

MANAGEMENT OF PLASTICS: AQUACULTURE LEASEHOLDERS REPORT

Management of Plastics – reporting information

Company Name		
Correspondence Address		
Crown Estate Scotland Lease Information	Location and Site Name	Lease No. Reference
	Port-A-Bhuiltin, Lynn of Lorn	AR2-25-5
	Port An T-Sruthain, Kerrera	AR2-41-30
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Reporting period	<i>January 2023-January 2024</i>	

Confirmation of records for plastics used on leased seabed areas (from the sea surface to the seabed)

I/we confirm that;

has maintained appropriate records for the above reporting period that reflect the procurement and disposal of plastics used on the listed seabed lease location(s) as part of measures employed to minimise the risk of losses to the marine environment and responsible disposal of plastic waste.

These records support the changes to procurements and disposal means reported below.

Relevant records of plastic procurements, stock and means of disposal employed for waste and redundant items used on leased sites will be retained for a minimum period of 5 years and will be made available to CES representatives on request during site visits.

1. Management of plastic in this reporting period

- (i) The comparison of records for the current and previous reporting period indicates that aggregated procurements of **multi-use plastics** deployed on leased sea-sites has decreased.

This decrease was due primarily to the following reasons (*refer to Guidance for completing the Environmental Management of Plastics: Aquaculture Leaseholders Report*).

2023 is the first reporting year, but in comparison to procurement records for multi-use plastics from the previous year, there is a decrease in the total inventory, primarily through the repurposing of some items and the management of stored items at low levels.

- (ii) The comparison of records for the current and previous reporting period indicates that our aggregated procurements of **short term/ single-use plastics** used on leased sea-sites has decreased.

This decrease (*please delete as appropriate*) was due primarily to the following reasons: (*refer to Guidance for completing the Environmental Management of Plastics: Aquaculture Leaseholders Report*).

2023 is the first reporting year, but in comparison to previous records, the decrease observed is primarily down to the re-use of the short term plastics, until their end of life has been reached. For SUPs such as cable ties, methodological improvements to the deployment of seeded twine made their sporadic use for this operation obsolete.

- (iii) The comparison of records for the current and previous reporting periods indicates that **changes to the proportion of waste plastic from leased sea-sites disposed of by recycling, re-use or to landfill** are as set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Aggregated changes to disposal methods across waste and redundant plastic used on lease sites in this reporting period.

(*Tick as appropriate or enter 'n/a' if the disposal method is not used by your company for waste plastics disposal*)

Disposal method	Change from last reporting period	Single use (v)	Multi use (v)
Recycling	Increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Stay the same	✓	✓
Re-use/re-purpose	Increase	□	✓
	Decrease	□	□
	Stay the same	✓	□
Licensed Landfill	Increase	□	□
	Decrease	□	✓
	Stay the same	✓	□
Licensed Incineration-licensed (on-site is illegal)	Increase	□	□
	Decrease	□	□
	Stay the same	✓	✓
Other means of disposal.	Increase	□	□
	Decrease	□	□
	Stay the same	✓	✓
No other means used			

The **increases and/or decreases** in different disposal means listed in Table 1 are due primarily to the following reasons: (refer to [Guidance for completing the Management of Plastics: Aquaculture Leaseholders Report](#)).

The relative increase in repurposing of multi-use plastics, with an associated decrease in the disposal of these to landfill, has been primarily through the re-use of sampling equipment such as plastic syringes and bags, and through production equipment with an improved deployment strategy no longer requiring the use of cable ties.

(Tenants may wish to comment on relative proportions of the different waste plastic disposal methods from their sea-sites, particularly where high levels of recycling are consistently achieved).

2. Improvements in management of plastics on leased sea-sites

Please provide any information you wish to share on measures undertaken over the reporting period regarding improvements in the management of plastics.

As indicated, improvements have been noted through the increased re-use of plastics, and through an improved deployment strategy. The requirement to formally manage plastics associated with the leased sites, with the completion of inventories and annual reporting will provide a significant benefit to overall plastic management.

3. Opportunities and challenges

Please comment on any opportunities, challenges and mitigating circumstances relevant to management of plastic used on leased sea-sites during the reporting period which you would like to share.

The plastics management system adopted during 2023 will provide an opportunity to look for improvements in reducing inventories, reduce further the use of single-use plastics and increase rates of recycling.

4. Any other relevant information

Please comment on any other factors you wish CES to be aware of regarding plastic use or waste management on your leased sites.

None

5. Report Completed by:

Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 30/01/2024

Name: [REDACTED]

Title/Position in company: [REDACTED]

On behalf of: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Additional page for reporting on the improvements in management of plastics on leased sea-sites.