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Millions of Atlantic salmon are filling 18 super-tough 'fortress pens' at a new farm site in open water in southern Tasmania.

Younger, smaller fish, up to half a kilo in weight, are going to sea at Yellow Bluff — 2.2 million of them.

They are transported from the company's hatchery, pumped into the well of the Ronja Huon, and taken to the fish farm site.

"After about eight months they'll be transported to larger pens at Storm Bay," said David Moorehead, general manager of Huon Aquaculture's marine operations.

It allows the company to keep the different sizes separated in different locations.

"It also allows us to fallow Yellow Bluff before we then stock it next year," he said, a move expected to help protect against disease.

Last year the company lost salmon in Storm Bay to the virus pilchard orthomyxovirus.

Huon Aquaculture is currently harvesting 90 to 100 tonne of fish a day, while the company itself is growing 10 per cent annually.

Working out at Yellow Bluff, and in the even more open water at Storm Bay, is not for the faint hearted.

The farms can face the full brunt of southerly seas and weather.

"If the swell is over two or 2.5 metres, that can restrict us," Mr Moorhead said.

In May 2018, seas reached heights of 6 metres at the open waters of Storm Bay in Tasmania's south-east.

The special fortress pens are designed to withstand rough weather and keep seals out.

It is a two-net system — a tough outer net and an inner net — with about two metres between them.

But despite the tough design, breakages did occur in 2018 when the company lost more than 100,000 fish.

Mr Moorhead said Huon Aquaculture had been working on the nets ever since and had reinforced their pens with extra ropes.

Occasionally the company will use firecrackers in the water to scare seals away.

The weather tomorrow is likely to be stormy according to the Weather Bureau, though there will be sunny spells between Point Perpendicular and Lamond Head for part of the day. Winds will be light to variable, veering south-west at 15 knots. High Tide is at 8pm and the moon will be in its third quarter, rising at approximately 6.25pm.

I'm **[insert name]** and this has been Fine Music News. I'll hand you back now to the music.