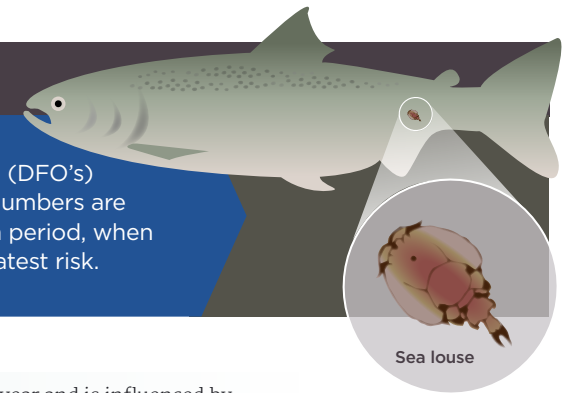


Sea lice management at BC salmon farms



WHAT ARE SEA LICE?

Sea lice are parasites that have lived in BC's coastal waters for thousands of years. Farmed fish are free of sea lice when they enter the ocean but can pick them up in the marine environment.

The species of sea lice that predominantly infects wild and farmed salmon is called *L. salmonis*.

Sea lice generally do not harm adult Pacific salmon, but can harm small juvenile salmon.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's (DFO's) requirements ensure that lice numbers are lowest during the outmigration period, when wild juvenile salmon are at greatest risk.

