

FOI Backgrounder re. the “Explosive” Bakkafrost/Scottish Salmon Company Sunken Feed Barge Off Portree (Isle of Skye)



Scottish Government review reply to \$camon \$cotland dated 11 November 2022

From: <casehandling.service@gov.scot>

Date: Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 12:10 PM

Subject: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202200321470

To: salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com

Please find attached a response to your correspondence.

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#1 – FOI review reply from Scottish Government dated 8 November 2022 (received via email on 11 November 2022):

DIRECTORATE FOR MARINE SCOTLAND
DMARINE : Sea Fisheries Marine Conservation



Scottish Government
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gov.scot

Don Staniford
salmonfarmingkills@gmail.com

Our Reference: 202200317900

8 November 2022

Dear Mr. Staniford,

Further to my letter of 29 September 2022, I have now completed my review of our response to your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on an incident regarding a sunken barge operated by Bakka Frost Scotland (formerly The Scottish Salmon Company) at a location near Portree on the Isle of Skye.

Background information;

A salmon feed-barge owned by Bakka Frost Scotland reportedly sank at its moorings in November 2021 near Portree on the Isle of Skye. Initial works by the owners to retrieve plastics and fuel containers were successful. As part of those works to stabilise the situation, the stocks of fish feed were sealed to prevent release into the natural environment. In 2022, preparations were made for the recovery of the barge. During these preparations it was identified that there had been a build-up of gases within the barge which might pose a hazard if released in an uncontrolled manner. The owners put in place safety measures to protect the public and environment from this potential hazard and have dealt with the build-up of gases.

Marine Scotland has continued to work with the owners and key partner organisations to identify sensitivities, helping to ensure that should there be any pollution event as a result of the barge sinking, mitigation is in place to minimise potential impacts.

Response to your review request

Having reviewed our initial response, I have concluded that a new decision should be substituted. The original request was not handled correctly under the EIRs and that we should have considered what recorded information was held by us on the incident to which your request refers, and provided you with this information where possible. I apologise that we did not do this, and have fed back my review findings to the business area that handled the initial request in order to improve future handling of

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requests.

I have now reviewed the recorded information held that falls within the scope of your request, and I enclose a copy of most of the information you requested. This primarily comprises correspondence between the relevant areas of Marine Scotland which provided support to the on-going salvage operation and partner organisations involved in the response.

While we aim to provide information wherever possible, exceptions apply to some of the information that you have requested. An exception under regulation 11(2) of the EIRs (personal information) applies to some of the information requested because it is personal data of a third party and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exception is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception.

A further exception under regulation 10(5)(b) of the EIRs (substantial prejudice to course of justice) applies to a limited amount of the information you have requested because the information was produced by a company (Briggs Marine Limited) contracted by Bakkafrost Scotland Ltd. to salvage the feed barge. This company is currently involved in legal proceedings with Bakkafrost Scotland Ltd. To release the documents is likely to substantially prejudice this legal action, even though the information is considered to be within scope of the EIR enquiry.

This exception is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exception. We recognise that there is a public interest in disclosing information as part of open, transparent and accountable government, and to inform public debate. However, this is outweighed by the strong public interest in allowing the courts space to make judgements and not release information that would prejudice this process.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of this review you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner about our decision within 6 months of receiving this letter. Information on how to make an appeal, along with an application form, is available on the Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>. You can also contact the Commissioner at:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Telephone: 01334 464610

Should you then wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely

Bernadette Moloughney
FISH : Sea Fisheries Marine Conservation

#2 – [Scottish Government FOI review reply 11 Nov 2022 EIR Review Reference 200200321470 - Document 19 Attachment MS Incident Log Sheet - 30 Nov 2021](#)

Incident or Exercise	Portree Fish Farm Barge
Date	27/11/2021
Location of Incident	Portree (57 25.077 N 06 09.309 W)
Name of Duty Officer	[redacted]
Time	Details
30/11/2021 9.37	Email received from [redacted] (cc'd to NatureScot, SEPA and Highland Council) with further information. Feed barge sank on moorings on 27/11/2021 in 36m of water. Plastic pollution has mostly been gathered up. Diesel on board -2500L in fuel tank plus 2 x 1000L tanks. 50L of hydraulic oil in sealed containers. All tanks intact and no sign of pollution on surface. One fuel cube has been recovered. No info about fish feed on board.
30/11/2021 10.15	Call to NatureScot to alert them to email. Duty officer will check for sensitivities and notify the local office in case of queries. Call to SEPA who have forwarded info from MCA to the local team. Call to FSS. Followed up with information in email. They will check for local sensitivities and let me know of any concerns. Call to [redacted] (MCA) – there is fish feed on board but he is unsure how much. Priority is removal of fuel and then will look at fish feed/recovery of vessel. Dive survey currently ongoing – will send on results when he has them. Call to FHI Duty inspector – FHI were unaware of incident (despite requirement to be notified within 24 hrs). Information from MCA forwarded to FHI who will contact Scottish Salmon Company. FHI will let me know if they get confirmation of fish feed on board and whether or not it is contained.

