

From Traditional Flow Through to Modern Model 3 Farms - RAS

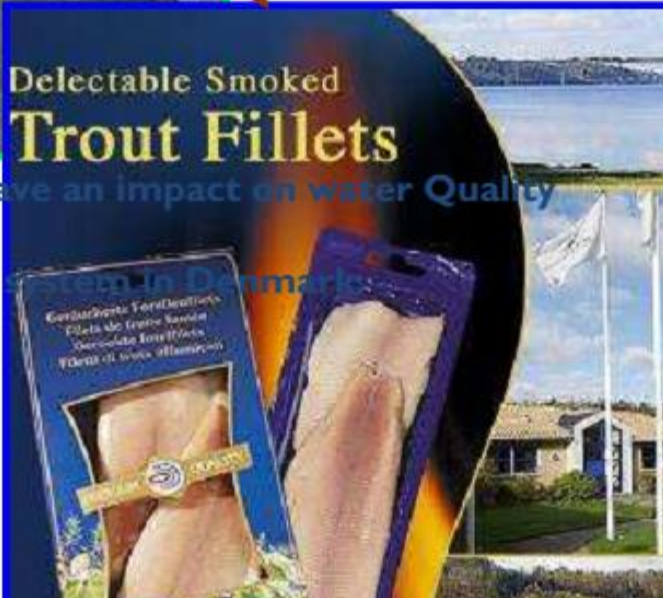
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Discharge of nutrients – Fish Feed have an impact on water Quality

Recirculated aquaculture
Increase Production
Avoid use of River water
(Specially in VHS areas)



15 locations (4 owners)

Seawater (brackish)

Production of rainbow trout, all female

Season only April - December

Total yearly production 12.000 tons





BioMar
North Sea



Max in Nor
16 million
smolt/yr

BioMar
Continental



Max in DK
400 ton/yr



Max in D
1500 ton



1000 ton/yr

BioMar
Americas



Max in Chile
12 million
smolt/yr

Factory



Dambrugsudvalget

(Udvalget vedr. dambrugserhvervets udviklingsmuligheder)

Rapport

- *trends in new technologies for fish farms - RAS*
- *starting out from a report from the Danish Ministry of the Environment*
- *trends in new technologies for future fish farms - FREA*



Marts 2002

Ministeriet for Fødevarer, Landbrug og Fiskeri

Rules for fresh and sea water farms in the late 80'ties:

- Farmers were ready for investments
- Authorities very conservative
- ➔ *No development of the business for 10 years!*

In October 2000 a taskforce was established to evaluate the prospects for freshwater farms in Denmark.

Consideration should be given to:

- Possibilities for the wild fauna to pass fish farms
- ~~Regulation shall be based on discharge~~
- Establish 15 farms to document the impact of modern farming
- A code of conduct for best practice incl. legislations and training
- Financial support of investments
- Better possibilities for commercial financing
- More R&D in fish health and vaccines as well as in medicines and chemicals in freshwater fish farming

In January 2015: New Strategy for fresh and sea water farms

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Best farm type	Limiting parameter nitrogen (N)	Limiting parameter phosphorus (P)
1	158 tons / year	178 tons / year
1A	129 tons / year	178 tons / year
2	110 tons / year	145 tons / year
2A	110 tons / year	145 tons / year
3	125 tons / year	230 tons / year
3A	140 tons / year	230 tons / year

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Fish farming in Recirculated Water

Production of trout with less fresh water supply

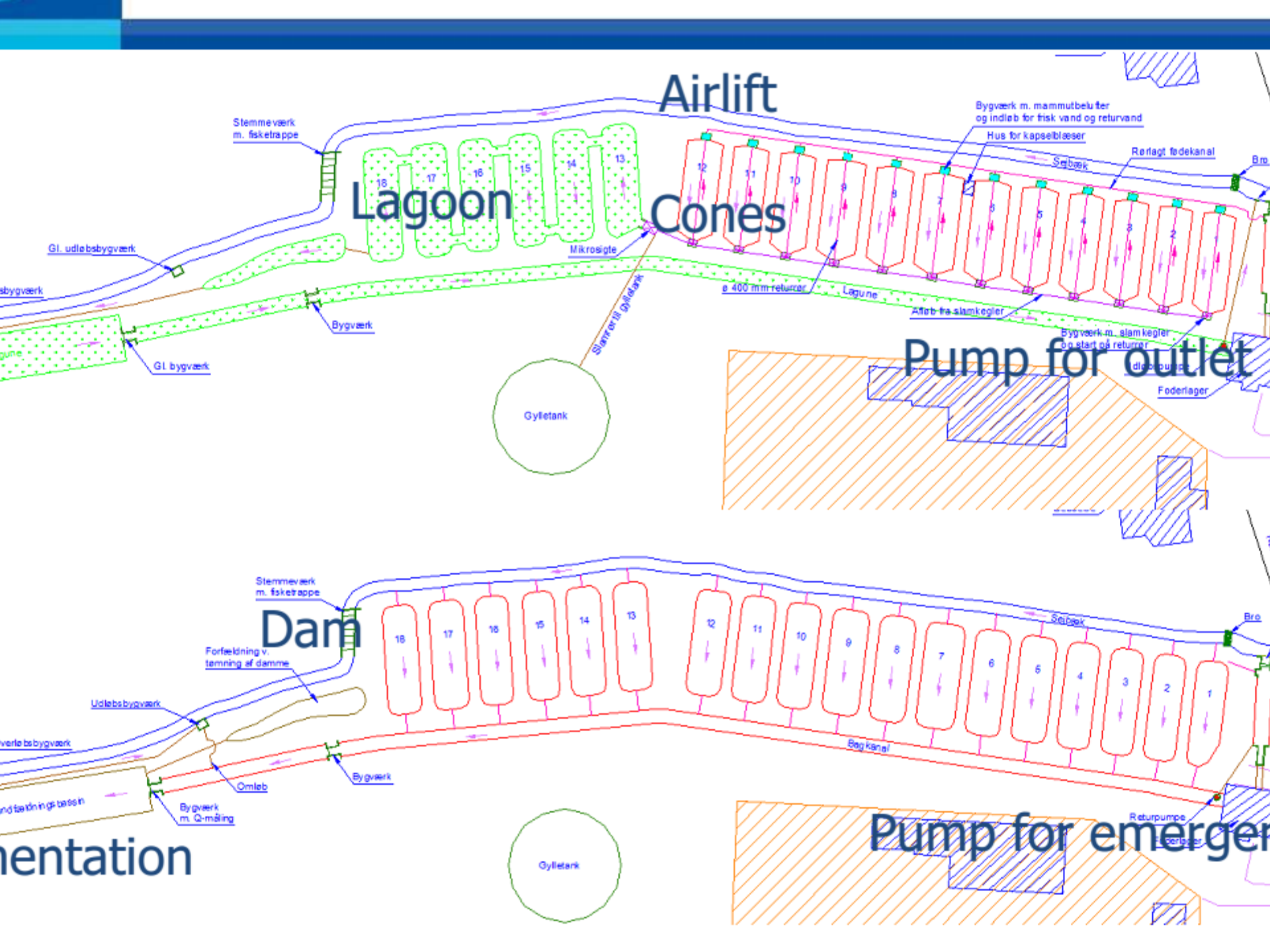
	Traditional earth ponds Re. Pump	Internal recirculating in channels	Model Farms with biofilter	Closed system Indoor
Production per year	100 tons	100 tons	100 tons	29
Feed per day 15°C	384 kg feed	384 kg feed	320 kg feed	29
Water flow	200 l/sec.	35 l/sec.	15 l/sec.	
Water consumption per day			4.055 l/kg feed	732
Power consumption	350 kWh/day	180 kWh/day	250 kWh/day	750
Power	15 kWh	11 kWh	17 kWh	
Cost	2.500 dkk/t prod.	13.000 dkk/t prod.	18.000 dkk/t prod.	36.000 d
	7,45	336 €/t prod.	1.745 €/t prod.	2.416 €/t prod.
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Airlift

