



Suspension and withdrawal of disease-free status for infectious salmon anaemia (ISA) for certain compartments in Norway

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Notification to the EFTA Surveillance Authority concerning the withdrawal and suspension of disease-free status for Infectious Salmon Anaemia (ISA) for certain compartments in Norway (23 April 2010)

Withdrawal of disease-free status:

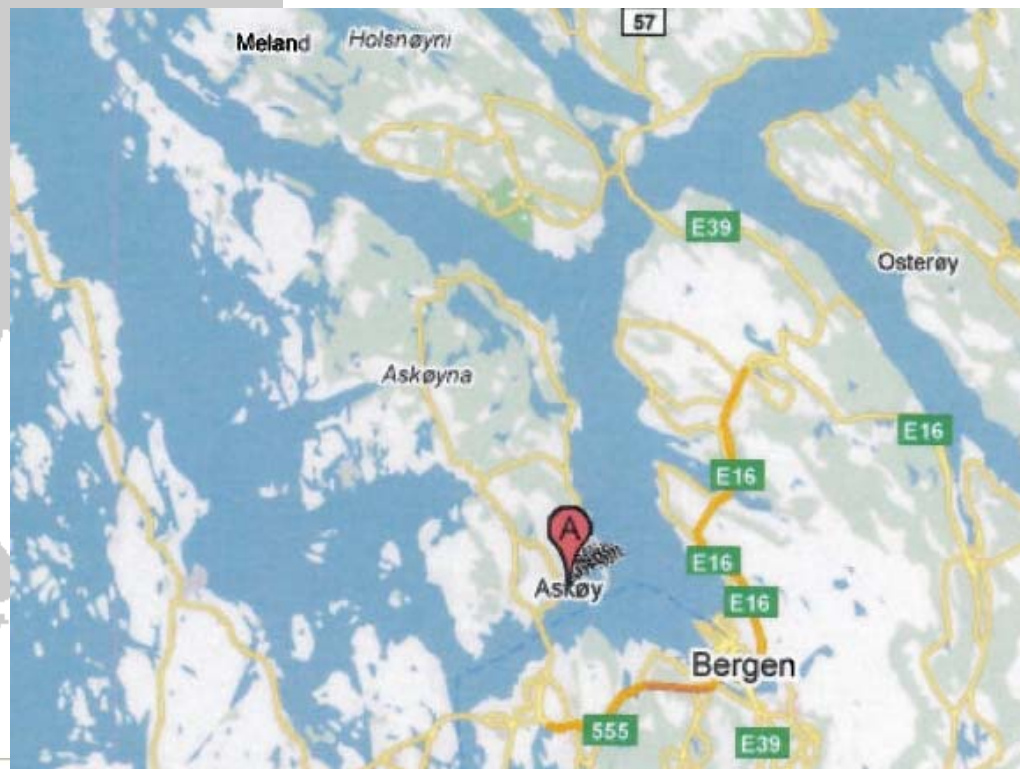
Compartment 02 Askøy – Hordaland County

- 2 land based farms (Askøy and Kvinnherad Municipalities).

Suspension of disease-free status:

Parts of compartment 04 Bjugn – Sør-Trøndelag County

- Consists of four broodstock sites at sea and one land base for storing broodstock (Area 1). Most of the areas are in Bjugn municipality, while a little part in the north of the area is in Åfjord municipality.



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Reasons:

- The farm in Askøy received fish infected with ISA in 2009.
- Suspicion: 28 August 2009 (Positive IFAT for ISA from 4 fish)
- Diagnosis could not be officially verified according to the procedures in the Norwegian ISA contingency plan.
- The fish was immediately destructed by the farmer.
- Trade in susceptible species and vector species to other areas with a higher health status for ISA were immediately suspended according to Article 53 of Directive 2006/88/EC.

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- **The farmer did not wish to restore the disease-free status, thus**
- **The competent Authority has withdrawn the disease-free status for ISA.**

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The compartment consists of two areas. The farm on land (Area 2) are considered independent of the health status regarding ISA of the surrounding waters.

