

MANAGEMENT OF PLASTICS: AQUACULTURE LEASEHOLDERS REPORT

Management of Plastics – reporting information

Company Name		
Correspondence Address		
Crown Estate Scotland	Location and Site Name	Lease No. Reference
Lease Information	Little Loch Broom	RC1-25-9
Reporting period	January 2023-January 2024	

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 remained the same (delete as appropriate).

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

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N/A – Farm is production stable at present and the use of plastic has remained the same the previous period.

(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 seasites has <u>remained the same</u> (delete as appropriate).

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(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.

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

(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 I reporting period	ast	Single use (√)	Multi use (√)
Recycling	Increase			
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		V	V
Re-use/re-purpose	Increase			
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		V	V
Licensed Landfill	Increase			
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		V	V
Licensed Incineration- licensed (on-site is illegal)	Increase			
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		V	V



Other means of	Increase		
disposal.	Decrease		
N/A	Stay the same	\checkmark	V

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

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(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. <u>Improvements in management of plastics on leased sea-sites</u>

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

Working methods are referenced against / guided by ASSG Code of Practice.

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.

I recognise, understand, respect and agree with the direction of travel but as a micro business (1 person part time aquaculture) this is a challenging area. I am not is a position to influence product manufacturers or recycling services. If more sustainable products are available I may not be in a position to use them simply due to cost. Building management reporting structures around this topic is also a cost, simply having to complete this exercise is creating additional work. My view is that trying to run my business in an efficient manner and in line with the ASSG Code of Practice is the best way I can contribute; low waste and high levels of reuse, are key to making my business profitable, I am simply not in a position where I can financially tolerate high levels of waste.



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.

My approach to my lease site is the same as I use personally when in the countryside. After making sure I do not leave anything behind, if I see any plastic pollution I remove it if I can. Although the loch does not have a high level of fishing activity I commonly remove various plastic fishing items that wash ashore (rope, clips, prawn trays, even fish boxes). If I can, I reuse these myself, if not I take them home and then take them to the local recycling centre.

5. Report Co	ompleted by:
Signature: Name:	Date: 18/01/2024
Title/Position	in company:
On behalf of:	

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