Lagoon

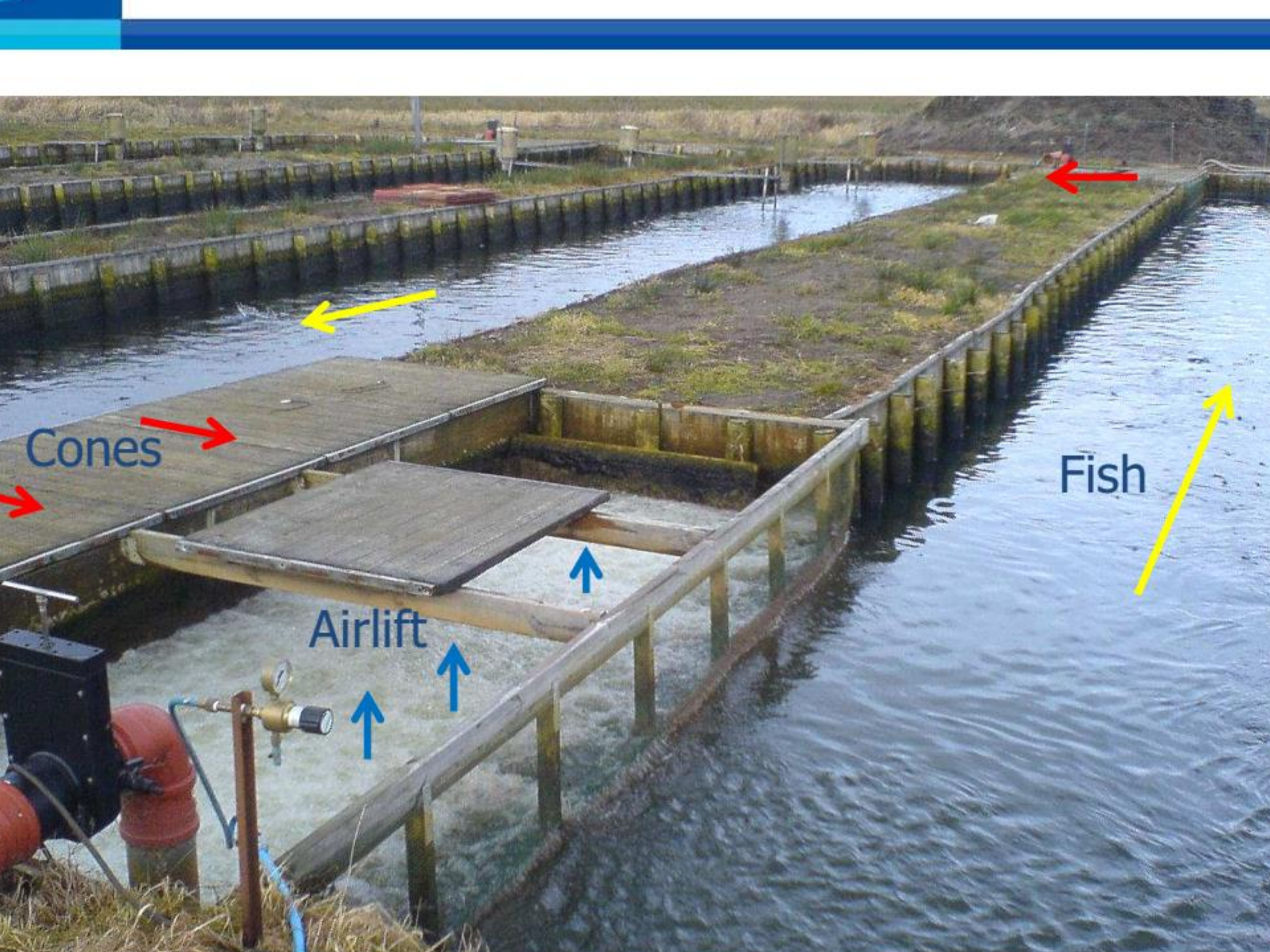
Cones

Pump for outlet

Dam

Pump for emergency

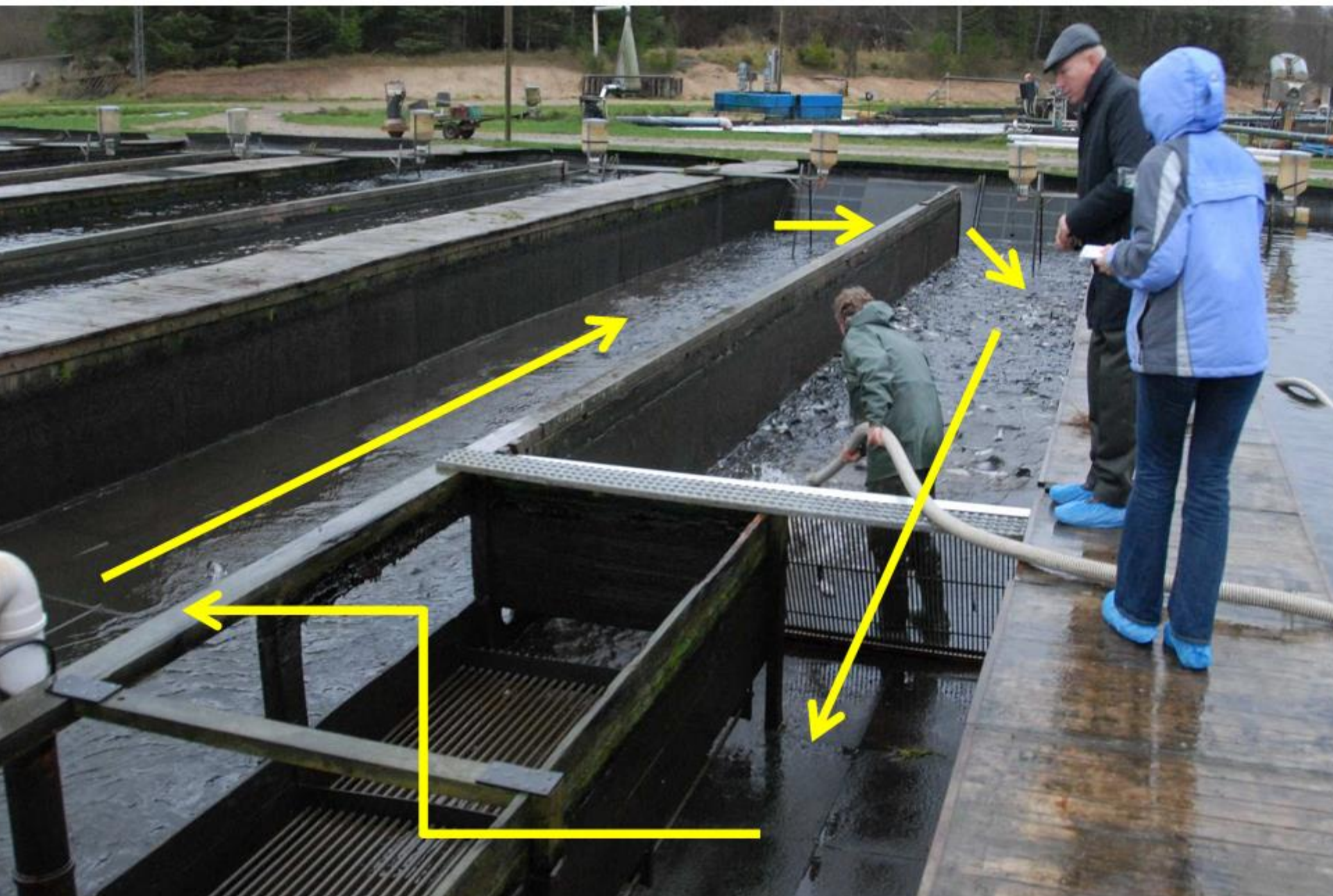
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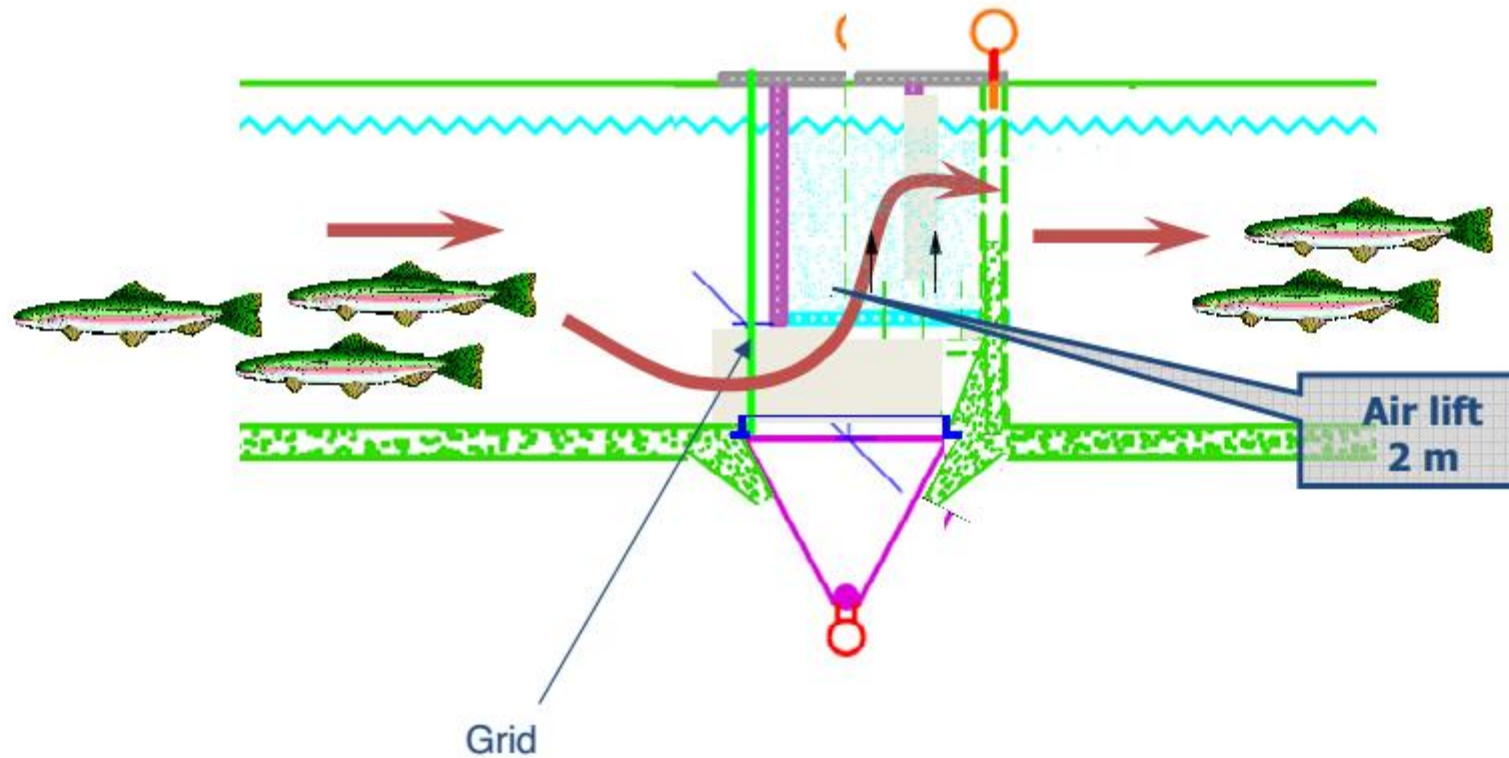
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Airlift

Fish



Airlift in 0,8 m dept



Low pressure airlift
High efficiency for degassing CO₂



200 l/sec

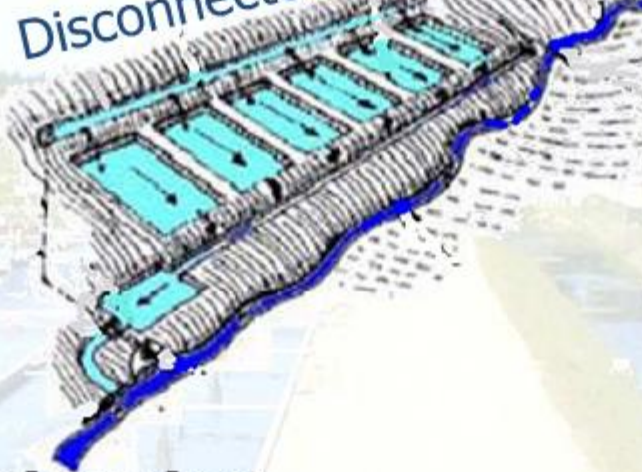
150 l/sec

• farm layout with biofilter?