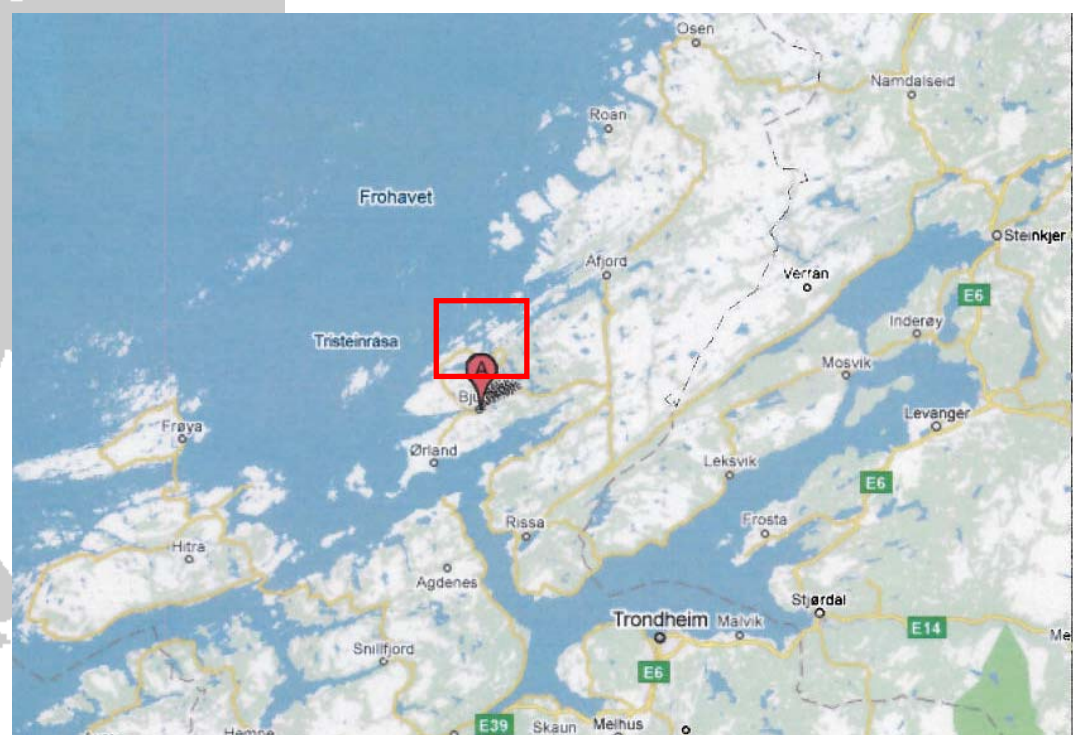
Area 1:

Consists of four broodstock sites at sea and one land base for storing broodstock. Most of the areas are in Bjugn municipality, while a little part in the north of the area is in Åfjord municipality.

Area 2:

Covers the water source for the site Leirvangbukta, land.

- Sea water is not used at the site.
- There are no other aquaculture activities in connection with the water source.
- Anadromous fish do not ascend the water source.
- There are both natural and artificial barriers that prevent ascent of aquatic animals.
- A closed 3.5 km water pipe from Teksdalsvassdraget supplies the land base.