30/11/2021 11.40	NatureScot response received (MCA copied) to highlight incident is within Inner Hebs and Minches SAC and a few PMF records nearby. No concerns at the moment given the vessel is intact.
01/12/2021	<p>Advice received from FSS highlighting cockle bed 2.3km from sunken vessel. Operator has been notified for awareness but no further concerns while vessel remains intact. Response sent to FSS to say we will notify if any significant updates to the condition of the vessel.</p> <p>Update from MCA – fuel tank is to be pumped out today and remaining hydrocarbons removed over the next couple of days. Approx 350 tonnes fish feed on board in silos. These will be sealed next week and left in situ until the vessel is recovered. Conversations commenced with salvors however recovery of the vessel is unlikely to be until March 2022 when the site is next fallow.</p>
	Response sent to MCA, passing on info from FSS and asking for plans re fuel removal, fish feed and ultimately barge lifting.
02/12/2021	<p>Morning update from MCA to say that dive teams were unable to proceed on 01/12 due to sea conditions.</p> <p>Further update at 19.09 to say that the diesel from the fuel tank had been removed and oxygen packs/mobile compressor have been located. Progress made with sealing silos and now waiting for parts. Remaining fuel cube is missing however dive team will continue search tomorrow.</p>

MARINE SCOTLAND DUTY OFFICER - INCIDENT LOG SHEET

Incident Log Sheet, Version 2.0, September 2019

All incidents and actions taken need to be detailed in this form. This is for internal use and for use in the event of an audit of an incident.

#3 Scottish Government FOI review reply 11 Nov 2022 EIR Review Reference 202200321470 - Documents for Release with redactions [converted to a PDF for easier use – same order as FOI disclosure but not all 83 pages included here]

DOCUMENT 1. Email Communications between operational organisations regarding Tender Process for Barge Removal, Portree

From: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk
Sent: 28 January 2022 08:43
To: [redacted]
Cc: MS SpillResponse; [redacted]
Subject: RE: question from tender process
Attachments: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL; FW: Portree feed barge incident ; Re: Portree Barge Incident Update 2/12/2021; RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 3/12/2021; RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021; RE: Portree

Hi [redacted]

Not sure who locally best placed to link in with [redacted] @ ScottishSalmon, but attached should give you the background to the incident.

Very briefly – fish feed barge sank at Portree on 27th November. All fuel was removed and the feed silos were sealed up by welding plates over the lids. ScottishSalmon have been out to tender for the next element of salvage of the feed barge, which is planned to be undertaken once cages have been harvested. The below is an outline of some of the options presented for recovery of the feed ahead of barge being lifted – I believe Scottish salmon had sealed the feed tanks as they thought the whole thing could be lifted without removing the feed (you [redacted] recall one of the other barges spent time pumping out and shuttling to shore, which was extremely expensive but ensured minimal chance of large nutrient dump and eutrophication issues). To lift all intact will require larger crane barge etc than it would if only lifting an empty barge (though this are quite heavy vessels as concrete construction).

Have you yet resolved your email issues, do you have a central email address you would like all POLREPs etc to go to?

Regards
[redacted]
Counter Pollution & Salvage Policy
[redacted]

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Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road
Southampton, SO15 1EG

From: [redacted]@sepa.org.uk
Sent: 27 January 2022 17:02
To: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Cc: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk;
MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot; [redacted], [redacted]@SEPA.org.uk>; SCC
<scs.mail@sepa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: question from tender process

Hi all,

Some more detail on this would be helpful but [redacted]'s point is absolutely valid.

[redacted]
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
[redacted]

From: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 January 2022 16:39
To: [redacted]@scottishsalmon.com
Cc: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot; [redacted]@SEPA.org.uk>; SCC
<scs.mail@sepa.org.uk>; [redacted]@sepa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: question from tender process

[redacted]

This will be a question for Marine Scotland and SEPA – as it would be a deposit in the sea and also comes under waste management. Discharging the waste to sea would be discharging a relatively large quantity of nutrients (approx. 350tonnes of feed) into the water (which sealing the storage tanks was designed to mitigate). I have copied into the email points of contacts within the regulatory authorities that will be able to assist in your enquiry.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

Counter Pollution & Salvage Policy

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:46 pm
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: question from tender process

Afternoon

Apologies another question we have had from the tender can you advise?

