

Reporting Form (02v1)

Reporting of incidental bycatch at Finfish Farms

Background – Section 3 of the Aquaculture Code of Practice on the containment and prevention of escape of fish on fish farms arising from marine mammal interactions sets out the reporting requirements on incidental bycatch. The incidental bycatch reporting requirement applies to any instances of killing or injury of marine mammals at finfish farms.

Section 3.2 sets out the mandatory standards the Code requires of APBs to monitor and report any incidental bycatch. In addition to the requirement to report to Marine Scotland, we also recommend that APBs also report any bycatch to the Scottish Marine Mammal Stranding Scheme who may wish to undertake a post mortem investigation.

The reporting requirements apply to every finfish farm site located in the marine environment. The form should be submitted to marinemammalreporting@gov.scot.

Site I.D No.	
Site Name	
Operating Company	

Q1. What marine mammal species has been impacted by the bycatch incident?

Q2. What kind of injury to the marine mammal has been sustained during the incident (please select all applicable options)?

- a. Visible blood flow
- b. Loss of/damage to appendage/jaw
- c. Inability to use appendage(s)
- d. Asymmetry in shape of body or body position
- e. Any noticeable swelling or haemorrhage (bruising)
- f. Laceration (deep cut)
- g. Rupture or puncture of eyeball
- h. Listlessness or inability to defend
- i. Inability to swim or dive
- j. Ingestion of fish farm equipment
- k. Other wound or injury
- l. Killed

Q3. How many marine mammals were involved in the incident?

Q4. What was the date and time of the bycatch incident?

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Time: (hh:mm – hh:mm, 24hr format)

Q5. Where did the bycatch incident take place (please include 8 figure National Grid Reference i.e. to 10 metres)?

Name _____

Signature _____

Position in company _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Date _____

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