Does stress due to mechanical delousing influence the outbreaks of pancreas disease in Atlantic salmon?



Introduction

Pancreas disease (PD) poses a substantial threat to the Norwegian aquaculture industry.

This affliction affects Atlantic salmon and rainbow trout during their seawater phase, leading to poor growth, reduced slaughter quality and significant economic losses.







Methods

The raw data for PD outbreaks and mechanical delousing frequency are from *Barentswatch*. Raw data where processed and analyzed in R-Studio (version 4.3.1).



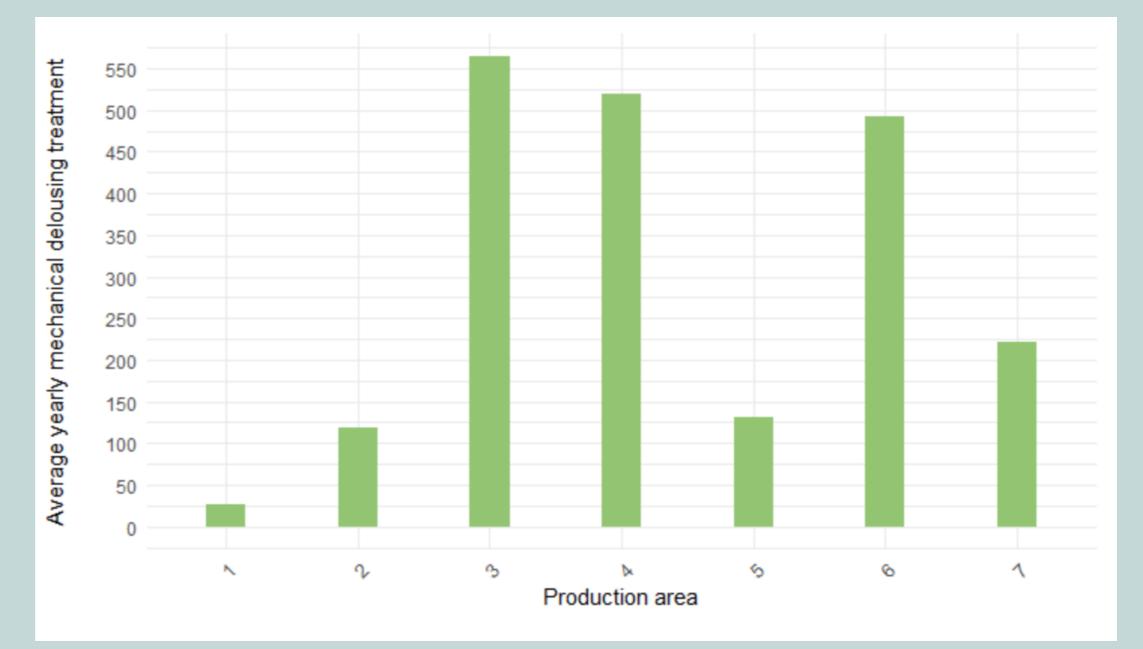
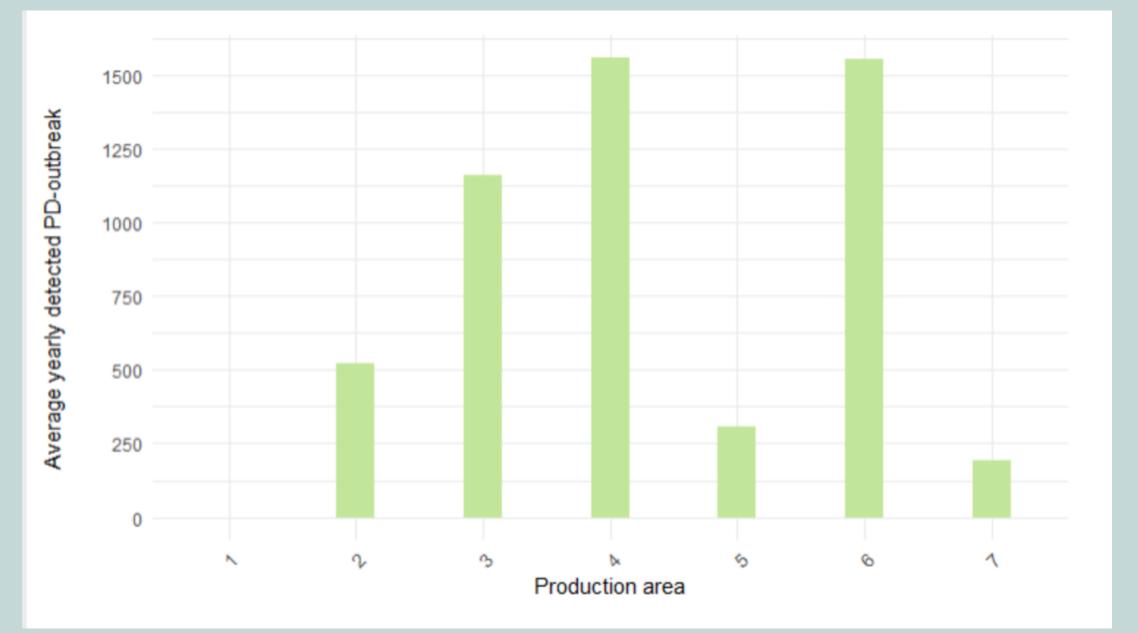


Figure 1: The average number of yearly mechanical delousing treatments over a five-year period (2018-2022), in the various production areas.



The findings suggest an increase in pancreas disease outbreaks linked to the frequency of mechanical delousing.



Figure 2: An average of yearly PD outbreaks within the various production areas in Norway over a period of five years (2018 – 2022).

References

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