Since the fish feed is an organic matter, likely not harmful to the sea or wildlife, this project offers some extra scenarios of how to handle the cargo compared to other

wreck removals with bulk cargo disposal. All is of course dependent on what is approved/accepted by the Authorities. We foresee the following scenarios for handling the cargo:

1. Pumping cargo and direct discharge by floating hose near the wrecksite.
2. Pumping cargo to hopper dredger and discharge all cargo at a designated area.
3. Pumping cargo to Platform Supply Vessel and discharge to a shore facility (resulting in extensive tank washing).
4. Pumping cargo to a filtering system, dry captured bulk to be discharged to onshore facility by container (resulting in a time-consuming logistics challenge)

Many thanks

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 1, ATTACHMENT 1:

From: zone36@hmcg.gov.uk
Sent: 27 November 2021 17:48
To: marinepollution@nature.scot; HQ_CounterPollution; MEIR.MEIR;
spillresponse@marlab.ac.uk;
MS SpillResponse; Public Relations; pollutionadvice@jncc.gov.uk;
scc@sepa.org.uk; Marine Scotland
Mailbox; alert@maib.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep; CounterPollution; ROW;
[redacted] @HIGHLAND.GOV.UK; emergency.planning@highland.gov.uk;
Navwarnings
Subject: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL

A. CONFIRMED

B. 271025 UTC NOV / OBSERVED BY SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY AGENT C.
57 25.077N 006 09.309W ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PORTREE HARBOUR,
POLLUTION IS FLOATING PLASTIC BOXES AND FISHFARM PIPE, NO FUEL
POLLUTION AT THIS TIME.

D. LW 1830 2.0M HW 2811 01.03 3.8M WIND 30-40 MPH E. WEATHER VIS
GOOD, SEA STATE 3-5 METER SWELL.

F QUANTITY OF 15 1X1 M PLASTIC BOXES, MULTIPLE LENGTHS UP TO 100M
OF FISHFARM PIPE AND 2 LIFE RINGS MARKED PORTREE BARGE G.
PORTREE FISH FARM BARGE BELONGING TO SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY
SUNK IN POSITION 57 25.077N 006 09.309W DURING STORM.

H. POLLUTER IDENTIFIED

J. VESSEL SUBMERGED.

K. SCOTTISH SALMON COMPANY SHORE TEAMS GATHERING WASHED UP
DEBRIS. DIVERS ARRIVING TO ASSESS 28.11.21 EARLY MORNING WITH
INTENTION TO REFLOAT VESSEL.

L. ESTIMATE PLASTICS WILL WASH TO SHORE OVER COMING DAYS.

M.

N. POLLUTER CONFIRMED IN INCIDENT AS THE INFORMANT.

DOCUMENT 1, ATTACHMENT 2:

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 01 December 2021 10:49
To: marinepollution@nature.scot; MS SpillResponse; scc@sepa.org.uk
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: FW: Portree feed barge incident

Dear all

Please see the update in the email thread below. In summary hydrocarbons and other pollutants accessible by divers will be removed in the next few days. The approx. 350tonnes of feed onboard will be sealed into the silos and dealt with at a later time when the barge is lifted (salvors are being consulted at this time) – which is likely to be March 2022 when tides will be fallow.

Given the depth and tidal flows in the area any leeching of nutrients is likely to be distributed over a relatively wide area in very small quantities.

The barge reportedly sank on its moorings, and has impacted the seabed substrate (reportedly sand/mud) at an angle and is submerged approx. 800mm. The following images give you an indication of what the barge looked like before it sank – construction is largely concrete.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.
Kind Regards

[redacted]
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 30 November 2021 17:07
Good Evening Everyone,

I know some of us have spoke today already but I will issue the daily updates as agreed until the barge is secure and the recovery of the Fuel and securing of the silos has been completed. I will then switch to a weekly update unless there is significant change to the situation.

Today's activity

Assembly of the fuel pumping equipment and checking of all fittings for the removal of the on-board fuel.

Activity planned for tomorrow weather permitting

Removal of the fuel from the barge fuel tanks

Other outstanding activities

Items 1 – 3 will be carried out once underwater visibility has improved, Item 4 will be Next week target for completion.

1. Recovery of 3 x oxygen packs
2. Recovery of kerr mobile compressor
3. Recovery 1 x 1500litre fuel cube
4. Plates to be manufactured and fitted to seal the feed silos

Once these items have been completed we will move onto the recovery phase and planning of the barge

If you have any questions or require any further information please feel free to contact me directly

Many Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 30 November 2021 10:10
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Cc: HQ_SOSRep <HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk>; HQ_CounterPollution <HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk>; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Portree feed barge incident

[redacted] /All

[redacted] our Head of Engineering will head up the salvage operation from our end and will send out any updates going forward.

At the moment we have recovered all the shore line debris, 1 fuel cube (still full of fuel) and the external generator from the sea bed. Focus now moves to recovering the fuel from the internal fuel tank, which we hope to complete this week.

We have also been liaising with our insurance company on the salvage operation itself, but this will take some time to get in place.

As things stand, we see no danger to shipping and the barge is secure within our site boundaries.

All fish pens and nets have been checked and remain secure and fully operational.

Regards

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 1, ATTACHMENT 3

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 December 2021 17:02
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: HQ_SOSRep; HQ_CounterPollution; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk;
[redacted]@crownstatescotland.com;
AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]; navigation@nlb.org.uk
Subject: Re: Portree Barge Incident Update 2/12/2021

Good evening [redacted]

Thank you very much for today's update. It looks as though the weather has been favourable and has allowed good progress to be made.

Hopefully this will continue and allow the salvage operation to continue.

