



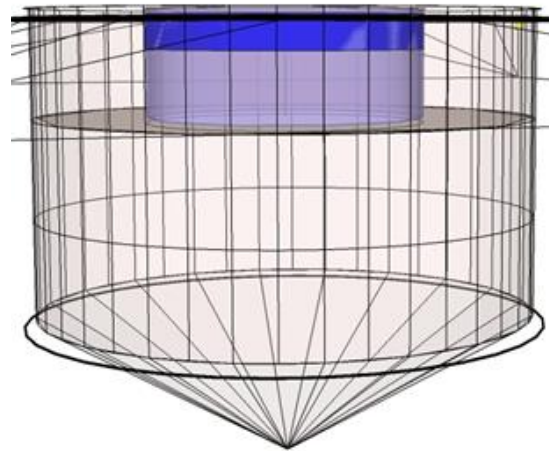
Seeking alternative lice and AGD control: FW snorkel cages

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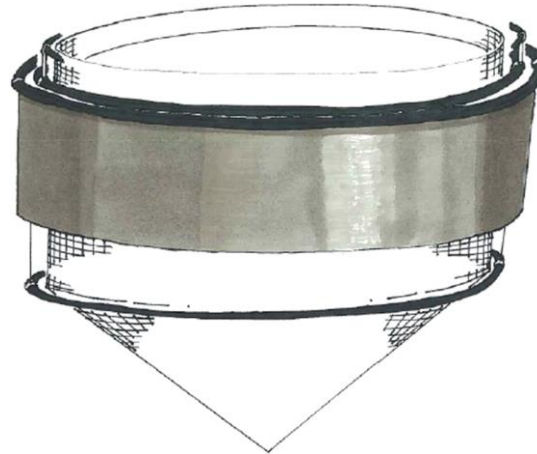
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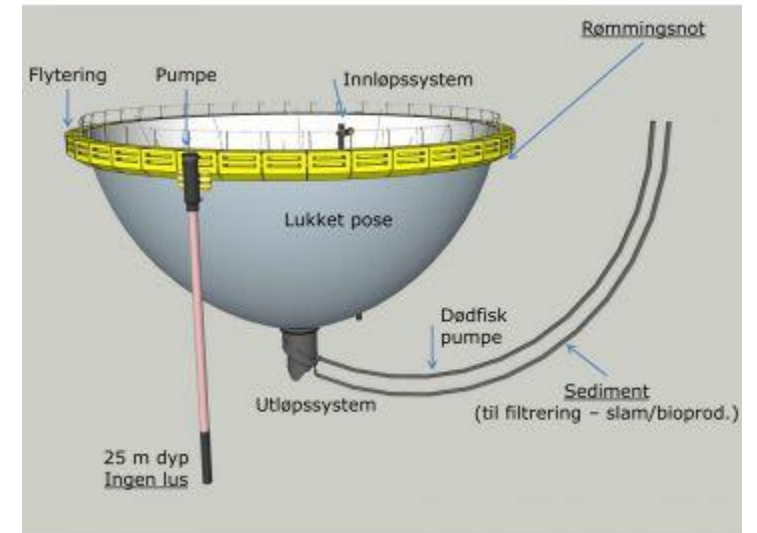
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Snorkel cage



