



Information Bulletin

Investigation of Suspected Infectious Salmon Anaemia Virus in British Columbia

October 21, 2011: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in collaboration with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, is investigating recent reports that infectious salmon anaemia has been detected in wild sockeye salmon in British Columbia.

Federal officials are working closely with the Atlantic Veterinary College, which conducted initial testing. In line with federal aquatic animal health standards, further analysis is underway at the National Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory in Moncton, New Brunswick. Results should be available within weeks.

If the disease is confirmed through this analysis, the CFIA will, in consultation with partners and stakeholders, identify and take appropriate next steps.

In Canada, infectious salmon anaemia is a “federally reportable disease.” This means that all suspected cases of the disease must be immediately reported to the CFIA.

The disease poses no risk to people.

More information will be shared as it becomes available.

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