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Dear Ralph

I want to start with extending my apologise to you on the time it has taken for the Task and Finish Group to get in contact with you. Over the past few months we have engaged within the group to identify conditions which we feel will enable the burial of fish waste under official supervision to be carried out at your site. I want to add that these conditions are not set in stone and open for discussion within reason:

Proposed burial conditions

1. No burial above ground (no bunded pits)
2. Weekly list of morts detailing daily tonnage and origin sites to be emailed to eh@cne-siar.gov.uk.
3. No pits left uncovered overnight, if pit has capacity left then predator net is firmly secured over the site – records and daily time stamped photographic evidence to be kept
4. Animal by-product waste from aquaculture to be buried within 4 hours on arriving at site
5. Skips to be cleaned and disinfected immediately on emptying in accordance with cleaning schedule agreed in advance with competent authority
6. Only animal by-product waste from aquaculture from finfish farms operated by authorised Aquaculture Production Businesses and within the Western Isles Council planning authority area is received
7. Any disposal of animal by-product waste from aquaculture above background levels (event mortality) have to be pre-notified to Western Isles Council and the Scottish Government with quantities, origin location and disposal plan
8. To end on 31/03/22 – to be debated
9. The site will be subject to a weekly unannounced inspection

The Task and Finish Group would be happy to meet to discuss our thinking on

these conditions. Let me know who should be included for a meeting and I will try to arrange a virtual meeting over the next couple of weeks.

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