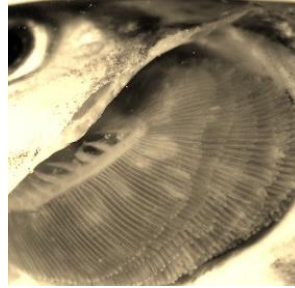
Skirt cage



Enclosed cage

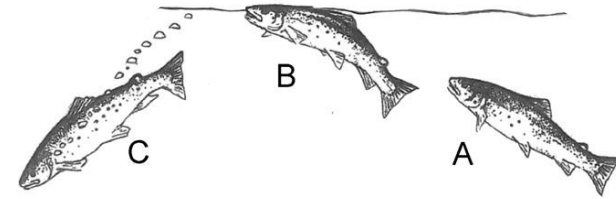
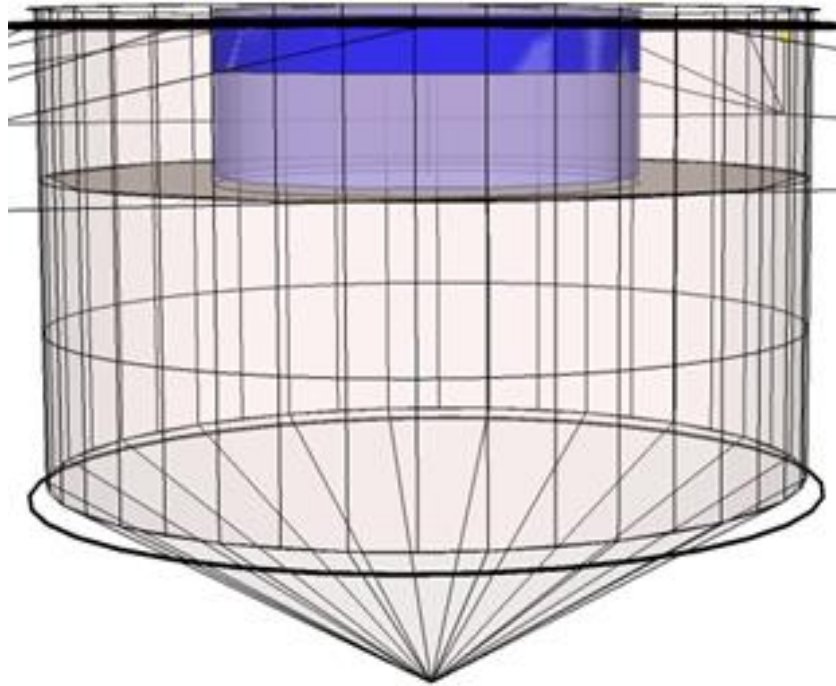
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But barriers may worsen AGD outbreaks

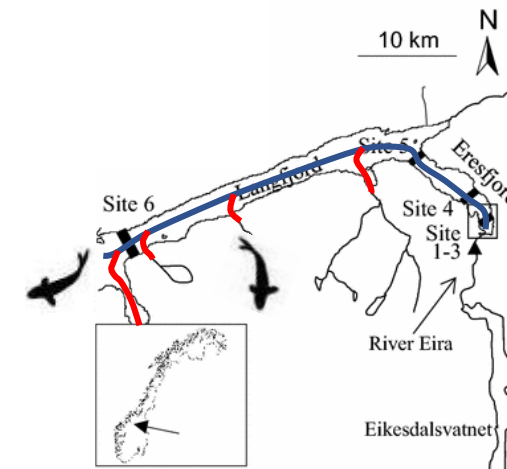


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| AGD scores ≥ 1: | Control | Snorkel | Control | Snorkel |
| | 0% | 100% | 14% | 100% |