Kind regards,
[redacted]

[redacted]
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 4:40:55 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
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<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com> Cc: HQ_SOSRep
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<zone36@hmcg.gov.uk>; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com
<[redacted]@crownstatescotland.com>; AHS@sepa.org.uk
<AHS@sepa.org.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; navigation@nlb.org.uk
<navigation@nlb.org.uk>
Subject: Portree Barge Incident Update 2/12/2021

Good Evening All,

I'm pleased to say that the dive team have successfully recovered the diesel from the fuel tanks today and have now located the oxygen packs and the mobile compressor, We hope to remove these tomorrow. We have made progress with sealing the silos and have a plan to tackle this in place and are currently expediting parts to allow this to happen. The final piece of missing debris is the fuel cube. The dive team will be onsite tomorrow to continue the search for this and I will update on progress.

We have started conversations with salvage companies to move the recovery phase forward. Once we have the information back from these companies on how they intend to lift the barge. I will feedback what our intentions are and will hold a teams meeting to present this to you for comment.

As always feel free to get in touch.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 02 December 2021 08:31
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
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<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
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Cc: HQ_SOSRep <HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk>; HQ_CounterPollution
<HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk>; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk;
[redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; AHSH@sepa.org.uk
Subject: RE: Portree feed barge incident

Good Morning All,

Due to sea conditions Yesterday the dive team were unable to proceed, The forecast looks more favourable today so we are hopeful that the fuel removal will commence. I will send confirmation tonight.

If you need anything please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 November 2021 09:19
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Cc: HQ_SOSRep <HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk>; HQ_CounterPollution
<HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Portree feed barge incident

Good morning [redacted],

I was the Duty Counter Pollution & Salvage Officer when the barge sank and was informed of the incident by Stornoway Coastguard on Saturday evening.

I contacted [redacted] on Sunday morning and he provided an initial update on the recovery of the barge and fuel.

I then spoke to [redacted] yesterday morning and he will provide an email update on recovery operations each day this week. I understand that one of the fuel cubes has already been recovered along with all the plastic boxes and piping.

[redacted] – If you could reply all when providing your daily update, that would be appreciated.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 27 November 2021 13:48
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Subject: Portree feed barge incident

Hi [redacted]

Just a quick email to let you know that our feed barge at Portree sunk last night. The barge appears to have gone straight down to the seabed and is still within its mooring area. The weather onsite today again is poor, we will get a full assessment tomorrow with diver's weather permitting. There should be no danger to other boats providing they stay out with our mooring area. I will update further when we have more information.

Regards

[redacted]
Marine Site Manager

DOCUMENT 1, ATTACHMENT 5

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 08 December 2021 08:58
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: HQ_SOSRep; HQ_CounterPollution; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; AHSH@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021

Morning All

Site confirmed this morning that the fuel cube was recovered full. I will send a further update this evening with timescales to seal the barge and the plan going forward.

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 December 2021 17:16
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
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Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021

Evening All

Update from today the divers have now recovered the final missing fuel cube. I am trying to confirm all the fuel was recovered with it I will confirm tomorrow morning.

We have seen some early signs of feed oils reaching the surface and also identified seepage from 1 silo which we believe is the source. The weather looks better tomorrow and the site team will send photos and an update on this. Briggs have provided us with an environmental plan should we require to mobilise this. The document is attached.

The forth Constructor is now in Kyle of Lochlash and will be onsite 0800 tomorrow to start work on sealing the vessel to contain any feed oils, We are awaiting Confirmation from Briggs on how long this will take, we believe we will have a better idea of timescales once the work has started. The focus will be the silo showing seepage followed by the rest of the areas. I will also ask them to check the other silos daily for signs of any Feed oil escaping. Should this deteriorate I will inform SEPA and the MCGA straight away.

We have started to look at the recovery plan and will be pulling the tender documentation together for this over the next few days along with our insurance provider, with a view to get those quotes and plans looked over and the contract awarded.

Once we have this plan in place I am proposing to have a teams call with all in copy to give detail on that plan and the proposed dates to execute it.

As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 December 2021 18:09
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
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<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
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[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021

Good Evening Everyone,

Here is this evenings update.

1. We have had Briggs Marine onsite to survey the Barge on Sunday.
2. Leco marine are looking to retrieve the last fuel cube tomorrow this has been delayed due to weather and visibility at the location of the fuel cube.
3. The forth constructor is currently heading to site and that vessel is due on site Tuesday to start work on sealing the barge to prevent feed seeping out.
4. Briggs marine are looking at a method of removing the feed from the barge and those plans are ongoing.
5. We are seeing signs that the feed is starting to degrade hence the urgency to get the vessel to site to start sealing the barge.

As always please get in touch should you need more information.

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 03 December 2021 16:48

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com> Cc: HQ_SOSRep <HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk>; HQ_CounterPollution <HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk>; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 3/12/2021

Good Evening All,

Today the dive teams have recovered the Compressor and the Oxy Tanks. They have also located the Fuel cube and plan to remove this from site tomorrow.

