# Activities of NRL Seafood Norway

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EURL *E. coli* Rome 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022



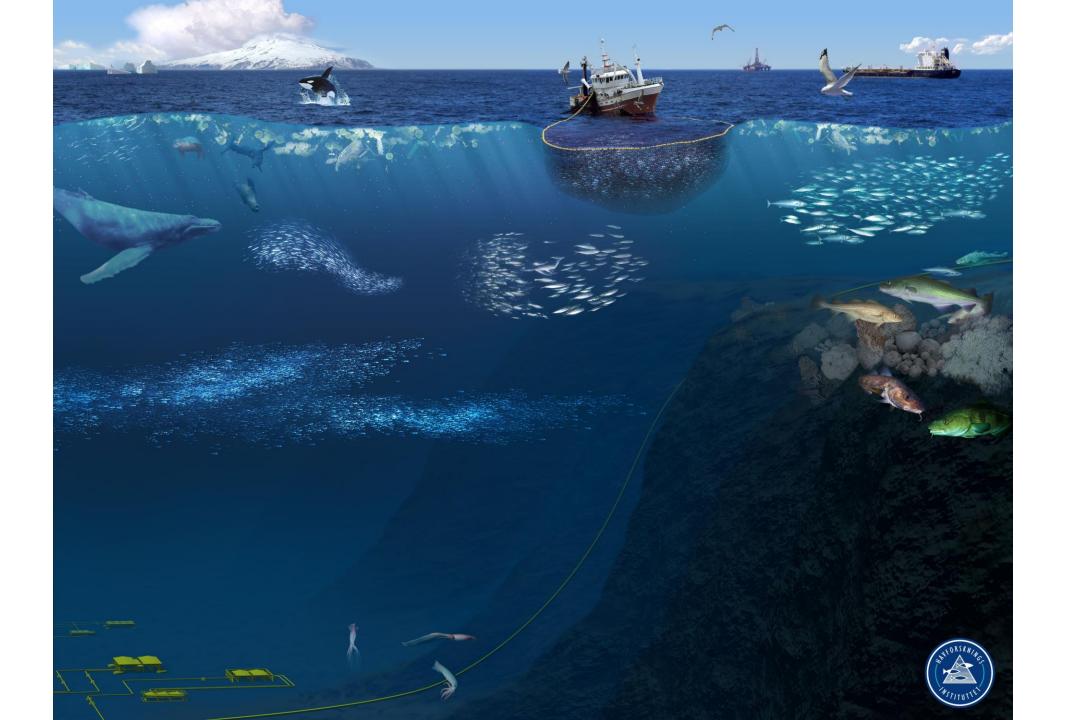
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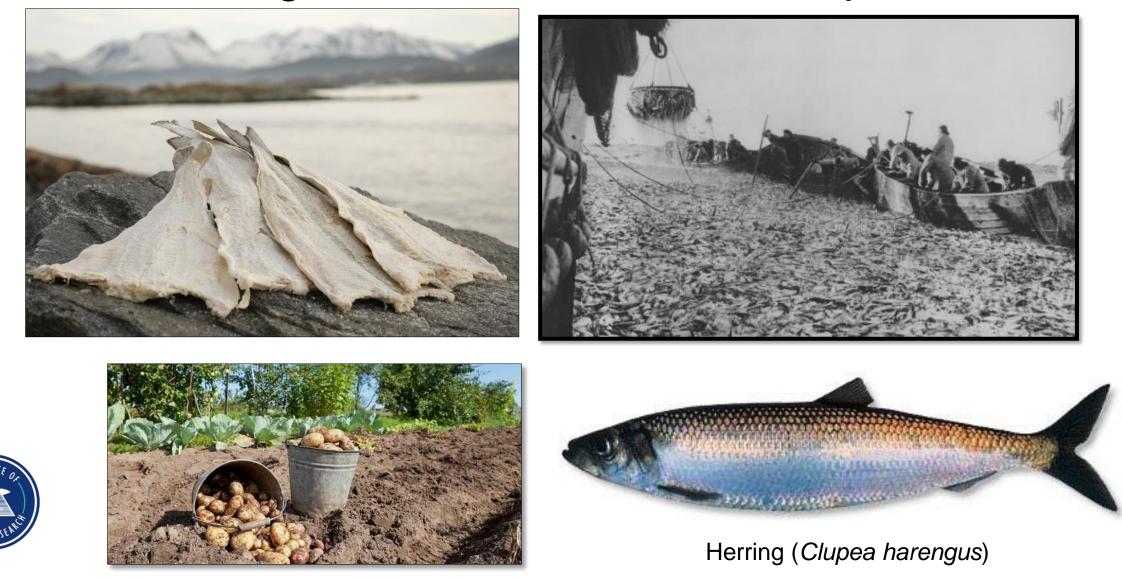








#### «Norwegians survived on fish and potatoes»







Single species marine aquaculture in floating cages

## Annual sampling (approx. 550)

Blue mussels (Mytilus edulis)
Great scallops (Pecten maximus)
Horse mussels (Modiolus modiolus)
Flat oysters (Ostrea edulis)
Pacific oyster (Crassostrea gigas)
Banded carpet shells (Politapes rhomboides)
Ocean quahog (Arctica islandica)













