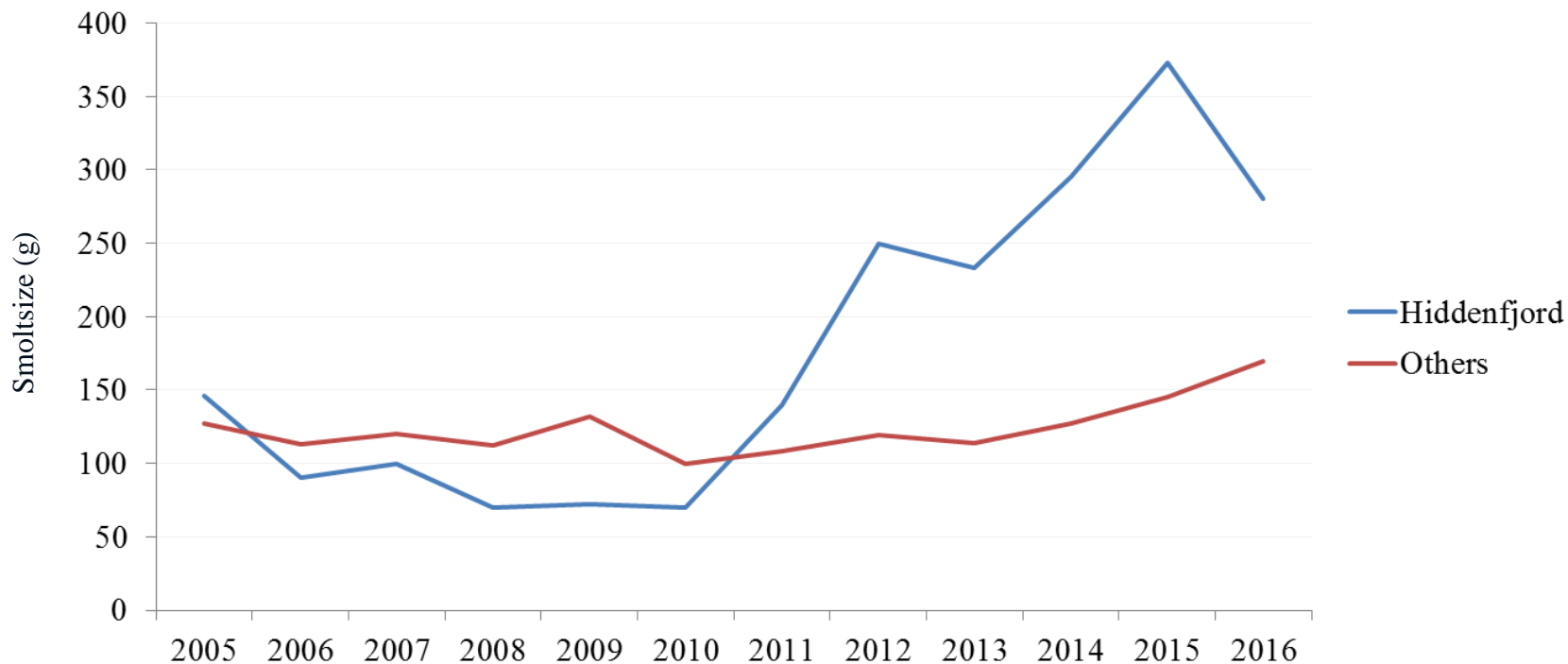
# Large smolt production in the Faroes

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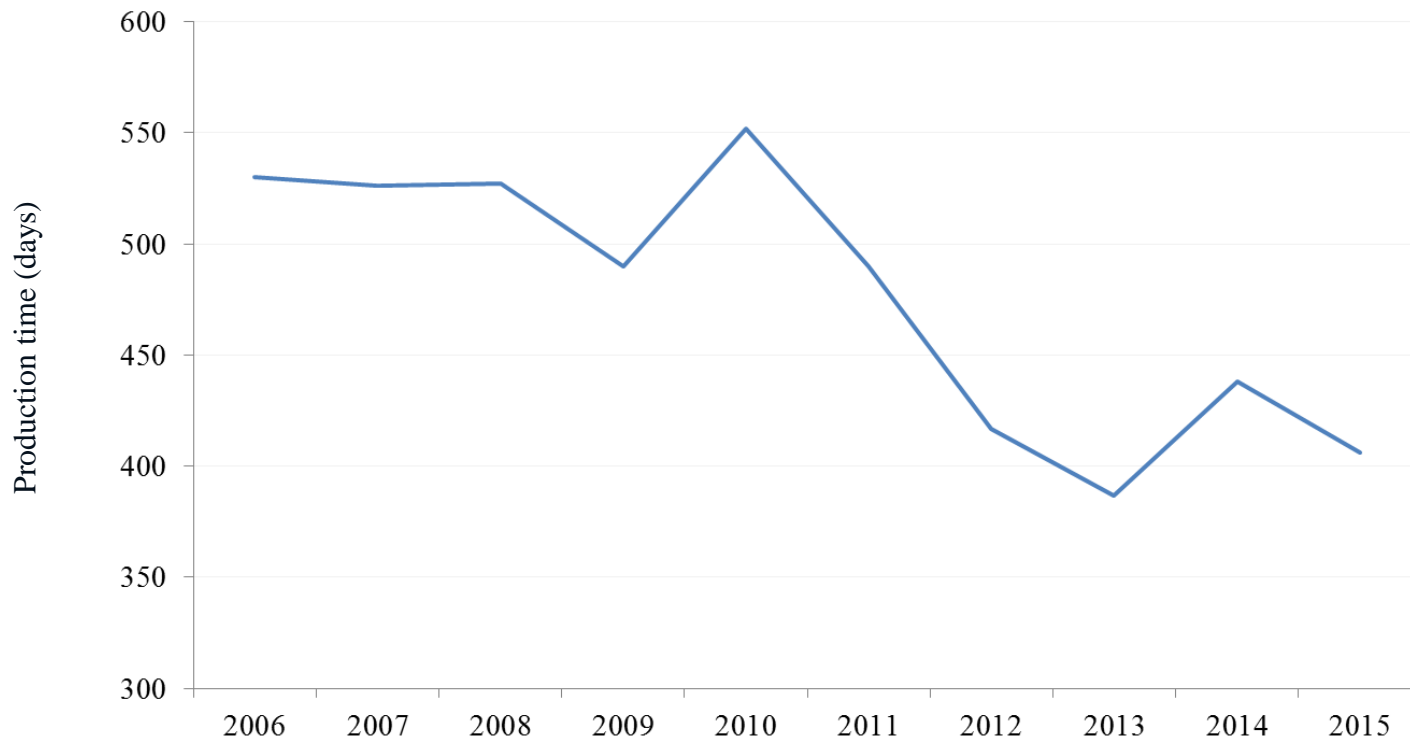
## More even smolt stocking through the year



