

Conference programme

HavExpo 2026 · 5–7 May · Øygarden

The programme runs over three days with keynotes, panel debates and expert talks on aquaculture, technology, sustainability and the future of coastal industry.

OVERVIEW

Day	Date	Sessions	Host
Day 1	Tuesday 5 May 2026	Opening, Part 2, Part 3	Tormod Løvold
Day 2	Wednesday 6 May 2026	Part 1, Part 3	Tormod Løvold
Day 3	Thursday 7 May 2026	Part 1, Part 2	Tom Christer Nilsen

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DAY 1

Tuesday 5 May 2026

Host: [Tormod Løvold](#)

Time	Speaker	Title
OPENING		
11:00	Konferansier Tormod Løvold	Introduction
11:03	Fiskeri- og havminister Marianne Sivertsen Næss (Ap)	Opening address from the Minister
11:10	Frank Bakke-Jensen, Fiskeridirektør	The future of aquaculture
11:18	Jon Askeland, Fylkesordfører, Vestland (Sp)	Official opening of HavExpo 2026
11:26	Nils Gunnar Kvamstø, Direktør Havforskningsinstituttet	Greetings from the Institute of Marine Research
11:32	Tom Georg Indrevik, Ordfører Øygarden Kommune	Greetings from the Øygarden municipality
11:40	Mons Alfred Paulsen, Advokatfirma Thommessen	On the right track — or way off course?
11:54	Kasper Tangen, Mattilsynet	Biosecurity in practice
12:08	Olve Christoffersen Byre, ScaleAQ	Deep operations: Heimdall — sharing experiences

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12:22	Birthe Lill Eskevik Sjøfartsdirektoratet	Aquaculture vessels under 24 m – regulatory updates, inspections, incidents and lessons learned
12:35–12:55	Break · Bolk: Finans	
	PART 2	
12:55	Kjetil Olsen, Nordea	Record-breaking exports – where are interest rates and major currencies heading next?
13:17	Thina Saltvedt, Nordea	Have we grown tired of sustainability?
13:39	Finn-Arne Egeness, Nordea	Less fish, higher prices?
14:01	Robert Næss, Nordea	Key drivers of today's stock market – and what they mean for your fund investments
14:23	Herman Aleksander Dahl, Nordea	Salmon power and tech optimism?
14:35–14:45	Break · Bolk: Produksjon	
	PART 3	
14:45	Gunhild Bødker og Hans Kleivdal, Norce, Frank Bakke-Jensen, Fiskeridirektoratet	Plastic in the ocean – who is really responsible? (debate)
15:32	Ketil Rykhus, Sinkaberg & Arnstein Hoas, AkvaGroup	Deep operations – from concept to a new operating model
15:46	Arild Heggland, Fjord Miljø	Oxygen as a limiting factor for production
16:00	Eivind Farestveit Larsen, CEO SeaRAS	Water quality in RAS: from measurements to system understanding and decisions
16:13	Karolina Lundgren, Sjøfartsdirektoratet	Chemicals on board – keeping crew, environment and vessel safe
16:25	End of conference	

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DAY 2

Wednesday 6 May 2026

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Time	Speaker	Title
PART 1		
10:30	Kolbjørn Berge, Corvus Energy	Battery choices in a new regulatory era
10:47	Eirik Hordnes, Sweco	Climate requirements for Norwegian aquaculture vessels: power, charging and grid capacity
11:01	Jon Saugstad, Endur Sjøsterk	Electrical safety on feed barges
11:15	Lise Rokkones, Mattilsynet	New rules for automated sea-lice counting
11:30	Don McKenzie, Jansen Pharmacytic	ECONEA® (tralopyril): An important tool for biofouling management
11:45–12:00	Break	
12:00	Geir Lasse Taranger, Havforskningsinstituttet	Welcome to a glimpse of our research!
12:07	Mari Skuggedal Myksvoll, Havforskningsinstituttet	Cod farming and the risk of negative environmental impact
12:23	Mari Fjalstad Jensen, Havforskningsinstituttet	How do we reduce infection pressure from sea lice?
12:39	Mari Skuggedal Myksvoll, Havforskningsinstituttet	The aquaculture industry must adapt to a changing climate
12:55	Frode Opedal, Havforskningsinstituttet	What about animal welfare when farmed salmon is lowered into the deep?
13:11	Monica Solberg, Havforskningsinstituttet	Do regulation and biology keep up with new technology and production models?
13:25–13:40	Break	
13:40	Monica Langeland, Fiskerihub	Building knowledge about the fisheries industry
13:55	Ole Kristian Sivertsen, Akvagroup	How AI lifts feeding from craft to scalable practice
14:10	Magnus Seth, Artec Aqua	Consolidation in the industry

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14:25	Kjell Johansen Fure, Zewo	Fighting Listeria during operations — how water treatment improves production hygiene
14:40	Aurora Bekkevold, ScaleAQ	The Power of the cloud
14:52–15:05	Break	
PART 3		
15:05	Geir Andresen, Marine Donut	Closed-containment production at sea — experience from Marine Donut
15:20	Martina Olsen, NOFIR	Producer responsibility takes effect — what does it mean for the industry?
15:35	Darryl Weatherspoon, Aquabyte	The technology for perfect farming
15:50	Rochak Sharma, TidalX	Automating farm operations with all-in-one AI camera systems
16:05	Øystein Falch, Reeldata	AI / computer vision for biomass measurement in low-visibility water
16:20	End of conference	

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DAY 3

Thursday 7 May 2026

Host: Tom Christer Nilsen

Time	Speaker	Title
PART 1		
10:30	Tore Frihagen, DnV	Practical data sharing: insights from aquaculture and inspiration from other industries
10:45	Andreas Gard Meyer, Advokatfirmaet Haavind	From data silos to collaboration: challenges, frameworks and opportunities
11:00	Krister Hoas, Sjømat Norge	Consolidations / ownership / drivers
11:15	Erik Stenrud, Norconsult	Risky business is fishy business
11:30	Hogne Andersen, DnV	Smarter compliance
11:45–12:00	Break	
PART 2		
12:00	Espen Ramsbacher, Circmar	Change or be changed – 841 working days until the EU's new transport packaging rules
12:15	Michael Kristiansen, Moen Marin	The aquaculture vessel of the future
12:30	Olve Vangdal, DnV	Closed. Bigger. More dangerous? The future of aquaculture tests our safety margins
12:45	Kjetil Korsnes, AquaPredict	Real-time monitoring of physiological parameters in aquaculture
13:00	Kjartan Nesse, Sensa	Data-driven reality: when industrial AI meets reliable data
13:15	Kate Furhovden Stenerud, Benchmark Genetics	Genetics Delivers Improved Robustness and Predictability in Salmon Farming
13:30	End of conference	