## **ALAKOFF**

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Malakoff Diving Services have been successfully providing subsea support to the Aquaculture sector for 20 years. Our dedicated Aquaculture Dive Teams located in Shetland and Orkney continue to deliver safe, efficient diving and topside support to our Clients in what continues to be a challenging, exciting and expanding sector.

As the legislation and innovation within the sector continues to change, so do the requirements of our clients. We understand that Aquaculture plays a fundamental part of our daily operations and is a core element of our locally based diving work. The challenge for us is to continue to deliver and evolve the wide range of services that we provide. It is our belief that the longstanding contracts we have within the market demonstrates our Clients continued confidence in our abilities.

## **Surface Supplied Diving**

The use of Surface Supplied Diving is widely accepted as the HSE's preferred method for Air Diving. The use of surface demand equipment gives our Dive teams the ability to work safely to depths up to 50mtrs. The use of this equipment allows the diver to work for longer uninterrupted periods of time with unlimited air with good communication to the surface while carrying out all tasks.

Diving within the Aquaculture Sector poses new challenges as the technology used for internal monitoring of cages continues to develop. The constantly changing worksite environment means that our Divers are faced with potentially working in tidal conditions, or an area where there is a risk of entanglement or entrapment cause by the subsea layout of the worksite.

In 2017, we as a company reviewed the work undertaken daily on Fish farms. After risk assessing these each task that our divers undertake and the challenges that arise from them, we made the decision to implement the use of only Surface Supplied Diving on all aquaculture sites. We believe that the blanket implementation of this equipment has been hugely beneficial not only in the safe delivery of the services we provide but also for our Clients as well. The use of this equipment allows for us to be able to deliver a streamlined service to our client, extending our scope of operational capabilities on site without the requirement for mobilisation of other equipment. This allows us to be able to continue to grow from strength to strength within the sector.

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