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The updated information from the Broughton area sea lice monitoring program is provided below. As anticipated the numbers of both gravid and motile lice levels have decreased.

Table 1: Average Number of Gravid Lice Levels per fish on farms by size class of fish

Size of Fish / Number of farms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
All Sizes / 14 Farms	0.95	1.57	1.18	0.74
500 gms. / 6 Farms	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.02
2-3 kgs / 3 Farms	1.45	1.01	0.04	0.08
7+ kgs / 5 Farms	1.78	3.73	3.25	1.99

Table 2: Average Number of Motile Lice Levels per fish on farms by size class of fish

Size of Fish / Number of farms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
All Sizes / 14 Farms	2.46	3.94	3.60	2.13
500 gms. / 6 Farms	0.30	0.45	0.73	0.80
2-3 kgs / 3 Farms	4.74	3.26	0.19	0.30
7+ kgs / 5 Farms	3.69	8.54	9.08	4.84

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Ministry Sea Lice Auditing Program - Reported April 2003

Ministry Fish Health staff have conducted sampling at 6 sites as of April 15, 2003. Data is based on a sample size of 540 fish. The following is a summary of the information collected to date.

	Gravids	Motiles
March (n=3)	2.76	10.87
April (n=3)*	0.36	1.78

* not yet completed

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