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NCE Aquaculture

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NCE Aquaculture focuses on value creation and innovation associated with commercial production of farmed fish and seafood for the global market. The cluster consists of companies involved in the production of fry and edible fish, processing, feed production, technology, health and environment, finance, research and training. These are key actors who by virtue of their competence and resource base will play a decisive role in the further development of Norwegian aquaculture.

Background

Since the 1970s the aquaculture cluster along the coast of Nordland has been involved in the creation of one of Norway's most important export industries. The Norwegian aquaculture industry ensures settlement along the coast, and upholds many important values in society. The cluster has been built up through the development of salmon as a breeding species, and has contributed to the development of companies and competence in breeding, technology and equipment, feed and nutrition, sales and export, R&D and funding.

The partnership of NCE Aquaculture consists of companies involved in the production of fry and edible fish, processing, feed production, technology, health and environment, finance, research and training. These key actors will by virtue of their competence and resource base play a decisive role in the further development of Norwegian aquaculture. The variety and experience of the member organizations ensures unique access to skills and a strong foundation for cooperation and unity in development, marketing, recruitment of competence, and in making an exciting and competitive aquaculture industry.

NCE Aquaculture initiatives revolve around activities and innovation projects focusing on marketing, industrialization and technology, environment and animal welfare as well as cluster management, international collaboration and exchange of competence.

National Initiative

The NCE programme is an important national initiative, established in collaboration between The Research Council of Norway, SIVA and Innovation Norway. It aims to give an offer to the strongest and best developing industry groups in Norway. NCE status is allocated to industry clusters with the best potential for future growth through collaboration within innovation and internationalization.

NCE Aquaculture aims to be an important catalyst for the industry in fostering innovation and growth, and is first and foremost the sum total of companies and R&D institutions forming the partnership. The expertise and the experience that is possessed by the partnership are of fundamental importance in NCE Aquaculture – and the main reason for achieving the NCE status.

NCE Partners

- Aker Seafoods ASA
- Bodø Innovation Center
- AKVA Group ASA
- Lofitorsk AS
- Nordlandsbanken
- BioMar AS
- Nova Sea AS
- Codfarmers ASA
- Norwegian Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture Research (NOFIMA)
- Plastsveis AS
- Fjord Marin Cod AS
- Rapp Marine Group AS
- Gildeskål Research Station AS (GIFAS)
- Skretting AS
- Bodø University College
- Mainstream ASA
- Salten Aqua AS
- Vesterålen Fiskeripark
- SINTEF Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Helgeland Havbruksstasjon AS
- Nordlaks AS
- Patogen AS
- Norwegian Aquaculture Centre