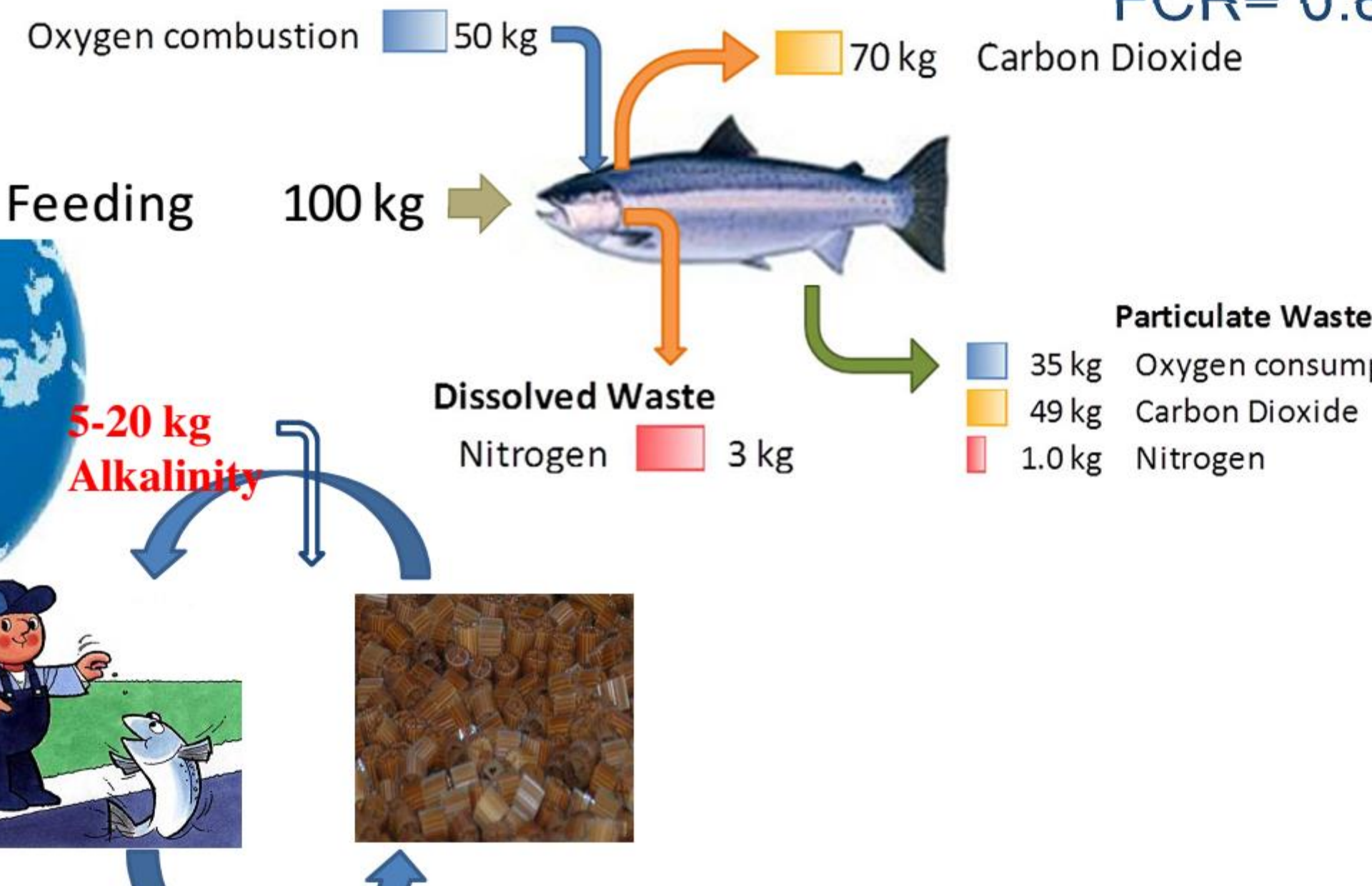
- Oxygen fluctuations in river water
- Too high temperatures in summer
- Water flow too low in summer
- High infective pressure from the inlet water
- Environmental limits on discharge- *Nitrogen removal*
- Management (Higher labour efficiency 2-300T/person)
 - Daily on feeding and fish handling
 - Maintenance on ponds

32 "Model farms" is in operation and produce 18.000 tonne fish

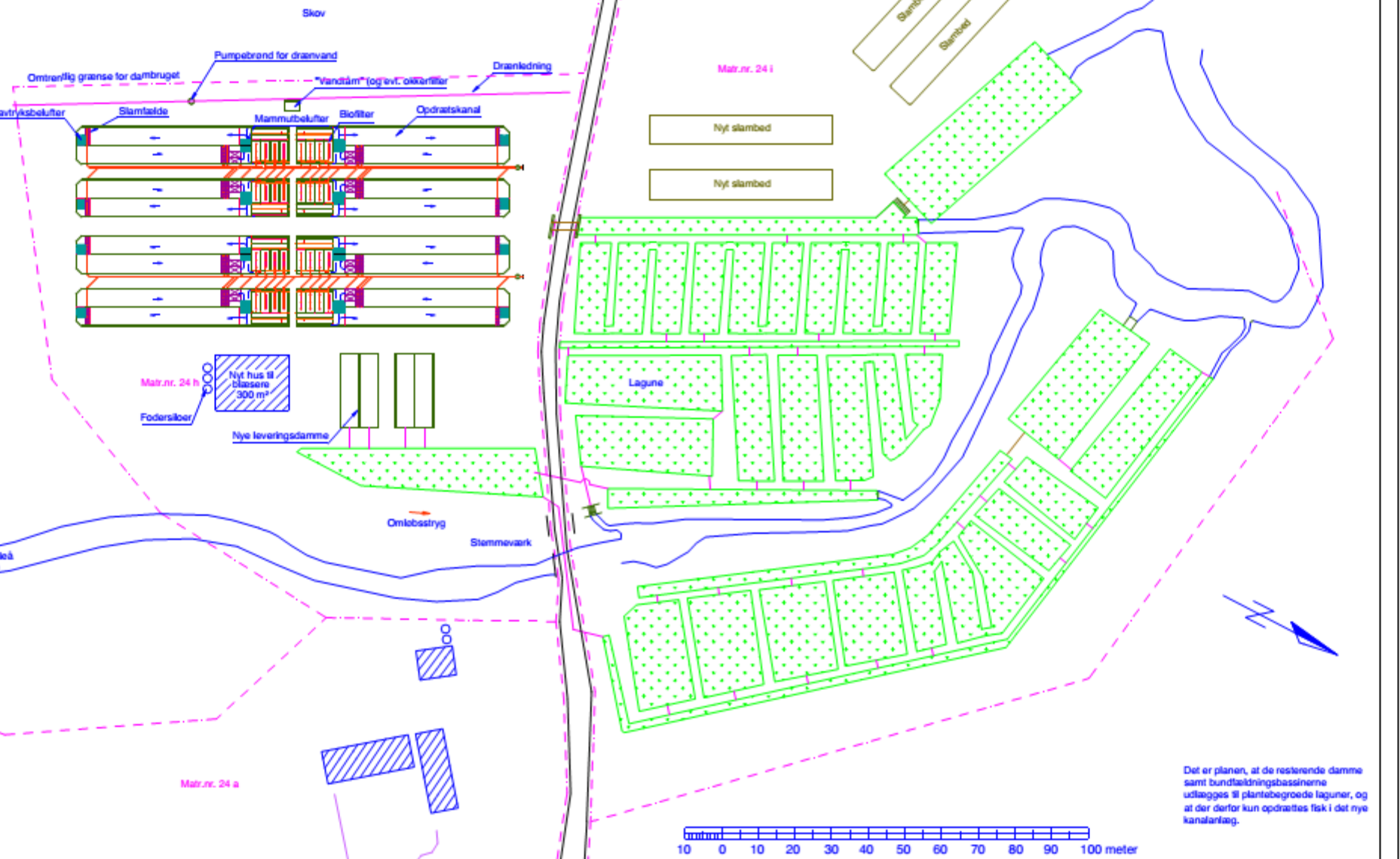
Overall focus on reducing production cost



FCR = 0.8



Alle 750 tonnes per year (350 tons)