We have instructed Briggs marine to mobilise the forth Constructor to be onsite early next week. They will be there to seal the barge and prevent any feed escaping into the environment. Their divers will be onsite Sunday ahead of this to survey the site.

I hope you all have a pleasant weekend and I will send an update on Monday Evening

As always please get in touch if you require anything

Best Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 02 December 2021 16:41
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
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[redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; AHSH@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk;
navigation@nlb.org.uk
Subject: Portree Barge Incident Update 2/12/2021

Good Evening All,

I'm pleased to say that the dive team have successfully recovered the diesel from the fuel tanks today and have now located the oxygen packs and the mobile compressor. We hope to remove these tomorrow. We have made progress with sealing the silos and have a plan to tackle this in place and are currently expediting parts to allow this to happen. The final piece of missing debris is the fuel cube. The dive team will be onsite tomorrow to continue the search for this and I will update on progress.

We have started conversations with salvage companies to move the recovery phase forward. Once we have the information back from these companies on how they intend to lift the barge. I will feedback what our intentions are and will hold a teams meeting to present this to you for comment.

As always feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 2, Barge Recovery Update 25 01 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 January 2022 18:34
To: [redacted]; MS SpillResponse; [redacted]
Subject: Re: Barge Recovery

[redacted].

Thank you so much for confirming this. Really appreciated.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 5:19:44 PM
To: MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Barge Recovery

Good Evening

Many Thanks for confirming

Best Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted][redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot> On Behalf
Of MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot
Sent: 25 January 2022 17:17
To: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk
Cc: MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Barge Recovery

Hi [redacted]/[redacted],

I can confirm that no licence will be required for recovery works if carried within 1 year. We do recommend issuing a Notice to Mariners to inform other users that the works will be carried out.

Any other queries, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

[redacted]

Marine Scotland Duty Officer wk beg. 24 January 2022
[redacted]
Email: ms.spillresponse@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 24 January 2022 14:28
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Subject: Barge Recovery

Afternoon [redacted],

Im just checking through things with the companies who are tendering for the removal of the barge and a question came up that I just want to double check. They have asked if we need to apply for a licence to carry out the removal and an EIA. I remember talking about this and my understanding is we don't need these as we will be removing the barge in under 12 months. (March is what we are targeting) We will have an environmental response plan in place though. Can you confirm that this is correct?

Many Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]

DOCUMENT 4, Barge Recovery Update 12 05 2022

From: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted]
Sent: 12 May 2022 09:06
To: MS SpillResponse
Subject: FW: Portree Barge Incident Update 23/12/2021

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 May 2022 09:00
To: [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Portree Barge Incident Update 23/12/2021

Morning [redacted]
How would you like to handle this one – via yourself or whoever is duty that week?

Regards
[redacted]

[redacted]
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 12 May 2022 08:56
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;

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<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com> Cc: HQ_SOSRep
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[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
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<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@briggsenvironmental.com>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 23/12/2021

Good Afternoon All,

I can confirm that we have appointed Briggs marine as our contractor for the recovery of our barge at Portree. We would like to take you through the plans for recovery. The recovery at this time is looking like mid to late July. Therefore we would like to present the plan on:

Wednesday 25th May 10:30 am

If there are no objections I will send an invite out to you all for that date the presentation will be held over Microsoft teams. If there is anyone missing from this email please let me know and I will add them to the distribution

Many Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]

DOCUMENT 5, out of scope, not included

DOCUMENT 6, POLLUTION REPORT MS UPDATE 17 12 2021

From: [redacted] ([redacted]) on behalf of MS SpillResponse
Sent: 17 December 2021 09:07
To: FSS Incidents Mailbox; MS SpillResponse
Subject: RE: FW: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL
Attachments: FW: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021

Good morning [redacted],

Please see attached the last update we received from the MCA.

Overall, the fuel has been cleared and there is work undertaken to change the temporary seals into permanent steel ones.

Best regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Marine Scotland – Policy and Planning

Scottish Government | Marine Laboratory | 375 Victoria Road | Aberdeen | AB11 9DB

Mobile: [redacted]

Email: [redacted][redacted]@gov.scot

From: [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted][redacted]@fss.scot> On Behalf Of FSS Incidents Mailbox

Sent: 16 December 2021 08:40

To: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FW: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL

Hi [redacted]. Can I just ask you to please confirm that the fuel etc has been removed and the feed vessel secured for now?

Thanks

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Food Standards Scotland

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From: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 December 2021 11:27
To: [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted][redacted]@fss.scot>
Cc: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FW: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL

Hi [redacted],

Thank you for checking that and passing on the information about the cockle bed. I will let the MCA know as they are in direct contact with the operator.

I have attached the latest email update, received today. It looks like they are hoping to pump the fuel from the main fuel tank today and, over the next few days, ensure that all remaining fuel has been removed. Next week, they are then planning to seal the silo's containing the fish feed which will then be left in situ until the barge is lifted. This is likely to be March 2022 when the site is next fallow.

