

The increase in storms and poor weather conditions has a direct effect on the farm sites and damage to floats and mussel lines. This requires more floats on each line to help keep the lines from sinking in these conditions and causing floats to implode.

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.

We are switching to a more robust blow moulded float which over time will reduce our waste plastic.



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).

Or, tenants may post their completed Annual Report to the Crown Estate at the below address.



	Decrease	
	Stay the same	V
Licensed Landfill	Increase	
	Decrease	
	Stay the same	V
Licensed	Increase	
Incineration-	Decrease	
licensed (on-site is illegal)	Stay the same	
Other means of	Increase	
disposal.	Decrease	
Please insert details	Stay the same	

The increases 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).

There was an increase in damaged and imploded floats due to storm damage in the early part of 2024, these were stored until there was enough to load an articulated lorry and be taken off the island for recycling

(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.

A stock of floats is kept on site to enable lines to be given additional buoyancy if required before the onset of the seasonal storms and poor weather conditions.

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.

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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

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

The decrease is due to sufficient stock already on site.

(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

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).

Insert your response here.

(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 la reporting period	st Single use (V)	Multi use (√)
Recycling	Increase		V
	Decrease		
	Stay the same		
Re-use/re-purpose	Increase		

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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.

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