

# Development of sea based farming of salmon and trout in the Yellow Sea, China

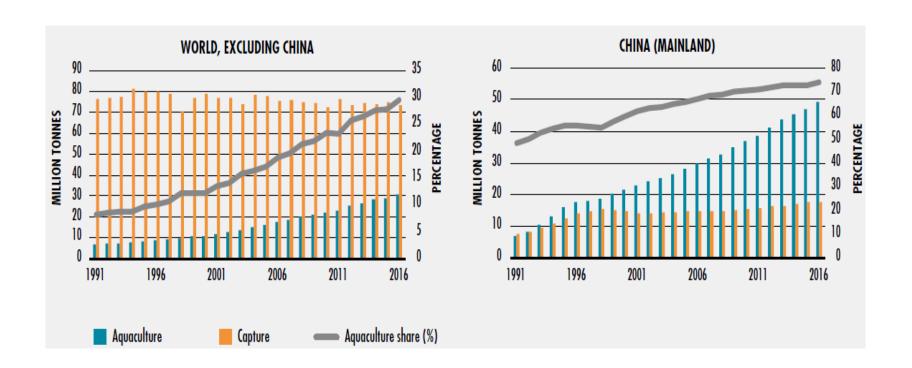
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In 2018, China's total fisheries production was 64.58 mt, 1/3 the world fisheries production, and its aquaculture production was 49.91 mt, 57% of the world's aquaculture production.







#### **Green Development of Aquaculture**



#### **Challenges:**

"The distribution and structure of aquaculture industry are unreasonable, and the stocking densities in some waters are too high."

农业农村部副部长于康震就《关于加快推进水产养殖业绿色发展的若干意见》 答记者问——加强顶层设计 推进水产养殖业绿色高质量发展

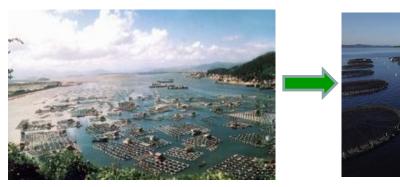


"Some Suggestions on Accelerating the Green Development of Aquaculture"





## From Coastal Mariculture to Offshore or Far-offshore Mariculture







Mariculture output for fish is 1.5 mt/yr in China Pollution, low quality

Over 1.3 mt/yr of Norwegian salmon farming High quality





#### Blooming of offshore and far-offshore mariculture in China



Deep Blue 1, Shandong



Dehai 1, Guangdong



Zhenyu 1, Zhejiang



**Changjing 1, Shandong** 



Chengshan 1, Zhejiang







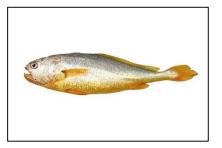








### Seawater fish farming in China



Yellow croaker Pseudosciaena crocea Production: 0.20 mt Net cages



Common Sea perch Lateolabrax japonicus Production: 0.17 mt Ponds and net cages



Flounder Paralichthys olivaceus
Production: 0.11 mt
Tanks indoor





### Salmon and trout farming in China



Rainbow trout Oncorhynchus mykiss Production: 38,606 t 70% Landlock



Atlantic salmon Salmo salar Production: 2,446 t RAS and sea cages



**Stealhead trout** *Oncorhynchus mykiss* **Anadromous, Sea cages** 

The total production of trout, salmon and smelt fish was 55,301 t in China in 2018.