I will let you know if there are any further significant developments. Otherwise, just let me know if you have any further concerns from today's update.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]
Marine Scotland Duty Officer (wk beg 29 Nov)
[redacted]
Email: ms.spillresponse@gov.scot

From: [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted][redacted]@fss.scot>
Sent: 01 December 2021 11:08
To: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL

Hi [redacted]. Thanks for your e-mail. While we have no immediate concerns I should be obliged if you could let us know if the situation with the sunken vessel deteriorates or changes.

There is a cockle bed 2.3km [redacted] from the sunken vessel, so I have sent an e-mail just for info to Highland Council's Environmental health team just in case anything develops.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]
[redacted]
Food Standards Scotland

DOCUMENT 10, PORTREE BARGE INCIDENT UPDATE 20 12 2021

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 December 2021 08:22
To: Emergency Planning; marinepollution@nature.scot; MS SpillResponse
Subject: FW: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021

Please see the update received on Friday evening

Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 17 December 2021 17:55
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
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[redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]
<[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk;
[redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021

Good Evening Everyone,

Work began today on the steel plates installation on the barge due to a weather delay, Briggs expect to be complete by Tuesday latest. I will update once this work is complete.

All the info for the recovery tender has been passed to our insurers salvage expert and is being sent out to Multiple companies. Once we have these plans and costs back I will fill you in on the chosen method and company. As I mentioned before I will have a team's call with you all to explain the detail of what we propose to do and the timeframes for that.

Have a great weekend I will update on Monday

**DOCUMENT 12, BARGE INCIDENT UPDATE 08 12 2021
(PICTURES ALSO ATTACHED)**

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 December 2021 09:27
To: marinepollution@nature.scot; MS SpillResponse; Emergency Planning;
scc@sepa.org.uk
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021
[redacted]

Dear all

Yesterday (Tue) the divers recovered the final missing fuel cube, site confirmed that the fuel cube was recovered full.

There are some early signs of feed oils reaching the surface from one silo which is believed is the source. The observations were seen to surface directly above the site so far. The weather was fairly calm when this was observed so it will be good to see what they find onsite today. Site team will send photos of surface and an update on this.

See below photos of the release. On the first picture you can see the release coming from the feed silo and in the second faintly. This appears to be coming from one feed silo only at present. There are no photos from the surface as no one is on site due to the weather. They have said they will send these through ASAP once they get back out to site. There is no sign of hydrocarbons (fuel & Oil)



Pictures of the other silos no signs of any release as yet



Briggs have provided an environmental plan. [redacted]

They will be asked to check the other silos daily for signs of any Feed oil escaping. Should this deteriorate SEPA and the MCGA to be informed straight away.

The forth Constructor is now in Kyle of Lochlash and will be onsite today to start work on sealing the vessel to contain any feed oils, Awaiting confirmation from Briggs on how long this will take, believe will have a better idea of timescales once the work has started. The focus will be the silo showing seepage followed by the rest of the areas.

Recovery plan is being developed and pulling tender documentation together for this over the next few days. Once this plan is in place proposed to have a teams call to give detail on that plan and the proposed dates to execute it. Three options which are being discussed and prepared for tender:

Option 1 to stop any further feed oil being released, Mobilise the plan to lift the barge as soon as practicable. (fish stock welfare needs to be considered)

Option 2 monitor and plan to remove the barge in March / April If possible

Option 3 plan the removal of the feed, look to recover the barge in March / April

Current preference of Scottish Salmon would be to seal the barge as planned then lift the barge out of the water and take it to a facility to have the barge assessed and waste feed etc removed to reduce the risks associated with onsite removal.

Kind Regards
[redacted]

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DOCUMENT 13, BARGE RECOVERY UPDATE 07 12 2021

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 December 2021 13:57

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Cc: HQ_SOSRep <HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk>; 'MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot' <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Portree

[redacted]

Appreciate the updates we have been receiving.

In relation to the update below it would be useful to have a little more detail on the reported surface pollution:

I note the reference to the feed degrading and the fuel cell remaining unrecovered – has there been any signs of pollution other than 'film'? What is meant by a film – is this a thin sheen colour or a film of feed dust/particles? Any signs of hydrocarbon release (fuel or lub oil)?

What is the extent of coverage and the position it is centred on (presume it is immediately above the feed barge, but if surfacing some distance away it would be useful to have the location of where any pollution is being observed)? Is the film seen to be persistent and/or constantly surfacing? It would be useful to understand the context of the weather on scene – is it a relatively sheltered site or would you have expected the weather to be breaking up the surface contamination?

It would be extremely useful to have access to any images of the surface pollution and any captured of the wreck itself.

Now that there have been a number of visits to the site, in addition to the Briggs pollution plan, I would be grateful if you could share any plans you have now developed in terms of recovery of the feed and barge – is it still your intention to seal the barge silos and lift the barge with the feed still held in the barge, or are there any intentions to deal with the feed separately to the barge lift? If the feed is to be recovered from the barge ahead of the lift I would be grateful for details of the methodology and outline of how the waste feed will be handled/disposed.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 07 December 2021 12:01
To: '[redacted]' <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; HQ_SOSRep <HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk>; 'MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot' <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree

Good morning [redacted],

Thank you for taking my call.