FW snorkel an option to control lice and AGD

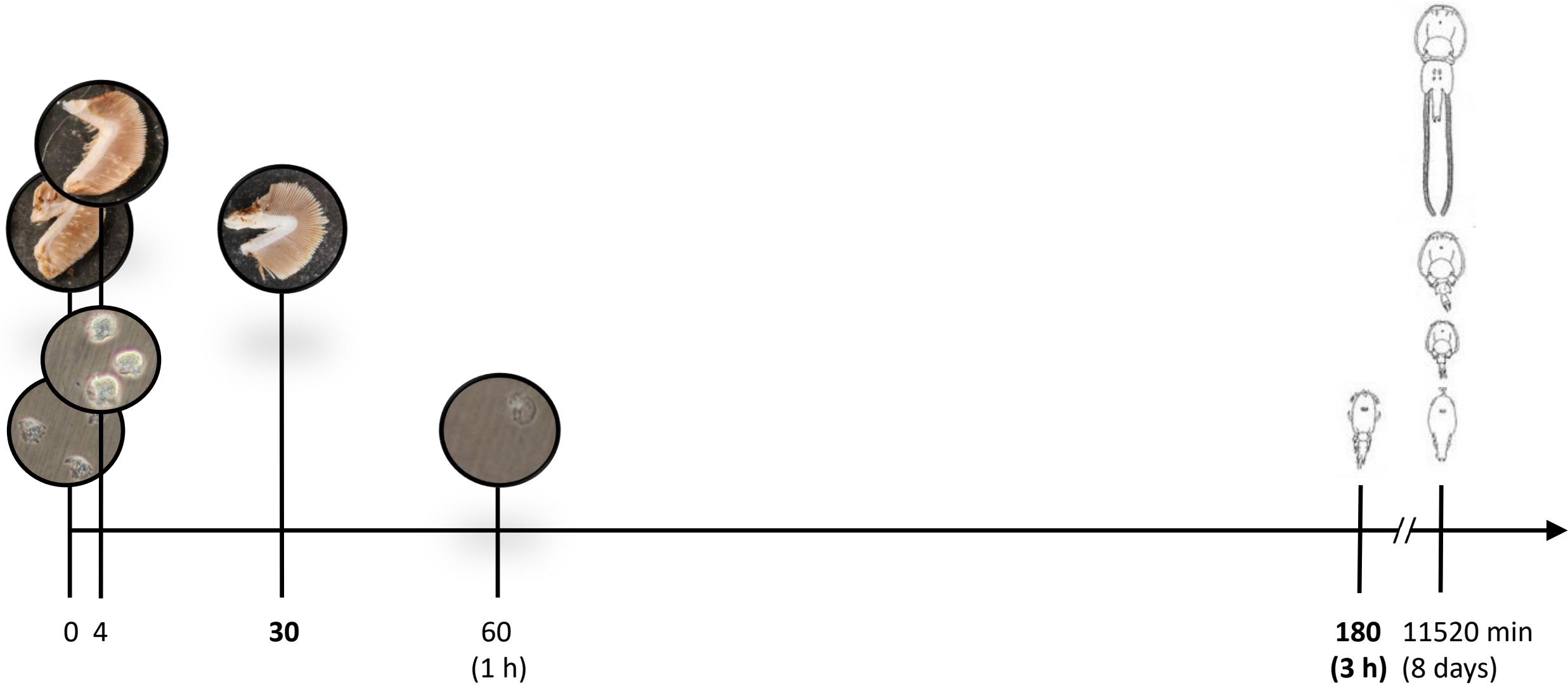