## Rainbow trout culture in the reservoirs along upstream of the Yellow River (Tibet Plateau)



Longyangxia Reservior 10,000 t/yr Liujiaxia Reservior 3,000 t/yr









## Rainbow trout culture with spring water or underground water in mountain areas





Huairou near Beijing



Hubei in the center China



Yunnan in the southern China





#### Salmon and trout culture in recirculating systems





RAS for trout in Xinjiang, introduced from Denmark



RAS for salmon in Shandong Province, introduced from Norway, mariculture



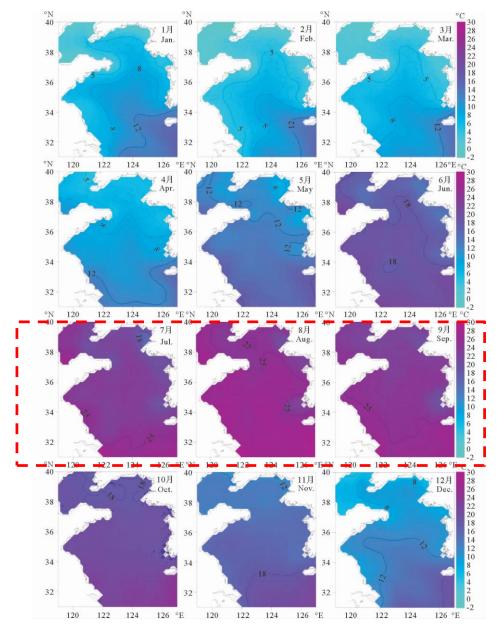


### Salmon farming in the Yellow Sea









Water temperature distribution at upper layer of the Yellow sea

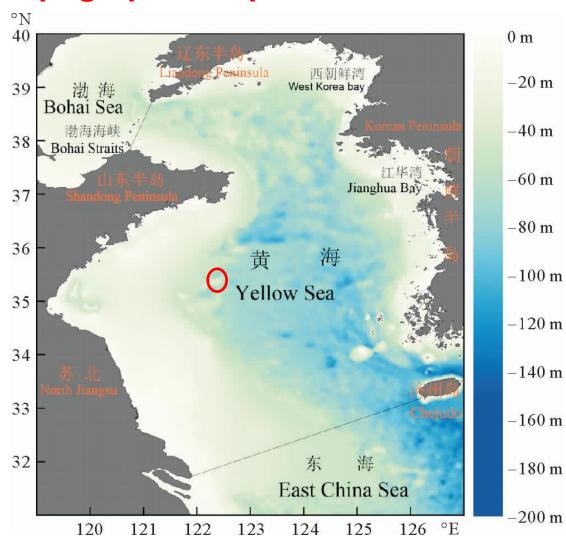
It is not suitable to farm salmon and trout at the upper layer from July to September.

Liu et al., 2019



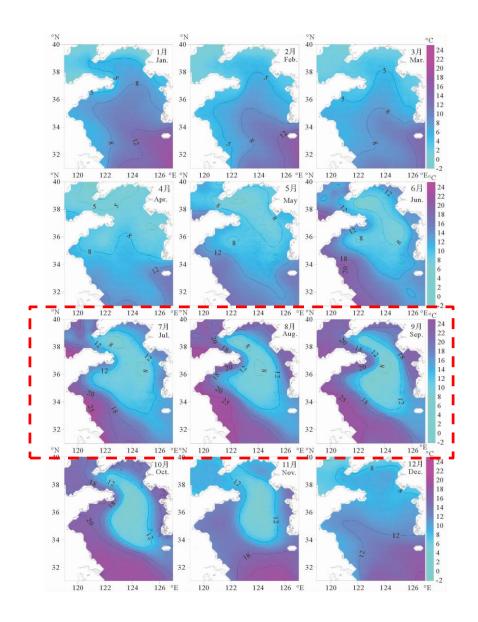


#### Topographic map of the Yellow sea









Water temperature distribution at bottom layer of the Yellow sea

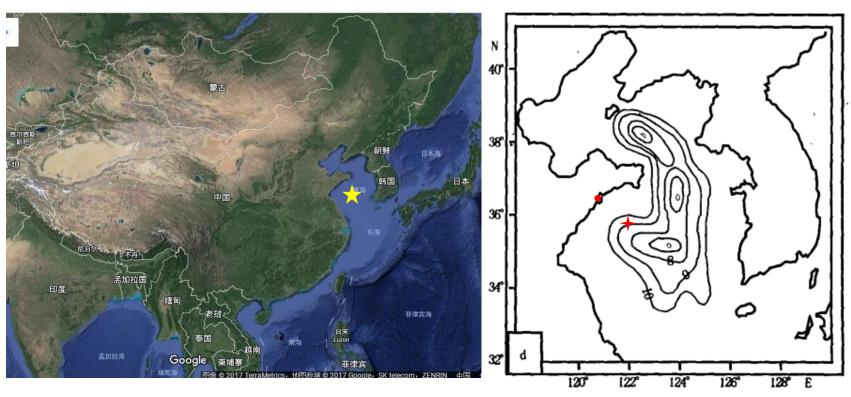
It is suitable to farm salmon by using bottom water from July to September.

