

Supreme Court Upholds Fine Against Salmones Blumar for Providing False Information on Anti-Parasitic Treatment

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The Supreme Court has supported Sernapesca and upheld the fine against Blumar. This is not an isolated event: the south is not a sacrifice zone, and the State must enhance ecosystem protection.



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In a unanimous decision, the **Supreme Court** accepted the appeal and, through a **replacement ruling**, confirmed the fine imposed by **Sernapesca** on **Salmones Blumar S.A.** for submitting «false or unreliable information» regarding an **anti-parasitic treatment** at the **Concheo 2** facility in the Aysén Region. This ruling overturns a previous decision by the Coyhaique Court that had annulled the penalty.

What is Being Penalized?

According to the ruling, the company submitted a «Daily Work Log» indicating that the **bath** with the anti-parasitic treatment was already underway on November 24, 2019, to **extend the window** required by the health program. Inspections revealed that the treatments were conducted **later**, rendering the document **not truthful**. This conduct violates Article 113 of the **General Fishing and Aquaculture Law** and related regulations regarding **caligus** (sea lice).

The Rule is Clear: «Window in Progress» or No Extension

The **Sernapesca Instruction** for the **extension of treatment windows** requires that the salmon farming center **already be treating** to qualify for the extension. This condition—»window in progress«—was what Blumar attempted to support with a document later disproven by inspection.

It is important to note that treatment windows coordinate the use of **anti-parasitics** to manage caligus infestations. These chemicals and procedures have potential impacts on the marine environment, making **traceability** and **accuracy** of information indispensable. The court's affirmation of the fine reinforces the standard of **public control** in an industry with a history of socio-environmental conflict in regions such as Los Ríos, Aysén, Los Lagos, and Magallanes.

The fine against Blumar remains in effect following confirmation of false reporting regarding an anti-parasitic treatment.

Furthermore, specialized media such as [Diario Constitucional](#) report that the reinstated penalty amounts to **500 UTM** (approximately **\$34 million**) related to the case at the **Concheo 2** facility. Beyond the financial aspect, the significant issue is the **precedent**: providing unreliable data to enforce a «window» not only violates health regulations but also undermines the **social license** of an industry heavily reliant on chemicals in fragile ecosystems.

From a **common good** and **territory** perspective, this case confirms what communities, artisanal fishing unions, and socio-environmental organizations have been saying for years: without **strict oversight** and effective sanctions, salmon farming will continue to push regulatory limits to sustain its model. The **fine against Salmones Blumar** is not an «isolated incident» but a reminder that the **south is not a sacrifice zone** and that the State must **raise the standard** for ecosystem protection.

Review the Supreme Court's ruling here:

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