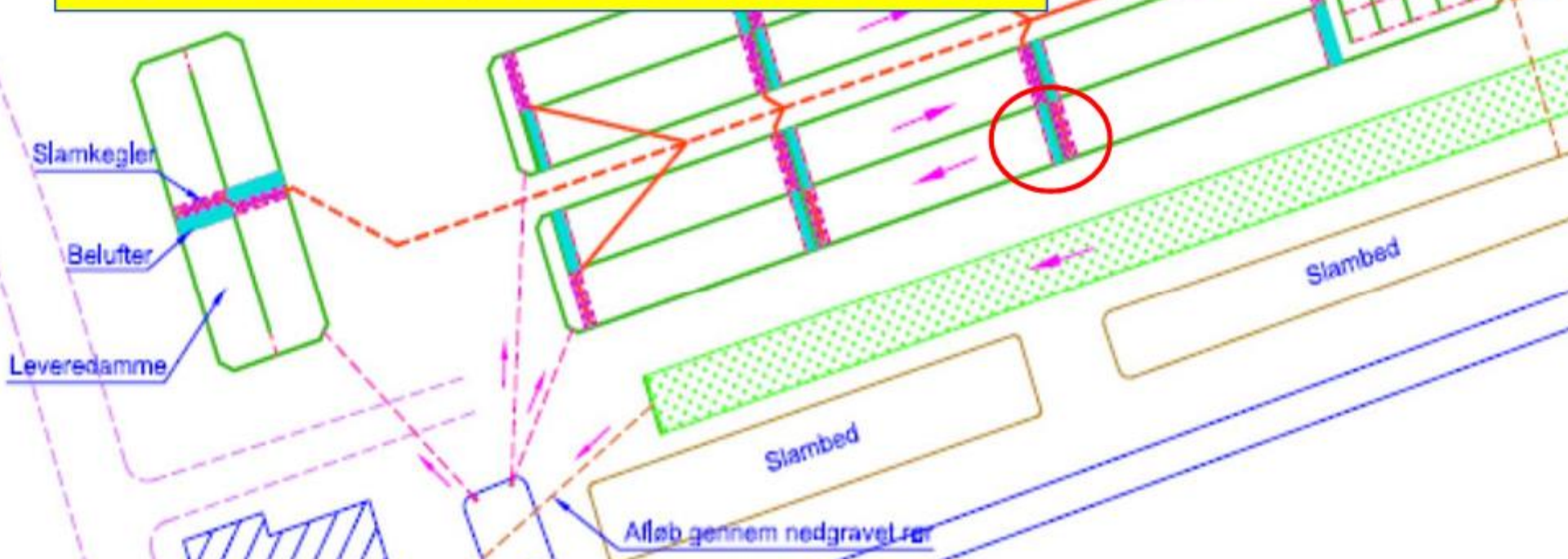


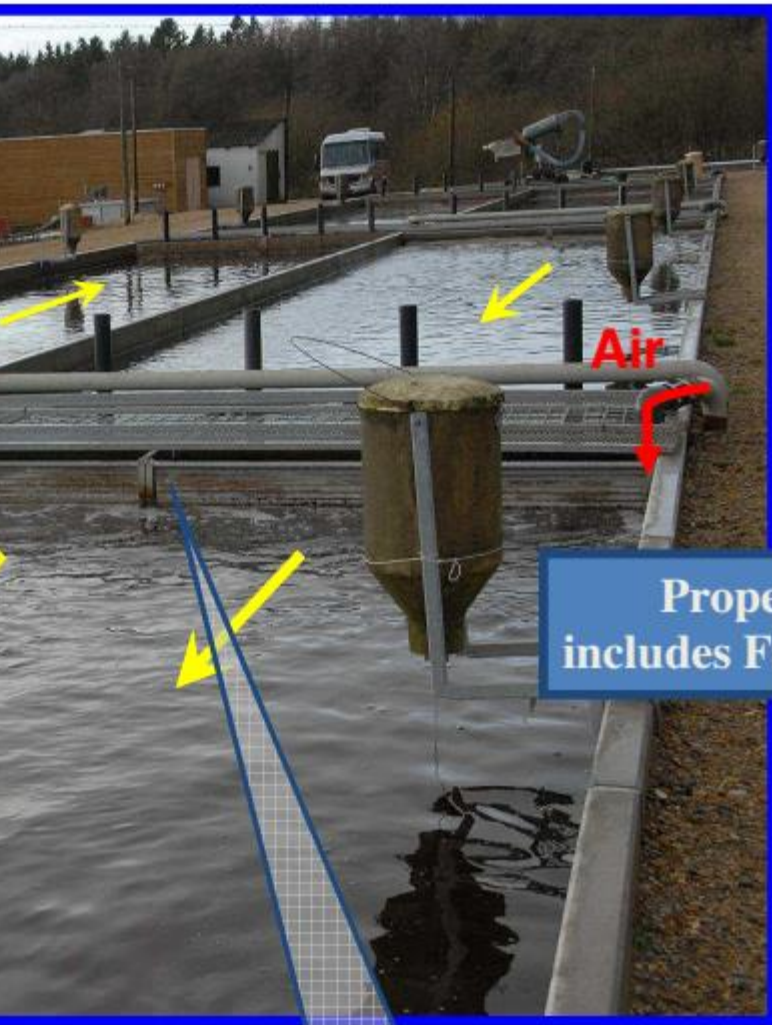
Hallundbæk 230
Example of new



12 group of fish
Up to 12 tons before harvesting
Or harvesting 400kg-2000 kg/day for live delivery

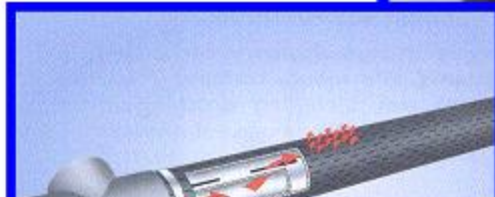
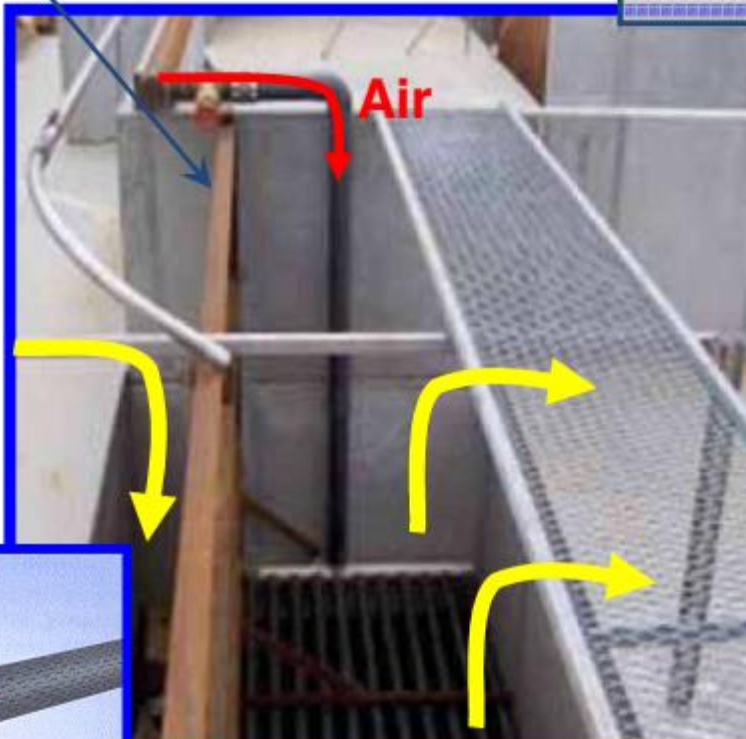
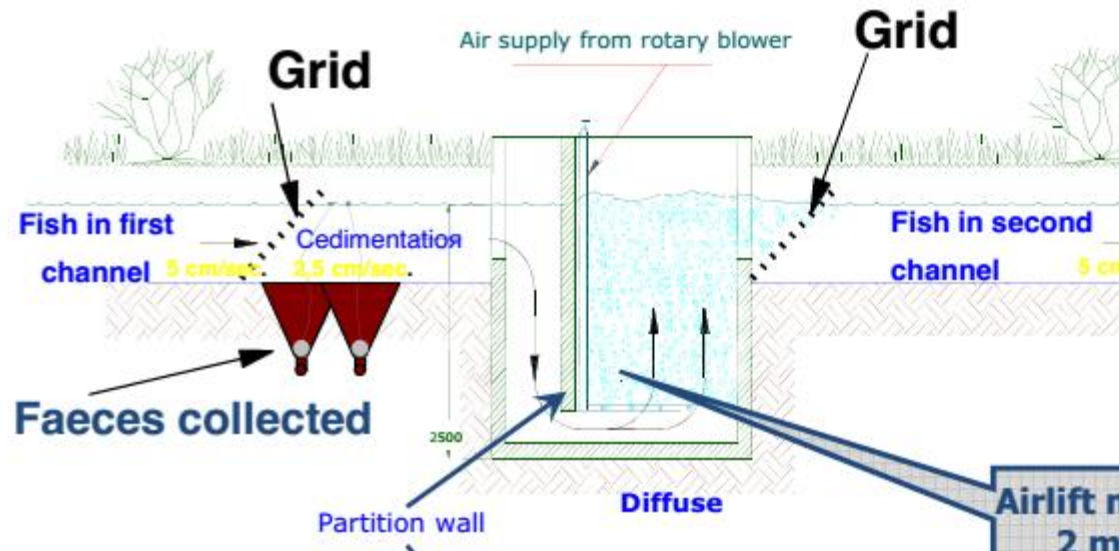
5 cones and 7 diffusere
(7*5m*10 m³ air/m=350 m³ air)
One blower 2160 m³/hour (18kW)
350 l/s result in speed of water 5-7 cm/s