Liu et al., 2019





## Sea based farming of trout and salmon in the Yellow Sea



Water temperature in summer on bottom of Yellow See (Cold Water Mass in the Yellow Sea)

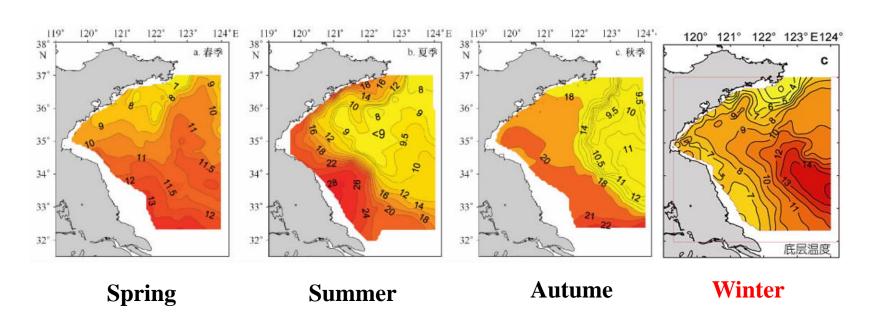
Area: 130,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Volume:** 500 billion m<sup>3</sup>





## Water temperature distribution at bottom layer of the southern CWM

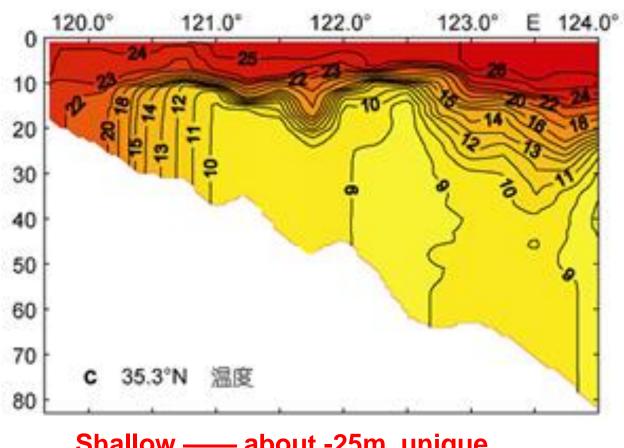


Wei et al., 2013





#### Thermocline of the Clod Water Mass in summer

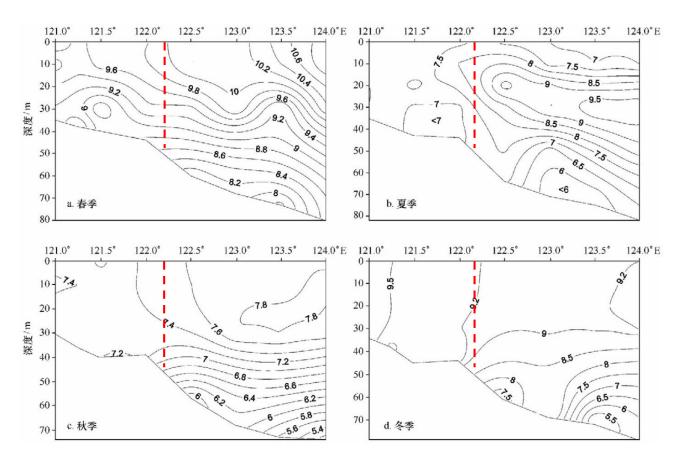


Shallow —— about -25m, unique





## Dissolved oxygen (mg/L) distribution of southern CWM (35.3° N)

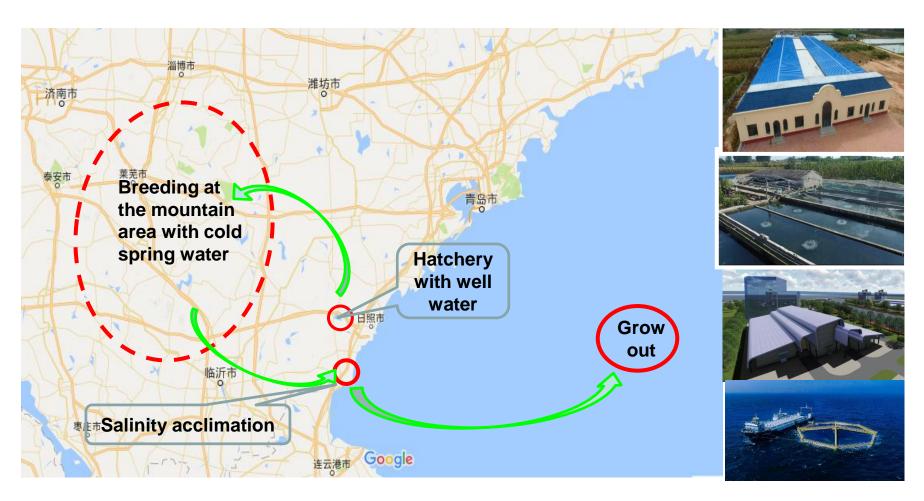


Dissolved oxygen is sufficient at bottom of CWM for salmon farming





## Culture pattern—— "Mountain and sea relay"







### Mariculture vessel (鲁岚渔养61699)



July 2, 2017 Start using

Displacement 3500 t

Aquaculture volume is 2000 m<sup>3</sup>



In 2017, it is verified that the vessel can used to culture salmon and trout by pumping the Cold Water Mass.

