



Lakeland Marine Farms

The Most Northerly Waitrose Select Farm Salmon Supplier

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Dennis and Katrine Johnson

Unst – the island above all others is how it is described on its official website. Unst, the most northerly inhabited of the Shetland Islands can boast of the most northerly everything in the UK, including the most northerly supplier of salmon to Waitrose.

The Lakeland Group has been present in Unst since 1995. The farms produce fish all year round to an average of 4kg gutted weight. To achieve this the Unst farms take in 2 smolt (juvenile salmon) inputs a year, these fish weigh anything from 70g to 140g. Unst is also home to one of Lakeland Marine Farms broodstock farms

where fish grow in excess of 20kg. The Lakeland pedigree is well respected and is always in great demand; fish farmers always have a good word to say about the Lakeland bloodline.

Lakeland Marine Farms Unst Ltd has been managed since 2002 by the husband and wife team of Dennis and Katrine Johnson who are both born and bred islanders, always welcoming and a pleasure to work with.

Dennis originally went to the wild fishing when he left school but decided to try salmon farming in 1984. After learning the ropes for a year at Shetland Norse, he along with other family members set up their own salmon farm in the south end of the island. Dennis moved to Lakeland Unst to take on the position of Farm Manager in 2002 and is in charge of the day to day running of the farm.

Katrine returned to work while bringing up the family by joining Lakeland Marine Farms in 2000 and manages the office where she is an expert at multi tasking.

When you ask Katrine and Dennis how long they have been in the industry Katrine replies instantly that herself and Dennis have 34 years experience which is very impressive and is a testament to them both.



Alex MacInnes of Aquascot visiting Lakeland Marine Farms with Dennis Johnson

When not looking after the interests of Lakeland Marine Farms their life is typically island with family time top of the list followed by fishing in the summertime and working and maintaining their croft where they have Shetland ponies, sheep, hens and ducks.

Both Dennis and Katrine are very community spirited and get involved with both being on the local hall committee where Katrine has been the treasurer for 20 years and is also involved in the local hostel, Gardiesfauld which is open during the summer.

Dennis and Katrine appreciate their surroundings and their environment and are very conscious that the sea around them provides the ideal conditions for growing salmon. The clear oceanic waters and continuous flowing currents around Unst produce prime fish with firm flesh and having never treated for sea lice they really are in an excellent geographical position. Fish are the primary indicators of water quality which is why Katrine, Dennis and the Lakeland farming business have the utmost respect for the environment.