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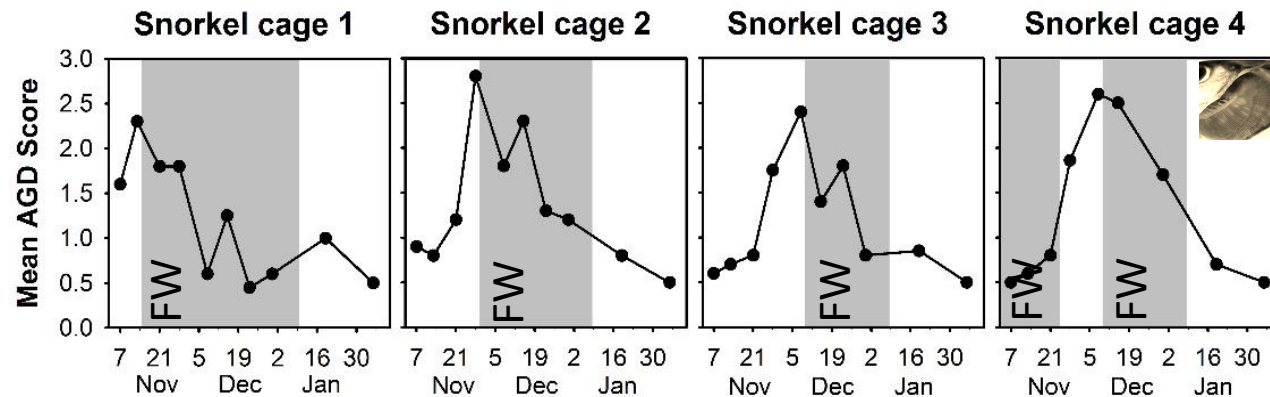
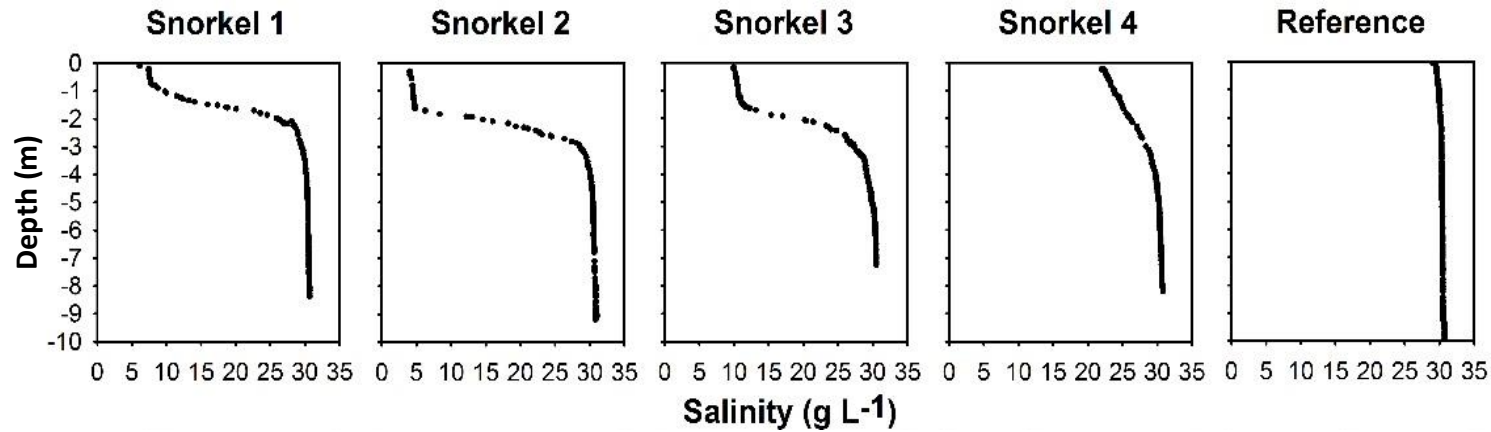