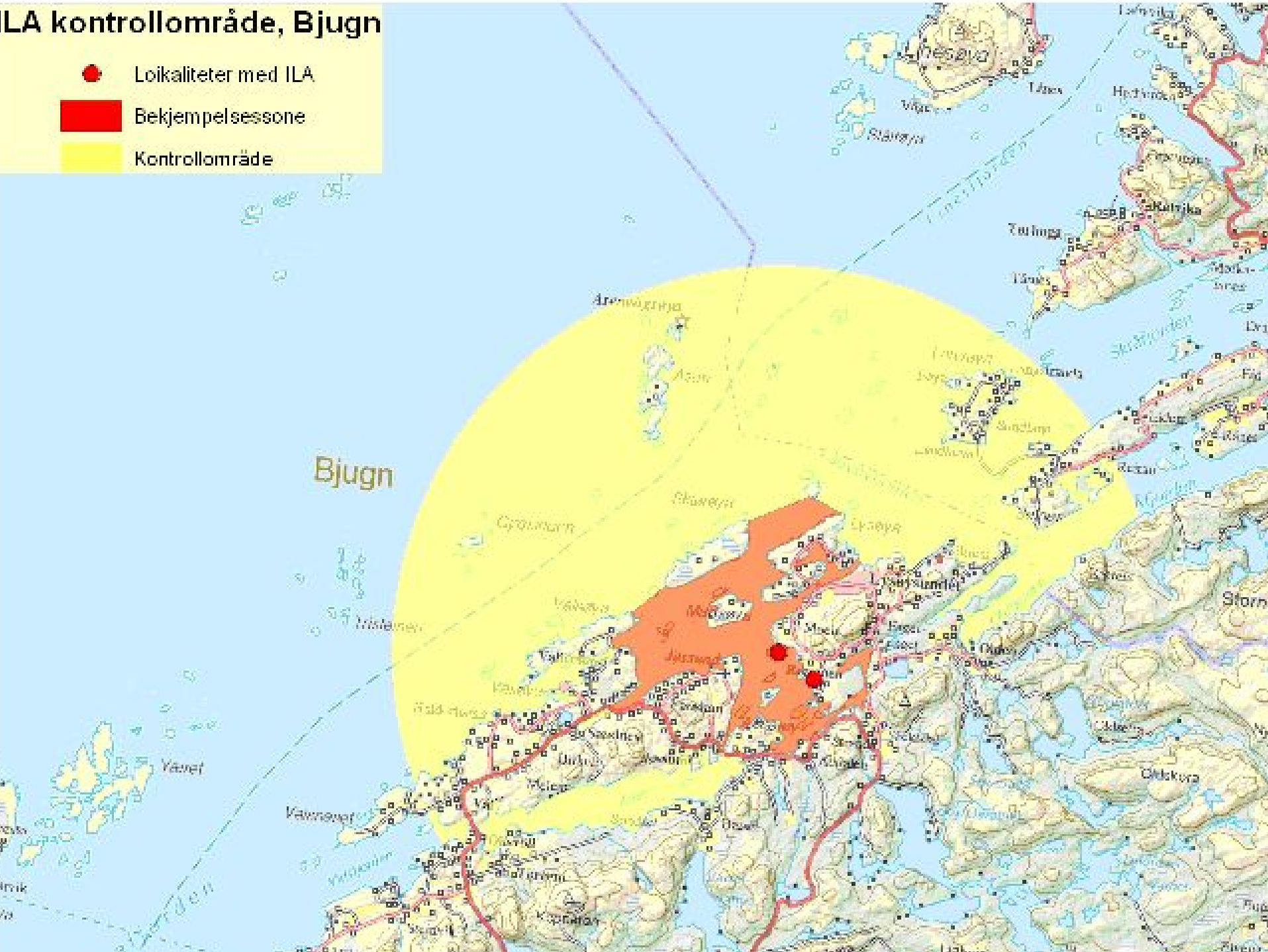


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- **Diagnoses verified 15 September 2009 from two of the sites in Area 1 – control measures was implemented according to Chapter V of Directive 2006/88/EC;**
 - The affected farm declared infected
 - Containment area established
 - No movement of fish in or out of the containment area unless authorised by the Competent Authority

ILA kontrollområde, Bjugn

- Loikaliteter med ILA
- Bekjempelsessone
- Kontrollområde



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- **All fish in the affected farms were removed and slaughtered before 1 September 2009.**
- **All fish in the protection zone were removed and slaughtered by 1. February 2010.**
- **All farms have been cleaned and disinfected and fallowed according to the Norwegian ISA contingency plan.**

Outcome of the epizootic investigation

- **The epizootic investigation confirmed that the suspected breach in maintaining the status of Area 2 as an ISA- free compartment had not taken place.**
- **According to Article 53 of Directive 2006/88/EC the status as an ISA-free compartment will be restored for this area (land based farm independent of the health status of the surrounding natural waters).**

