

## **Opportunities for added value** with algal Omega-3

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## Algal oil gains broad adoption in the industry

### A lot was achieved in just 5 years





## We took actions to decarbonize our operations

Leading to lower emissions along the Value Chain and a more sustainable product for the customers





## Algal oil helps to lower marine footprint without impairing carbon footprint

### Marine footprint **FFDRoil**







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fisheries

salmon

### **Carbon footprint**

CO2e\*\*





**Based on Veramaris LCA study** 

\*50% replacement of Omega-3 (EPA & DHA) from fish oil with Veramaris algal oil \*\*Kg of CO<sub>2</sub>-eg per 40g edible salmon protein Light blue shaded area indicates the typical range for Norwegian salmon industry





## Diets richer in EPA & DHA are better for salmon performance

Big data have highlighted the value of higher EPA & DHA levels in feed



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## Next steps for 2024: even more Big Data insights

Expansion to other regions and further down the Value Chain

### More companies to join:

- Chile
- (Further) Norwegian farmers

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Would you like to extend the production data set and **explore the** value of EPA & DHA on salmon productivity?

### Investigate benefits on flesh quality:

- Pigmentation
- Melanosis

GapingFillet yields

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Would you like to **uncover new insights about the impact of EPA & DHA** on flesh quality parameters?

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Phase 2:

Contact us!

## Higher EPA & DHA is good not only for fish, but also for humans

This is also a prime source for downstream value creation

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Rich in Omega-3

Our salmon is an excellent source of Omega-3, that's why we proudly use the symbol "Ω".

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- With a proven increased Omega-3 content
- Use of feed with the inclusion of algal oil
- Particularly rich in EPA & DHA

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• 2/3 of seafood consumers (69%) say nutrition and health are the primary or a very important reason they eat seafood

• 81% among frequent seafood consumers

Source: The Power of Seafood 2023, FMI

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## Salmon shoppers care about Omega-3 levels

The industry needs to deliver consistent levels to meet consumers' expectations

## While deposition of EPA & DHA is predictable ...

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Source: Glencross et al., under preparation

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## ... huge variation exists in nutritional quality

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Source: Sprague et al, 2020

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## Breaking news: new service tool

Manage the deposition of EPA & DHA in farmed Atlantic salmon

### How?

- Developed based on **scientific knowledge** about nutrient flow in salmon
- Evaluated using empirical data from multiple lab and commercial trials

### Launching soon

Get in touch with us to learn more

### What?

Allows users to address 2 key questions:

- 1. What is the expected **EPA & DHA** level **in the fillet** over time?
- 2. How much **EPA & DHA** should be included **in the feed** to reach your target in the fillet?

VERAMARIS	Fatty acid deposition tool
nsert target and production settings	Estimates of the required feed EPA & DHA
Species Salmon Target fillet composition EPA & DHA (mg/100g fillet) <u>1.5</u> EPA:DHA ratio <u>0.5</u>	Feed 1% total fatty acidsmg/g as-fed basisEPA412DHA515Feed 2% total fatty acidsmg/g as-fed basisEPA618DHA824
Finishing production settings	
Start date (dd/mm/yyyy) 20/2/2024 Finishing period (days) 150 Initial fish weight (g) 2500	
Final fish weight (g) 5500 Average temperature (°C) 10	Export predictions report

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## Higher EPA & DHA levels matter throughout the Value Chain

Algal Omega-3 help to achieve these without adding pressure on finite marine resources

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## Take-home messages

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## Increase EPA & DHA to 10% of total fatty acids the feed

- Better fish health, welfare and quality
- → Follow Veramaris Optimum
  Omega Nutrition Guidelines

#### Reduce FFDRoil to < 1

- Reducing dependency on limited forage fish for marine ingredients
- → Use Veramaris **FFDR Calculator** to see how Veramaris oil helps

## Increase EPA & DHA in the fillet to 1.75g/100g

- Ensuring weekly intake of Omega-3 fatty acids in one portion of salmon
- → Use Veramaris Deposition
  Model to predict accurately

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# Specify algal oil

to unlock opportunities for added value