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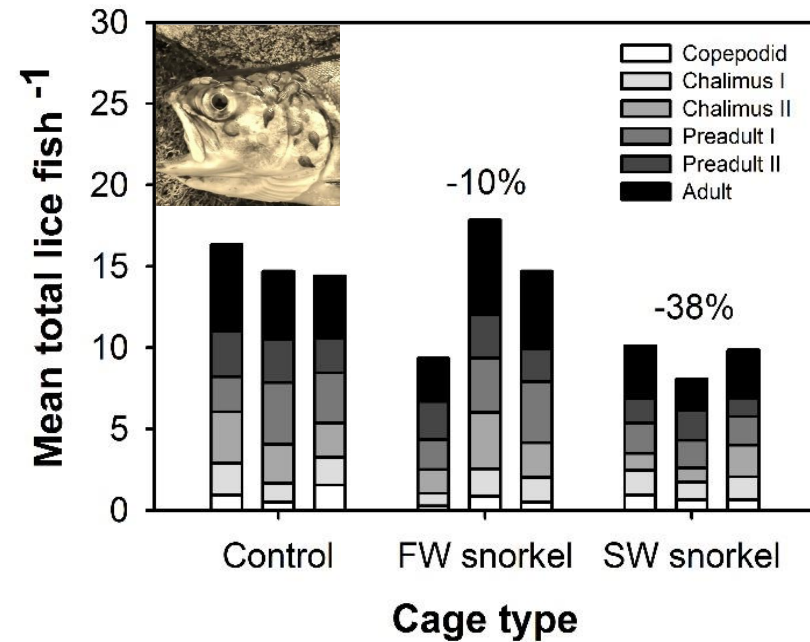
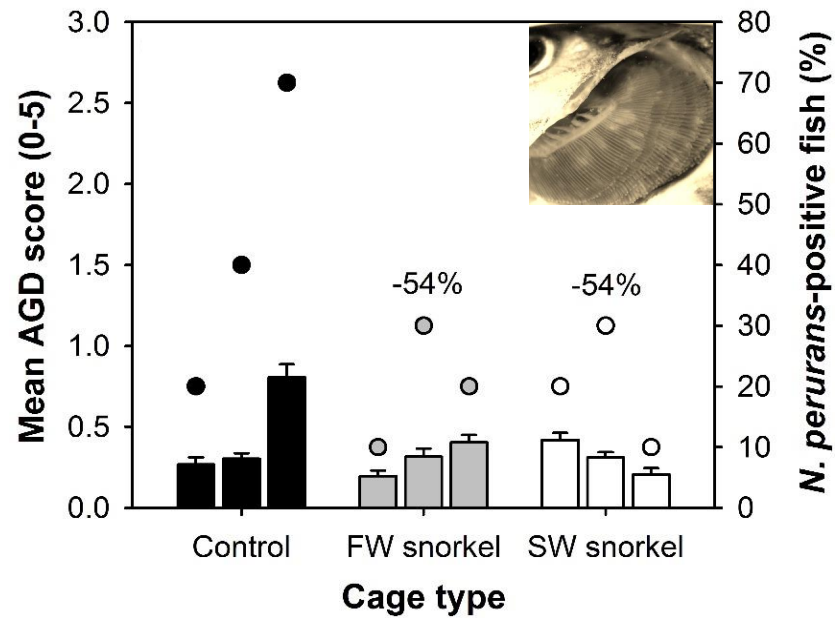
AGD and lice in freshwater