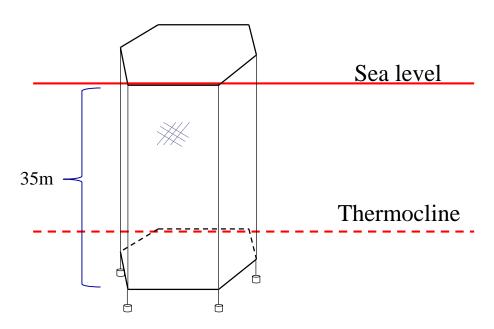




### Confirmatory test in situ by net cage in 2017



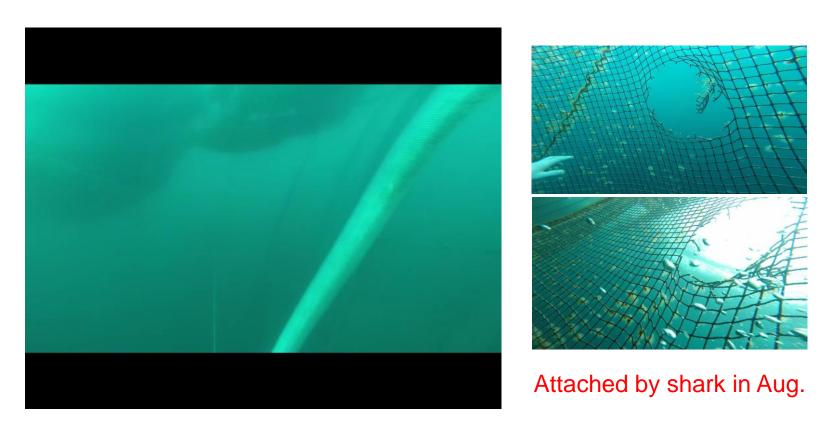
The net cage crossing thermocline







#### The technical road map was verified successfully in 2017



The stealhead trout were cultured at CWM area. The fish submersed into -23m level in early summer. The fish were fed and grew well.





### Submersible "Deep Blue 1" in 2018



Perimeter: 180 m

Volume: 50,000 m<sup>3</sup> Summer on bottom floor

Air dome for replenish air in swim blade



2018年4月下水 Launching ceremony on April 28, 2018





#### 深蓝1号试验 Deep Blue 1 trial

深蓝1号2018年5月31日托往冷水团海域,7月沉底养殖。2019年1月4日上浮、收获。试验取得成功。May 31, 2018 moved to the Cold Water Mass area, settled down to the sea bottom in July, floated up to the surface and harvested at Jan. 4, 2019.













#### The cage condition in Summer and in winter





Sea level



In winter

In summer

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#### **Biofouling cleaning and fish harvesting**



**Biofouling cleaning condition** 



Fish harvesting condition

Sea level





#### New Deep Blue 1 in 2019

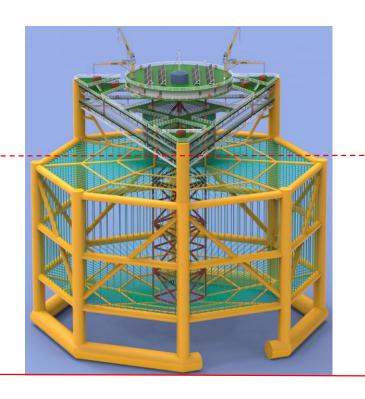


The Deep Blue 1 has been modified into a new integrated one (feeding, monitoring, power generation). It is planned to harvest the first batch of fish in coming January.





#### Semisubmersible "Deep Blue 2"



Sea level



Launching in 2020 Volume 150,000 m<sup>3</sup>

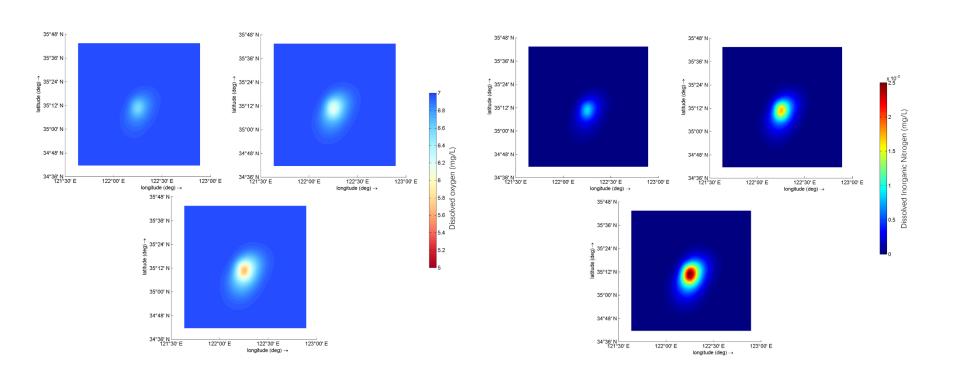
Sea floor

Integrated design (green energy, net cage, control system)
Functions of Total harvest or Partial harvest
Smart operation (feeding, lighting, aeration etc.)