Proper design includes Faeces collector

2-6 air lift per circulation





Filter management techniques

Advantages and disadvantages

Solid and soluble waste

Grading

- XXX = Good
- XX = Average
- X = Poor

High Nitrification

High Denitrification

Low cost of installation

High efficiency for small part.

Low operational cost

Low fresh water

Reliability clogging up

**Collectors
Cones**

**Drumfilter
Discfilter**

**Fixed filter
LECA/plast**

High Nitrification	X	X	XX
High Denitrification	X	X	XXX
Low cost of installation	XXX	XX	XX
High efficiency for small part.	X	XX	XXX
Low operational cost	XXX	X	XX
Low fresh water	XXX	XX	XX
Reliability clogging up	XXX	XX	X



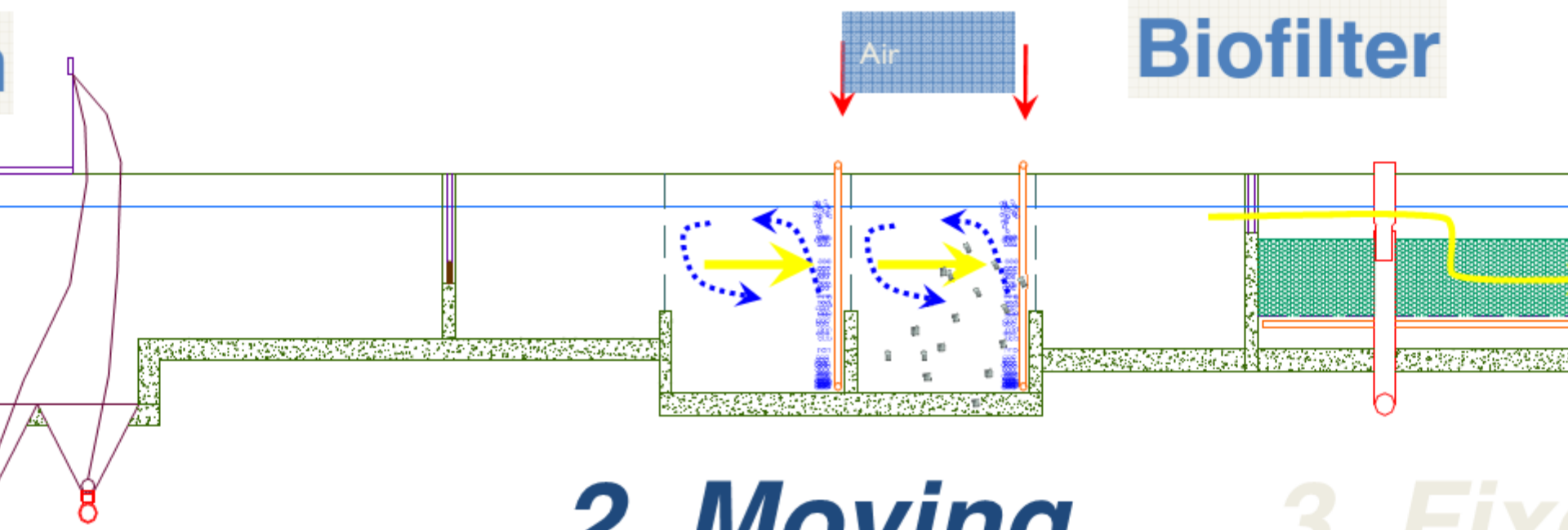
Improved by using ORBIT feed



Cones

2. Moving bed

3. Fixed bed

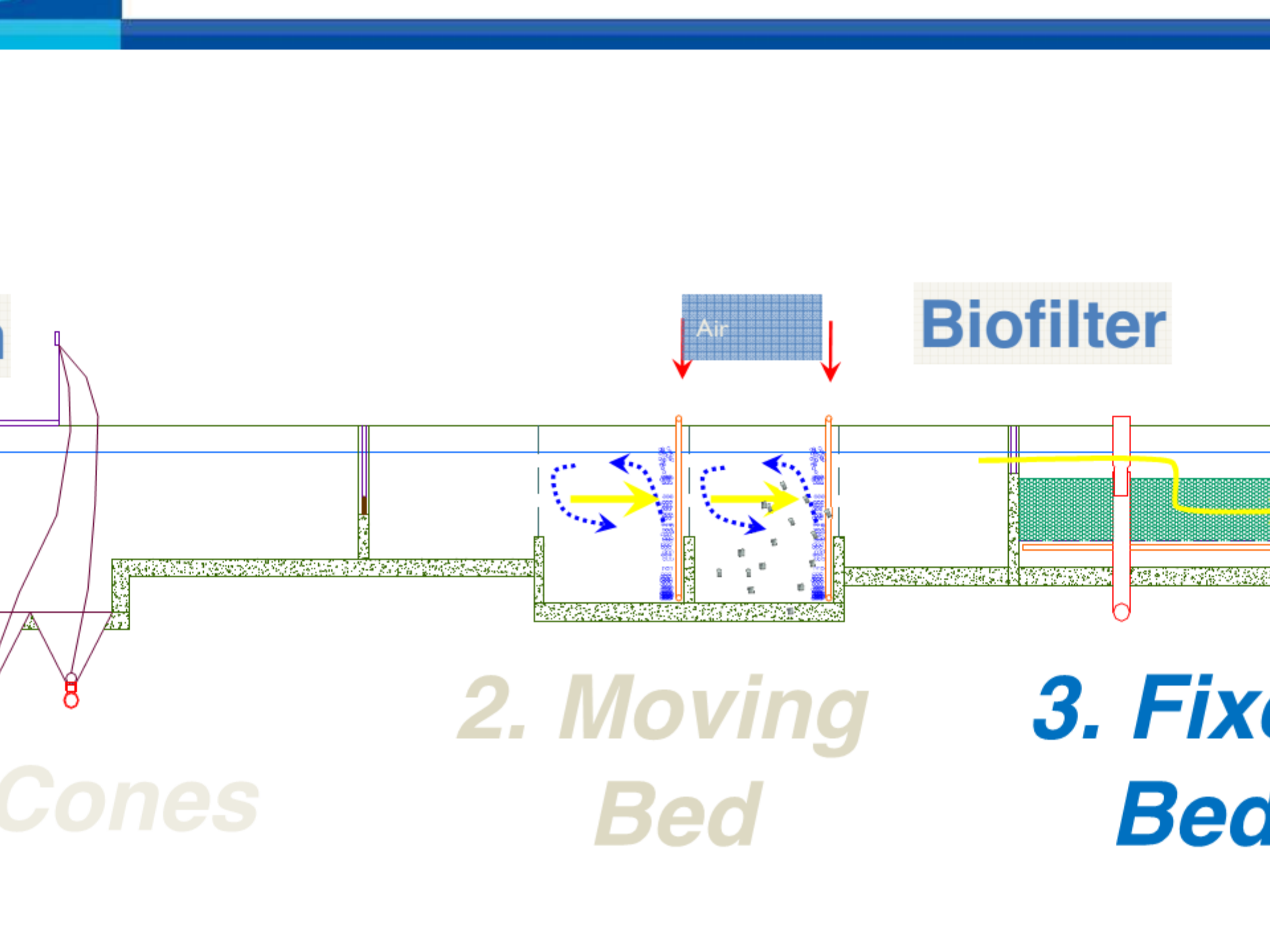


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Biofilter management techniques

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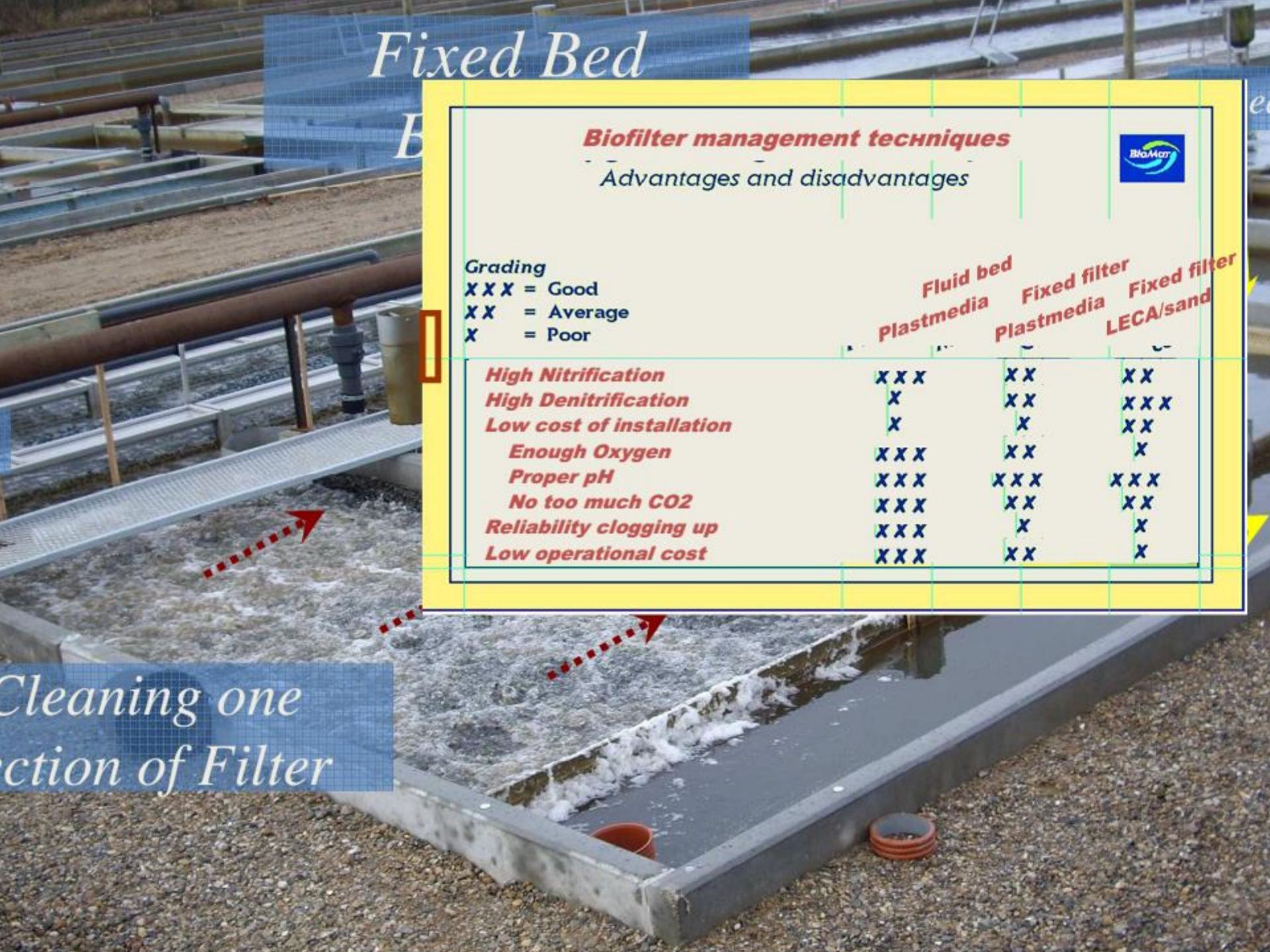


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	Fluid bed Plastmedia	Fixed filter Plastmedia	Fixed filter LECA/sand
High Nitrification	XXX	XX	XX
High Denitrification	X	XX	XXX
Low cost of installation	X	X	XX
Enough Oxygen	XXX	XX	X
Proper pH	XXX	XXX	XXX
No too much CO2	XXX	XX	XX
Reliability clogging up	XXX	X	X
Low operational cost	XXX	XX	X

