



Tenant investment: Petter Bakke owns ten percent of Smart Salmon Group through the company Quantum Invest, and is also CEO. Photo: Jørn-Arne Tomasgard

Collaborates with local representative for the development of aquaculture in France

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The Bremanger company Smart Salmon collaborates with the France-based fish farmer Arild Lokøy in connection with the development of a land-based fish farm outside Guingamp.

According to the CEO. Petter Bakke in Smart Salmon Group, Lokøy is a Norwegian who farms trout in France. The contact between the parties has arisen in the farming environment.

- Lokøy is based in France and knows the system there. He takes care of the contact with the authorities and others involved down there. He also has a 20 percent share in Smart Salmon France, one of the companies in the Smart Salmon Group, says Bakke.

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Option on site Smart Salmon has established an organization with six to seven employees, where Lokøy is one of those in the position of project developer in France.

The company has an option for a plot of land near Guingamp. According to Bakke, for example, the option has not been exercised.

- We plan to establish the investment in France based on the experiences in Norway. It can start planning in France during the autumn of 2022, Bakke believes.

- The reason why we are planning to invest in France is that we are getting closer to the market. France is one of the largest exporting countries for Norwegian salmon. In France, we are thinking of land-based food fish farms, slaughter and further processing so that the fish is ready for sale, says Bakke.

- The license we are applying for in France is for the production of 10,000 tonnes of biomass annually.

According to Bakke, the plant in France will be an independent unit, which will also hatch its own fry. There is no question of moving fish between facilities in Norway and France.

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Administration of six After the plans for Smart Salmon were first launched in 2015 and one has been through the project phase, the project is now beginning to approach realization. Ein has established administration, and plans to start construction in Smørhamn after the summer holidays.



Tenant business development: Ole Bakke owns 13 percent of Smart Salmon Group through the company High Peak, and is also employed as head of business development and innovation. PHOTO: JØRN-ARNE TOMASGARD

In addition to Lokøy in France, the administration in Smart Salmon is Petter Bakke himself as managing director and his brother Ole Bakke as head of business development and innovation. They have an office address Sjøgata on Nordfjordeid where they moved into new premises in February this year. When the plant in Smørhamn is completed, the main base will be moved there.

They have also joined Ole-Alexander Palm as CFO and Cristiane Hamnes as profile manager, both hired from the Bergen company Seafood People.

Furthermore, Kjell Rune Hoff from the company Segel in Nordfjordeid and Alf Kåre Askeland, a self-employed engineer and economist based in Endal outside Davik, are engaged as project leaders.



Former ferry rental: It is in this industrial area in Smørhamn, near Kalvåg, that Smart Salmon plans large smolt facilities. The building will be located to the left in the picture. The ferry to Svelgen left from here before it was landlocked with a tunnel under Skatestraumen and the connection was closed. PHOTO: JØRN-ARNE TOMASGARD