



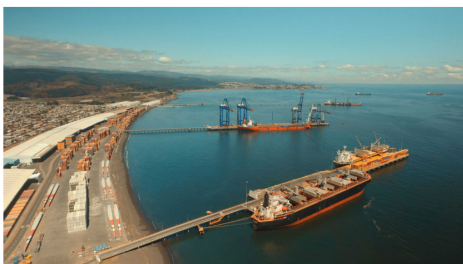
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Industrial fishermen from Biobío demand intervention from authorities in response to the crisis of bad odors in Coronel

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The union, which includes, among others, three companies operating in Coronel, reiterated its call to the Health Authority to act decisively in informing companies that do not have environmental protocols and ignore the minimum good fishing practices.



"We are facing a real crisis of bad odors in the municipality of Coronel that is affecting the daily life of thousands of families and that is not acceptable. We ask that the authorities with powers in this matter get involved decisively and intervene, because up to now the entire industrial fishing sector is paying the public consequences of a serious problem that could have been avoided or at least mitigated with better decisions," said this morning the **Public Affairs Manager of the Industrial Fishermen of Biobío, Verónica Ceballos Barrón**, on the occasion of another week of complex environmental problems that afflict the former mining municipality.

From the **union's Sustainability Management, Monserrat Jamett Leiva**, said that, "from the first day we alerted the authority about the impacts that the operation on the small sardine would have on the communities, therefore, we ask the authority to look for alternative solutions to minimize as much as possible the effects on the quality of life of our neighbors."

The executive reiterated that sardines continue to arrive at processing plants in sizes smaller than recommended, which accelerates their decomposition and generates very complex problems in the process of manufacturing fishmeal and fish oil, an issue that has been reported since the season began.



Verónica Ceballos Barrón explained that the updated information was delivered this week to the Undersecretariat of Fisheries as a result of this environmental crisis.

"I want to tell the residents of Coronel that our companies have activated their protocols for managing raw materials with artisanal fishing, but their human teams in the processing plants are dealing with raw materials of unacceptable quality that we cannot reject. As a union, we are monitoring our partner companies - Blumar, Camanchaca and FoodCorp - and Orizon, a non-partner, for strict compliance with all the protocols we have implemented in environmental matters," he said.

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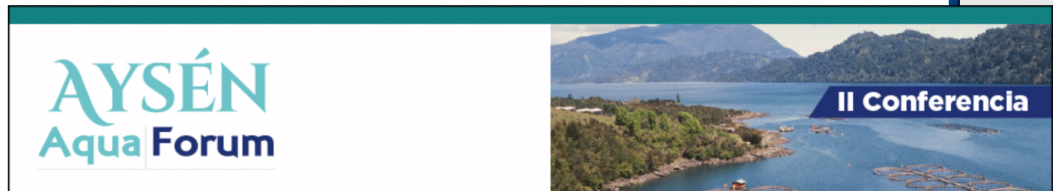
Finally, the **sustainability manager of Pescadores Industriales del Biobío** urgently requested that the authorities get involved to improve the environmental performance of all fishing stakeholders. "We reiterate our call to the Health Authority to act decisively in reporting companies that do not have environmental protocols and ignore the minimum good fishing practices that are damaging the quality of life of our neighbors in Coronel," she concluded.

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