

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	Loch Leurbost , Isle of Lewis	RC5-52-25
	Loch Erisort, Isle of Lewis	RC5-54-3
	(Rubh a Chleirich)	
	Loch Erisort, Isle of Lewis	RC5-56-21
	(Sgeir Nan Each)	
Please insert rows for		
additional leases		
Reporting period	January 2023-January 2024	

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

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.

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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).

(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 (delete as appropriate)</u>.

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Our efforts to improve waste management have resulted in a notable increase in the recycling and reuse of plastics. We have established partnerships with local recycling facilities to ensure that all recyclable materials are processed appropriately. Additionally, we have implemented innovative reuse strategies for plastics, extending their lifecycle and reducing the need for new plastics.

(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 reporting period	last	Single use (√)	Multi use (√)
Recycling	Increase			
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		V	V
Re-use/re-purpose	Increase			$\sqrt{}$
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		$\sqrt{}$	
Licensed Landfill	Increase			
N/A	Decrease			
	Stay the same			
Licensed Incineration-	Increase			
	Decrease			



licensed (on-site is illegal) N/A	Stay the same	
Other means of disposal. N/A	Increase	
	Decrease	
	Stay the same	
Please insert details		

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:</u> Aquaculture Leaseholders Report).

(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.

During the reporting period, we enhanced our sustainability efforts by expanding our plastic reuse and repurposing initiatives. Specifically, we launched a program to redirect plastic equipment, previously deemed for disposal, to a repair workshop. There, the items underwent restoration through plastic welding, extending their lifecycle and reducing the need for new plastic materials.

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.

We have identified potential opportunities to explore alternative materials that offer the same durability and functionality as plastics but with a lower environmental impact. The main challenge lies in the initial cost and transitioning phase, which would require government grants and support.



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.

N/A

5. Report Completed by:	
Signature:	Date: 27/02/2024
Name:	
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.