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Norway's Salten Aqua gains Seafood Watch's first green rating for net-pen raised salmon

The Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch sustainability system has given a "green" rating, the group's highest rating, to Salten Aqua Group's Nordic Blu branded Atlantic salmon, a first for a net-pen raised salmon.

The company's fish is being shown for the first time at the Boston seafood show and is imported into the US by San Francisco, California-based CleanFish and is being sold by Coastal Seafoods in Minnesota's Twin Cities region.

Coastal Seafoods are a brand of seafood markets operated by Chicago, Illinois' Fortune Fish & Gourmet. The Nordic Blu fish has a rating of 7.17, which makes it Seafood Watch's highest-rated farmed Atlantic salmon, CleanFish said in a press release.

The fish are fed a diet with a higher level of omega-3s than conventional feeds with a ratio of 17.3% of marine content and a fish-in, fish-out ratio of 1.13:1, CleanFish said.