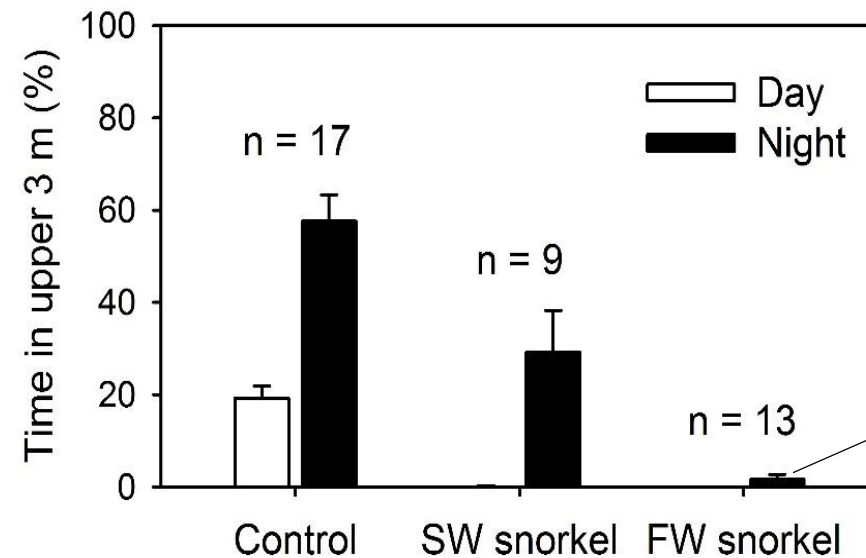
Commercial cages: FW snorkel testing



Research cage experiment: AGD and lice

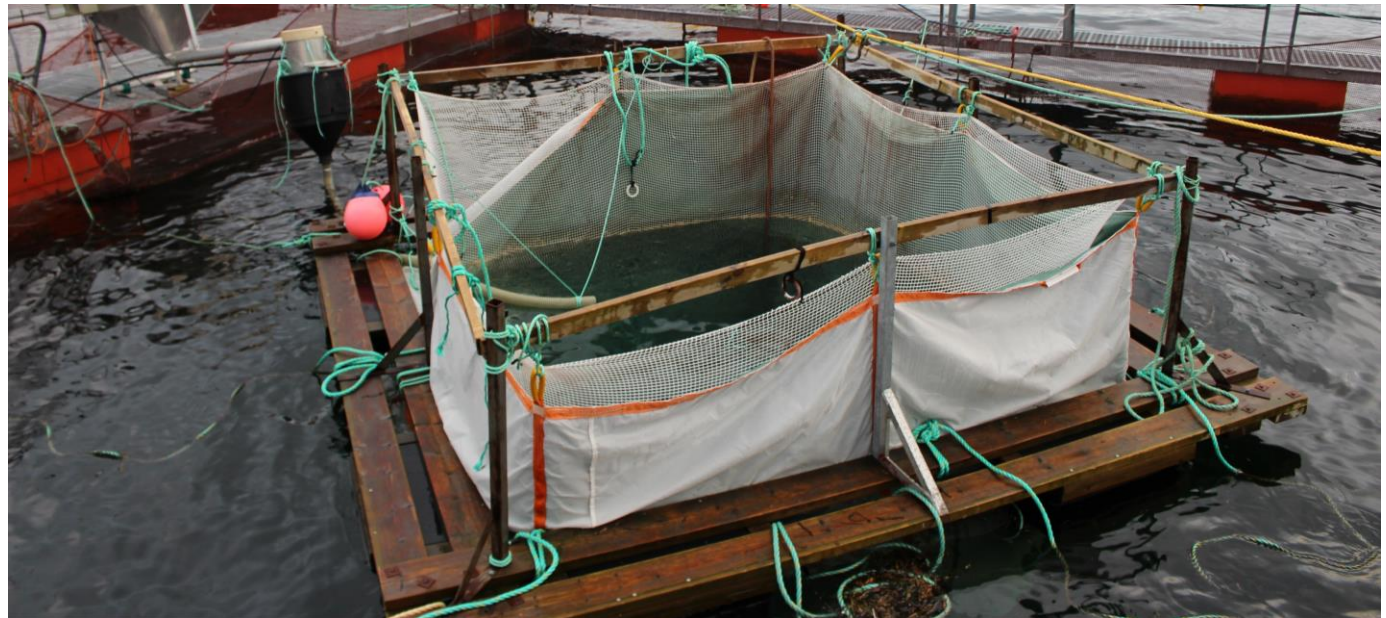
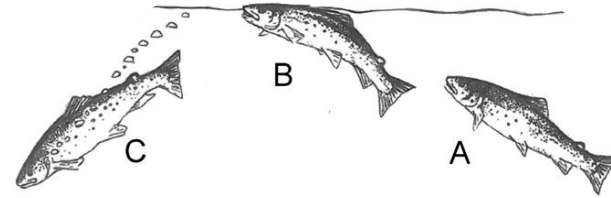
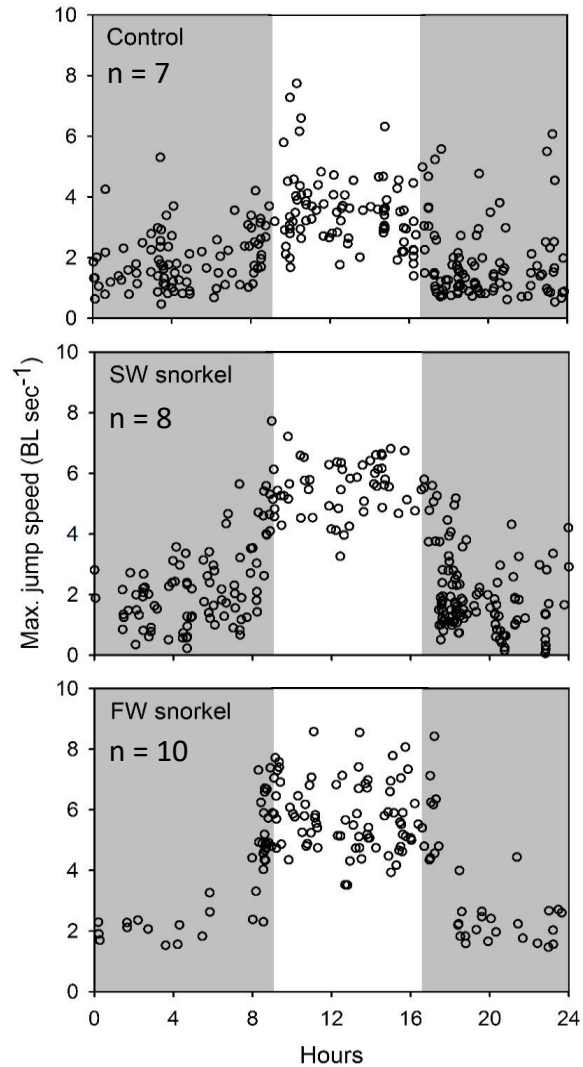


Research cage experiment: Fish depth



17 min day⁻¹
(or 7 min day⁻¹
if excluding 1 fish)

Research cage experiment: Fish jumps



Conclusions and future directions

- Short, frequent FW doses are a viable alternative
- FW avoidance is a thing
- May force salmon below snorkels, increasing lice infestations
- FW snorkel effects may depend on cage scale