As discussed, you mentioned that the feed had been seen by the divers as leaking from the barge and there is now a 'film' on the sea surface.

We appreciate the efforts that have been made so far to mitigate any environmental impact. It was expected the feed would start to decompose and begin to leech into the marine environment, but obviously we weren't sure exactly when this would happen. As you have advised there is now a 'film' on the sea surface, this would seem to suggest there is a higher level of nutrient in the water column, which is one of the concerns the environmental agencies had. I have copied into this email Marine Scotland, who are the Chair of the Scottish Environment Group so they are aware of this update.

You have advised that it is still your intention to seal the feed silos, whilst continuing to look at full barge recovery. Recognising the weather warnings in place for the next 24 hours, and the time of year, it's expected the sealing of the silos could take a few days / weeks due to safety concerns.

You advised you were in direct contact with SEPA who are due to get back to you regarding any regulatory instruction in terms of feed recovery / removal to assist with the insurance question noted below.

You also advised Briggs Marine had developed a pollution response plan. If you would be able to send myself and those in copy, a copy of this plan, we will be able to provide you with any further advice and / or seek any clarification. If you are also able to send a copy of any images of the 'film' on the surface, that would be appreciated. Once you start to develop the recovery of the barge, please ensure those copied into your updates are kept appraised, so we can monitor the progress and pose any questions.

[redacted]/[redacted], it would be helpful if an updated POI RFP could be issued by HMCG to alert the relevant stakeholders to this change in situation. Please ensure they include [redacted] on this email distribution.

I hope this helps [redacted], but please feel free to give me a call if you have questions or require further clarification from either myself, the MCA or the Environment Group.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Email: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 06 December 2021 17:02
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Portree

[redacted] [redacted]

I take it when the feed breaks down if there is any leakage of marine oils from the feed this would constitute pollution and we are required by an enforcing authority to contain and remove the contamination? Feel free to call me if required. The feed has started to show signs of breaking down and I have arranged for an environmental response vessel to mitigate any leaks before we seal the barge. But the cost is significant and we are just checking with our insurance see below email from them.

I know this is probably a daft question sorry.

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 06 December 2021 16:30
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Subject: FW: Portree

FYI

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@aon.co.uk>
Sent: 06 December 2021 16:26
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@aon.co.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@aon.co.uk>
Subject: Portree

Hi [redacted]

Assuming the PL policy is the right home noting loss circumstances the policy defines clean up as;

means the cost of Remediation incurred by the Insured (or for which it is legally liable) as required by any Enforcing Authority but shall not include the costs of achieving any improvement or alteration in the condition of the land the atmosphere or any watercourse or body of water beyond that required under any relevant and applicable law or statutory enactment at the time Remediation commences It shall include the costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by the Insured or for which it is legally liable to curtail or minimise Pollution or Contamination once it has occurred to prevent further harm being caused but only to the extent required by any Enforcing Authority

I would emphasise required by and therefore your ability to evidence this point.

Cheers

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[redacted]@aon.co.uk

DOCUMENT 16, UPDATE ON BARGE RECOVERY 07 12 2021

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 07 December 2021 08:59
To: Emergency Planning <emergency.planning@highland.gov.uk>;
marinepollution@nature.scot; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>;
scc@sepa.org.uk
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021

Dear all
Please see the latest update in relation to the Fish feed barge.
If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.
Regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 06 December 2021 18:09
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident Update 6/12/2021

Good Evening Everyone,

Here is this evenings update.

1. We have had Briggs Marine onsite to survey the Barge on Sunday.
2. Leco marine are looking to retrieve the last fuel cube tomorrow this has been delayed due to weather and visibility at the location of the fuel cube.
3. The forth constructor is currently heading to site and that vessel is due on site Tuesday to start work on sealing the barge to prevent feed seeping out.
4. Briggs marine are looking at a method of removing the feed from the barge and those plans are ongoing.
5. We are seeing signs that the feed is starting to degrade hence the urgency to get the vessel to site to start sealing the barge.

As always please get in touch should you need more information.

Regards

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 19, OPERATIONAL UPDATE FROM MS DUTY OFFICER ON INITIAL SINKING INCIDENT, 06 12 2021

ATTACHMENT 1 – INCIDENT LOG SHEET, 30 11 2021 (provided separately)

From: [redacted] L ([redacted]) <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 December 2021 09:24

To: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>

Subject: Oil Spill Handover - Incident Update - Portree

Morning [redacted],

We had an incident last week with a fish farm feed barge sinking on its moorings off Portree in 36m of water (Scottish Salmon Company). I've attached the incident log sheet however the key points are as follows:

- Most of the fuel has been recovered. There is still a 1000L fuel cube of diesel onboard which has not yet been located.
- The fish feed is contained in silos which they are in the process of sealing. The plan is then to leave these onboard until the barge can be recovered.
- Dive teams are working to seal the silos and locate the remaining fuel cube.
- They are not planning to recover the barge until March 2022 when the site is next fallow.
- There was no significant pollution other than large pieces of plastic which have been recovered. No organisations have concerns while this remains the case.