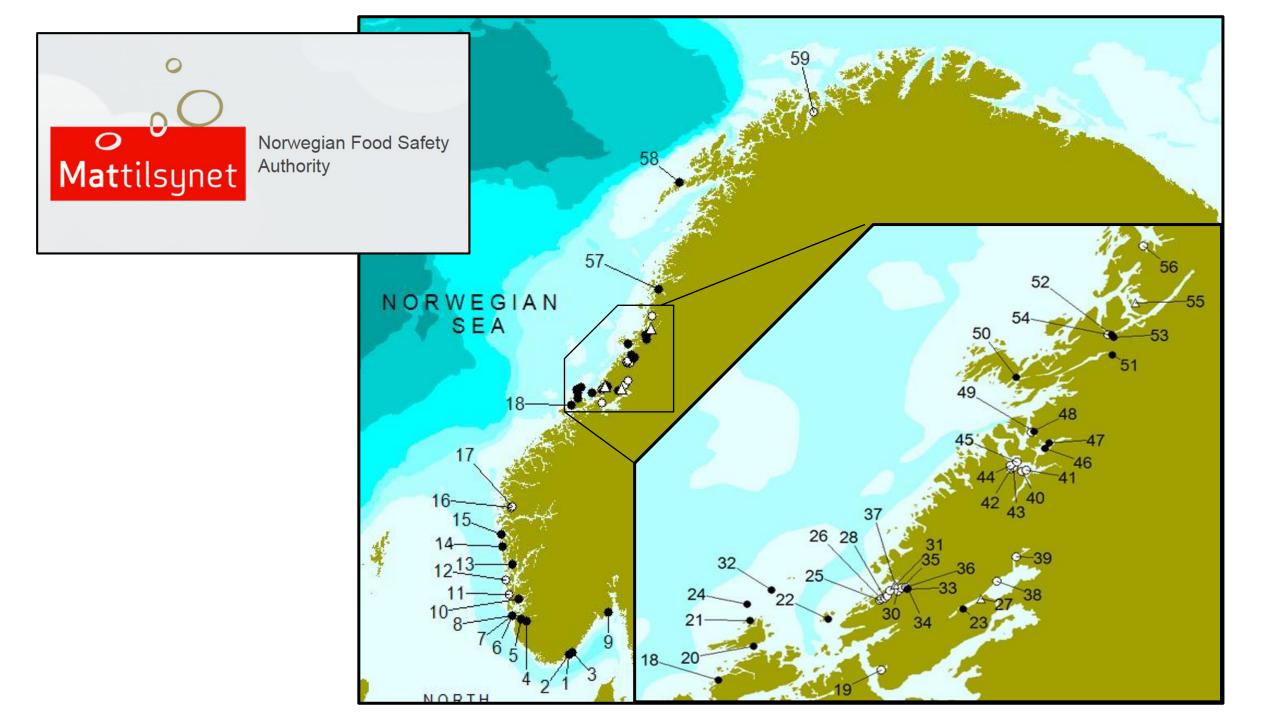


#### Sales and value of bivalves, crustaceans and echinoderms, 2021

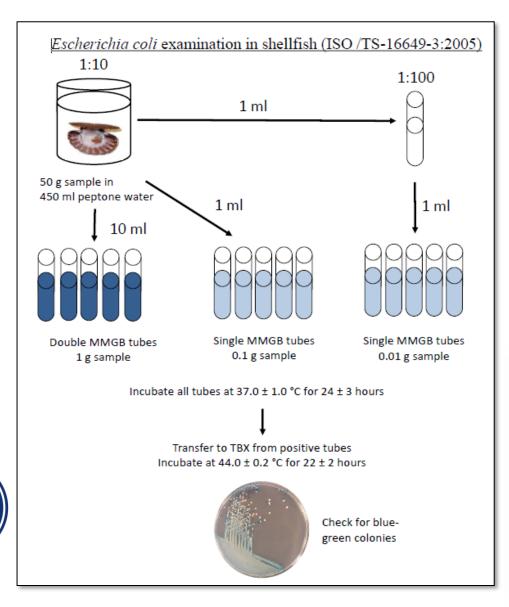
Species	Sales (ton)	Value (thousand €)
Blue mussels ( <i>Mytilus edulis</i> )	2 162	2 447
Great scallops ( <i>Pecten maximus</i> )	13	78
Flat oysters ( <i>Ostrea edulis</i> )	15	90
Others	73	415



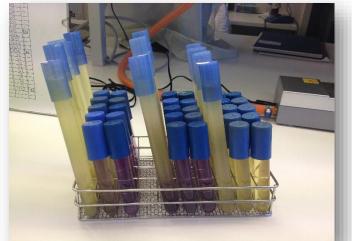


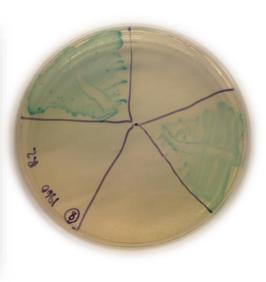


#### Detection of E. coli, Salmonella, Norovirus and Marine bio-toxins



Norovirus and marine bio-toxines: Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), Oslo





## Results 2021, 540 samples

- *E. coli* ≤ 230/100g 94 %
- E. coli > 230/100g 6 %
- Highest value 9 200/100 g
- Salmonella not detected
- In addition heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants







Co-variance with enterococci STEC prevalence (+ *E.coli* in sewage)





Human pathogenic vibrios





Fish pathogens (NVI)





#### Highlights

- A weak positive correlation between enterococci and *Escherichia coli* were seen.
- There was a weak positive correlation between high counts of *E. coli*/enterococci and increased rainfall.



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### Isolation and characterisation of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* from Norwegian bivalves

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n = 269

Screened for *stx, eae*, O26, O103, O111, O145 and O157 (ISO TS 13136)

19 (7%) samples had stx and eae genes

Presumptive STEC found in three samples

WGS gave one  $stx_{2i}$ O9:H19 and one  $stx_{2a}$ O96:H19

Neither of these were positive for *eae* or *ehx* 

Results suggest low prevalence of STEC in Norwegian bivalves

#### Thank you for listening!