

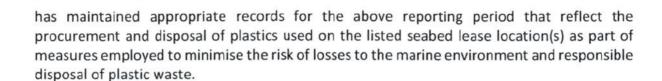
MANAGEMENT OF PLASTICS: AQUACULTURE LEASEHOLDERS REPORT

Management of Plastics - reporting information



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

I/we confirm that;



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.

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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).

Insert your response here.

The companies production and procurement has remained the same between 2023 and 2024.

(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 remained the same).

Insert your response here.

The companies use of single/short term plastics has remained the same in 2024 as 2023. The company remains focused on ensuring we minimize the use of single use 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.



(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.

The company continues to reduce its plastic use where possible. The company's biggest improvement in 2024 is the reduction in use of nylon nets. Nylon nets are difficult to recycle because of the historical use of copper. The plastic nets being purchased will be recyclable at the end of life and have twice the life span of nylon.

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.

There is an opportunity for further development in rope recycling in Scotland. The UK currently has very few options for recycling plastic and then re-purposing it. Most recycled rope currently goes to Denmark for example.

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:





<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 last reporting period	Single use (√)	Multi use (V)
Recycling	Increase	V	
	Decrease		
	Stay the same		1
Re-use/re-purpose	Increase		
	Decrease		
	Stay the same	V	V
Licensed Landfill	Increase		
	Decrease	V	V
	Stay the same		
Licensed Incineration- licensed (on-site is illegal)	Increase		
	Decrease		
	Stay the same	V	V
Other means of disposal.	Increase		
	Decrease		
	Stay the same		

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>).

In 2024 management of plastics has remained largely un-changed. The majority of waste rope is being stored at our main site and we have arranged for a company in England to take it for recycling in early 2025. There is currently a very small demand for waste rope, but developments in processing waste rope is advancing and should increase demand in future years.

Single use feed bags are not being recycled at this time. Investment is required to ensure proper storage and transport of the waste. It is hoped this will be addressed in the near future.





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Please title the e-mail as the Annual Plastic Report (year) for (your company name).

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