

MANAGEMENT OF PLASTICS: AQUACULTURE LEASEHOLDERS REPORT

Management of Plastics - reporting information



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

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.

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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 (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).

- Our plastic use has remained the same, no additional plastic items were purchase for the seaweed fam in the last year.
- (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).

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).

Our single-use plastic use has remained the same over the last year.



This is mainly because the level of production has remained the same (no significant increase or decrease in activity over the last year).

(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		$\sqrt{}$	
Re-use/re-purpose	Increase			
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		$\sqrt{}$	
Licensed Landfill	Increase			
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		V	
Licensed Incineration- licensed (on-site is illegal)	Increase			
	Decrease			
	Stay the same		V	
Other means of disposal.	Increase			
	Decrease			
Please insert details	Stay the same		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>).

No change in disposal methods over the last year. All plastic items we have at the seaweed farm are designed for multi-year use and have not yet reached the end of their lifespan (rope, floats etc still in use). Plastic gloves are washed and reused.



(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.

have a policy of using repurposed or upcycled plastic items/equipment wherever possible, and for purchasing plastic items that have multi-year lifespan. For example, our grey cushion buoys are refurbished fish farm equipment, many of our floats are from coastal cleanups, or have been purchased second-hand. All our plastic equipment can be re-used year-on-year, including growing lines that are cleaned each harvest season before redeploying the next year. We will have some rope to dispose of in the next 1-2 years, however we have identified a new rope recycling facility in the Highlands that will be able to recycle all our old rope when required.

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.

Rope recycling has posed the biggest challenge for aquaculture and fisheries, however Northern Environmental Services in Invergordon (https://nessltd.co.uk/) have confirmed they now have equipment available to recycle rope, including mooring ropes.

There exist significant opportunities for seaweed farmers to re-use equipment from fish farms, including floats and refurbished moorings.

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:





Once complete, please send your Annual Report by e-mail to: aquareporting@crownestatescotland.com

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

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