Cleaning one
 section of Filter



Water Treatment System



Fish Tank



filters: Sometimes- 60 micron

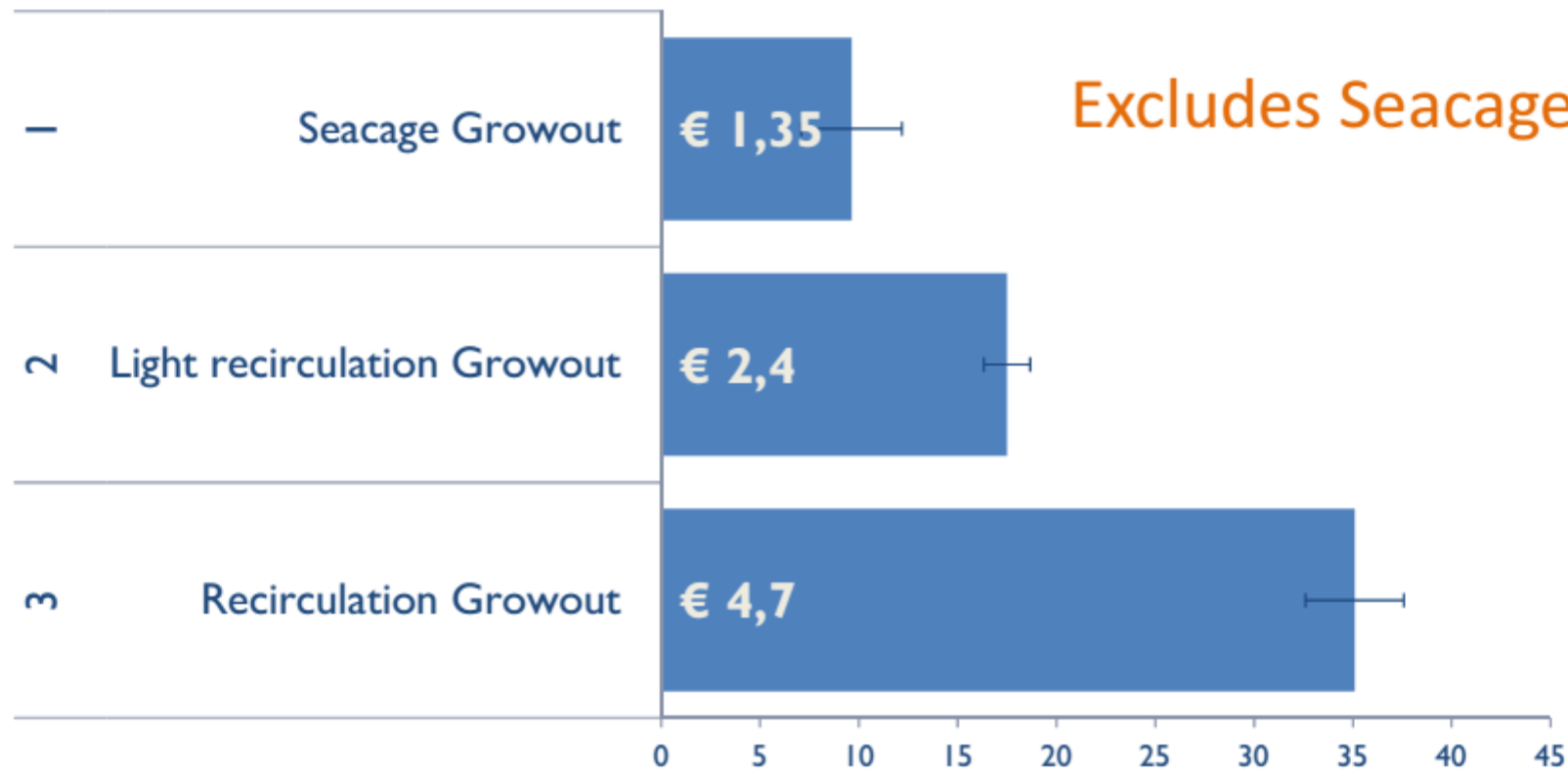
ters: 5 kg feed/m³ biofilter

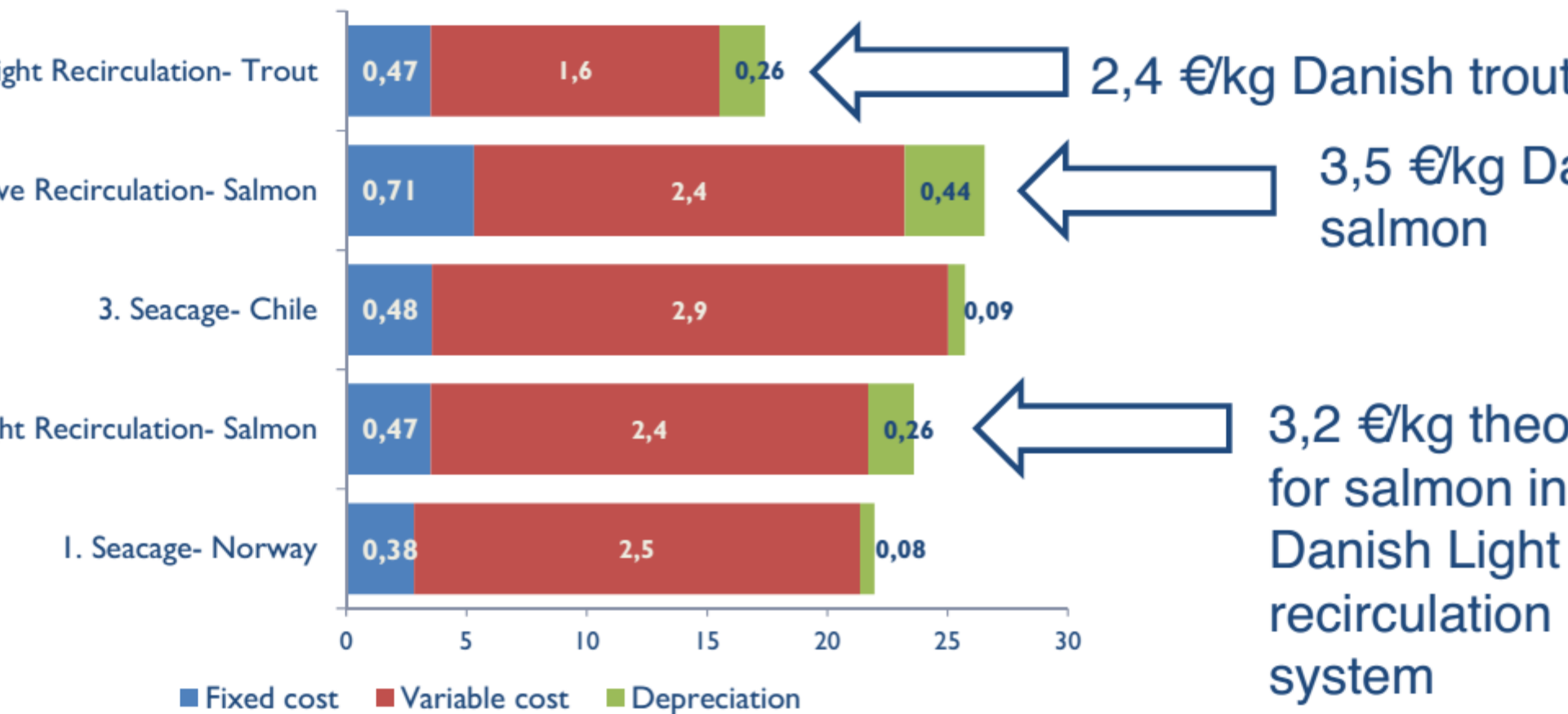
ion: <2 g CO₂ removed /m³ flow

Fish Tank 1-3 exchange per hour

Fish density <80 kg/m³

New Water 0.5 m³/hr/ton prod





- Fixed costs high for Recirculation- energy, cooling, maintenance
- Variable costs lower for Recirculation- lower FCR, mortality, better oxygenation
- Depreciation high for Recirculation




Greater Intensity means greater management skill!

Profitability in light and Intensive Recirculation s
very sensitive to:

- Production output
- Feed conversion
- Marketability

Demand professional management
of fish, feed and market



Nearly 50 % (18.000 tons) of the Danish Trout is produced in recirculated water. One indoor farm for 1000 tons/year is under construction.

Development is driven by the demand from Authority and the empery work among farmers to find low cost technology and simple and handworks inspired solution.

Cost efficiently and “keep it simple” are main keyword