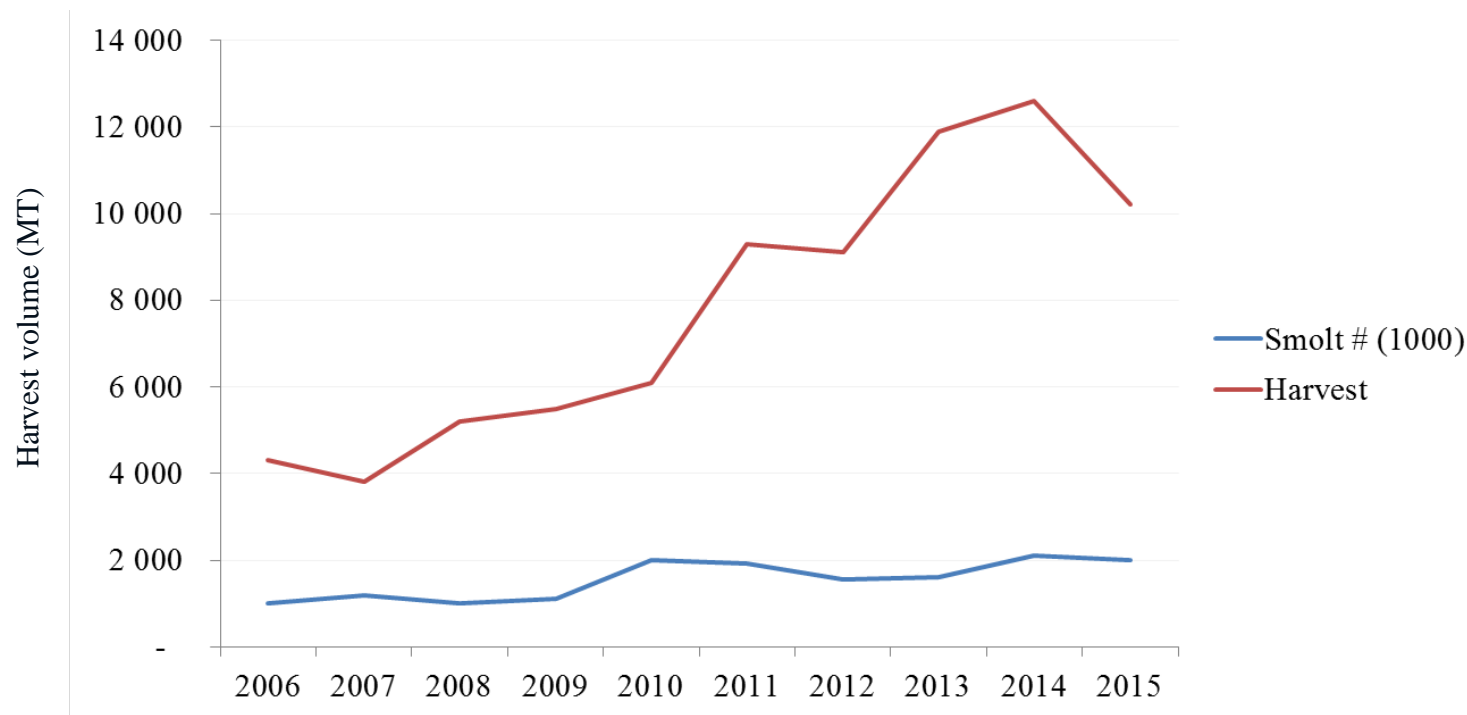
## Smoltsize is increasing in Faroes (especially in Hiddenfjord)



## Decreased production time to 6 kg gw



## Increased harvest volume





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# Production protocol of large smolts

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## Salinity

- Faroes - only in FW
- Norway - FW and SW

## Light regime

- Traditional      12:12 and 24:0      for    6 + 6 weeks
- Newest:            24:0 in RAS and with salinity

## Water quality parameters



## R&D leading to optimal production protocol

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**Salmon**



**Closed-containment  
systems on land**



**Research**



**Semi-closed containment  
system in sea**