

SEPA Environmental Event Report

Elms Event Number ENV/0894268 **Notification Number** 1
Event Description Fusion Marine, Barcaldine are constructing and repairing salmon cages on the Shore at Barcaldine. The plastic shavings and offcuts are being left on the shore and swept out on the tide.

Reported By

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| Surname | Origin | Public Complainant |
| Forename | Affected Medium | Coastal Waters |
| Organisation Name | Investigating Team | West Highlands & Argyll |
| Address 1 | Investigating Officer | Russell Scott |
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| Receiving Officer | Margaret Conaghan | Time Responded | 11:00:00 |
| Time Received | 10:22:00 | Date Responded | 16-AUG-18 |
| Date Received | 16-AUG-18 | Within 24? | Yes |

Location Office Block, MRC, Barcaldine, Oban **Located Notifiers Address?** No

Date Event Occurred 16-AUG-18

Site Name **RSA Site?** No

Catchment Etive Coastal

Mental H&S Assessment Low

Assessment Description

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| Impact | Category 4 - Other | Type | Other |
| Cause | Other | Sector | Other |
| Source | Other | SEPA Activity | Non-SEPA Activity |

Potential Hazard **Farm Name**

Complainants Notified? Yes **Details**

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Action Fusion Marine, Barcaldine are constructing and repairing salmon cages on the Shore at Barcaldine. The plastic shavings and offcuts are being left on the shore and swept out on the tide. The material is being washed up in bays around Loch Creran. This has been going on for about a year

Description

has contacted Marine Scotland who say that such an activity is unlikely to be authorised on the shore. It is likely that they will take some action. SEPA can deal with the waste under the duty of care. #

31.08 RS - spoke with . Waste accumulating on beach for some time. Waste mainly black plastic and small items such as cable ties. Also found on other local beaches as waste moved around by the tide. Mainly housekeeping and DOC for waste issues.

to send emails and photos showing plastic on beach. Marine Scotland have been informed and A&B Planning. No authorisation in place from MS, and would be needed but not likely to be issued. RS to contact Fusion Marine to arrange site meeting once background information received SEPA input limited to waste mgmt.

12.10.2018 RS - visit site on 10.10 and walked along foreshore area where cages were being constructed. Found only 4 pieces of plastic (2 trimmed/broken parts and 2 pieces of swarf) along an approx 250m stretch. Spoke with 2 site workers and asked to see procedures in place to catch swarf/offcuts. They showed a bucket to catch scrapings. They also confirmed that procedures were now in place for daily picks of plastic from beach. They explained, however, that there is also a legacy issue with plastic in the water and buried in the sand, so that after wind and storms a lot of plastic is washed up sometimes. Also met with site manager He confirmed that processes are in place and that for other parts of the work, they are working on mats that are then gathered up, but boxes are better for scraping as swarf would just blow off mats. He said these processes and picks are in early stages and could and would be improved as required. He acknowledged there is a legacy issue too, but hoped it would deplete with new processes to catch plastic and picking over time. He also agreed to audit the working practice to make sure it is being adhered to and to keep a diary. All the waste gathered is recycled. There are plans to move the whole business to a custom-made site within 3 years. I explained that SEPA welcome the processes put in place, the commitment to review and improve these processes as required and to move to a more suitable site in the next three years. The question of whether the work should be carried out there at all was raised, but this is really for A&B Council/Marine Scotland to discuss. No concerns about pollution risk from plastic escaping from the construction process at this time as long as procedures are followed.