### Carrying capacity of selected area (80 km<sup>2</sup>)



**Dissolved oxygen** 

Dissolved inorganic nitrogen





### Salmon and trout farming far offshore in China







#### 空气罩补气对虹鳟生长的影响(28天)

Effect of air dome on rainbow trout growth after 28 day's submerged culture

处理 Treatment	终重 Final Weight (g)	增重 Weight Gain (%)
对照 Control (open)	$196.09 \pm 7.85^{a}$	40.95 ± 2.75 <sup>a</sup>
不补气 Net cover	$158.72 \pm 15.13^{\text{b}}$	$16.33 \pm 14.73^{\text{b}}$
补气 Net cover + Air dome	$175.83 \pm 8.62^{ab}$	28.90±8.29ab

28 day's experiment showed that the rainbow trout long time submerged grew slower by 60.1%, while the fish with Air dome grew slower by 29.4% only comparing with control.



Air dom





### The lowest temperature of stop eating

Atlantic salmon		Stealhead trout	
Weight (g)	Stop eating Temp (°C)	Weight (g)	Stop eating Temp (°C)
$2.02 \pm 0.07$	6.4	$2.02 \pm 0.06$	3.4
$5.01 \pm 0.12$	5.9	$4.89 \pm 0.17$	2.8
$13.08 \pm 0.25$	5.0	$14.29 \pm 0.11$	2.4
$32.05 \pm 0.59$	4.7	$30.42 \pm 0.36$	1.9
$60.55 \pm 1.42$	4.3	$61.44 \pm 1.07$	1.4
$115.14 \pm 0.94$	4.1	$121.42 \pm 1.24$	1.1





## Effects of salinity acclimation on thermal tolerance of rainbow trout

Pre-acclimation temperature (°C)	Acclimation temperature (°C)	CTmax (°C) Mean±SD
14	- 14	$25.37 \pm 0.85^{\mathrm{a}}$
19	14	$27.33 \pm 0.41^{\text{b}}$





#### **Optimal salinity for trout parr (3-20g)**

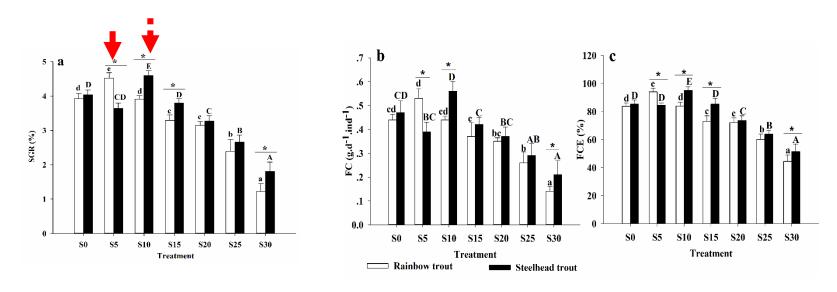


Fig. 1-1 Specific growth rates (SGR), food consumption (FC) and food conversion efficiency (FCE) of rainbow and steelhead trout during the whole experiment

Optimal salinity for rainbow trout fingerling is 5 ppt;

Optimal salinity for stealhead trout is 10 ppt;

In higher salinities water stealhead trout grow faster than rainbow trout.





#### Researching topics in the Laboratory of Aquaculture Ecology, OUC

Comparison of farming species in physiology and ecology (temperature, salinity tolerance etc.);

The relationship between the carrying capacity and global climate change;

The critical size (window time) and mechanism of salmonid fishes entering the sea (size, time, salinity, nutrition etc.);

The ecological basis of smart farming:

Parameters for smart feeding (digestive physiology, feeding behavior, social behavior, etc.)

Parameters for smart lighting (light intensity, light color, light cycle, gonad development, etc.)

Parameters for smart aeration (environmental change rules, respiratory physiology, aeration technics etc.)

**Ecological nutrition**;

**Biofouling cleaning Ecology**;

Disease prevention ecology;

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## Thanks for your attention!

