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Subject: Public reporting question-reports not received

Hi everyone,

As we start to input the data from Q1 into our public reporting templates, we are struggling to come to grips with the fact that not all farms have fulfilled their reporting requirements. How should we approach this? We have the option of simply omitting those farms, and indicating that the data represents "only data that DFO received from industry" OR we can list every farm, and where we have not received data, put a comment like "reports not received".

I think there is a risk either way. If we pursue the first option, parties interested in a certain site will question the omission, and could accuse DFO of withholding information etc.

If we go with the second option, we will invite questions on what DFO is doing to deal with non-compliance, and I am not sure how much we could say about our actions to date.

Thoughts?

Thanks,
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