I've created an incident folder in the inbox for it where you can find all the emails however at the moment, I think it's just a case of monitoring the regular update emails from the MCA to check for nothing untoward. [redacted] is aware.

[redacted]

If it would help to have a quick chat, or you need any more information, let me know.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

[Marine Scotland](#) - [redacted]

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DOCUMENT 20, MS SPILL RESPONSE TEAM COMMUNICATIONS, 01 12 2021

From: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 December 2021 13:04
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Cc: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree feed barge incident

Thanks for the update [redacted].

I also contacted Food Standard's Scotland yesterday to check if there were any shellfish harvesting areas nearby that we needed to be aware of. They have come back (see attached email) to say that there is a cockle bed 2.3km from the vessel within Loch Portree. They have notified the operator for awareness however have no concerns at the present time. If there are any significant updates in relation to the incident then we should ensure they are informed.

Good news that they are getting the fuel off. Have we seen any plans for the removal of fuel to be satisfied that they have appropriate spill measures in place?

In terms of the feed, I had a quick chat with [redacted] and I believe there have been issues in past incidents where the feed has become solidified and much more difficult to deal with following water ingress however I assume this has been considered by the operator in deciding to leave it in situ? Have we seen any plans or considerations with regards to this?

I appreciate it's a while away however, it would also be helpful to be involved in the discussions regarding the plans for the lifting of the barge once they have been formed.

Happy to have a chat with yourself and [redacted] if it would be helpful.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]
Marine Scotland Duty Officer (wk beg 29 Nov)
[redacted]
Email: ms.spillresponse@gov.scot

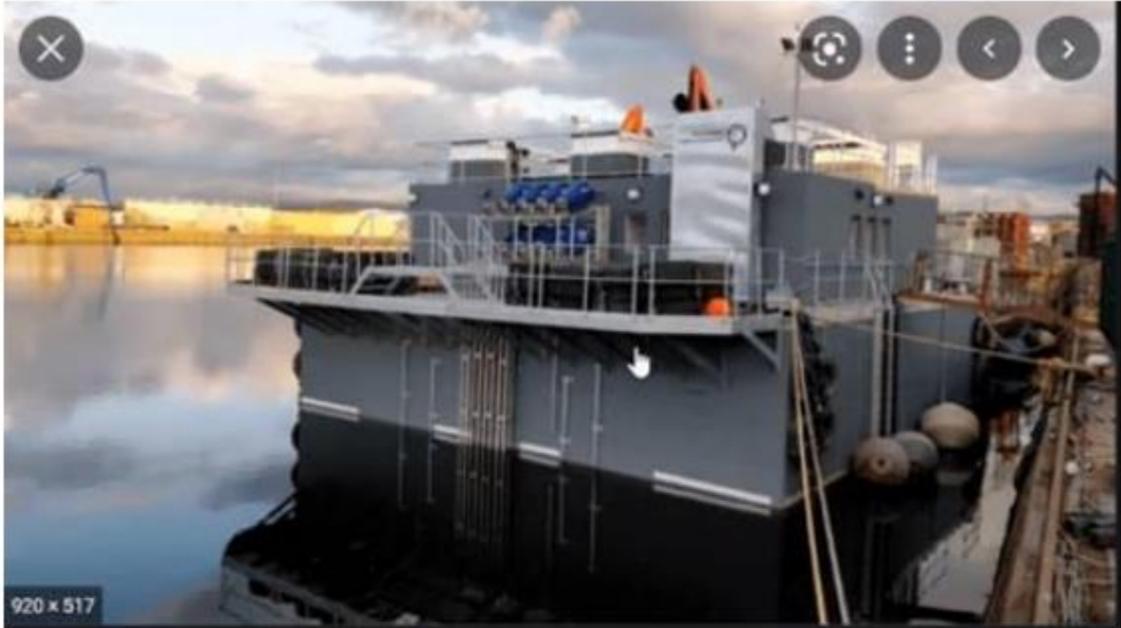
From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 01 December 2021 10:49
To: marinepollution@nature.scot; MS SpillResponse
<MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; scc@sepa.org.uk

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Portree feed barge incident

Dear all

Please see the update in the email thread below. In summary hydrocarbons and other pollutants accessible by divers will be removed in the next few days. The approx. 350tonnes of feed onboard will be sealed into the silos and dealt with at a later time when the barge is lifted (salvors are being consulted at this time) – which is likely to be March 2022 when cages will be fallow. Given the depth and tidal flows in the area any leeching of nutrients is likely to be distributed over a relatively wide area in very small quantities.

The barge reportedly sank on its moorings, and has impacted the seabed substrate (reportedly sand/mud) at an angle and is submerged approx. 800mm. The following images give you an indication of what the barge looked like before it sank – construction is largely concrete.



If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.
Kind Regards

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 22, FOODS STANDARDS SCOTLAND EMAIL RESPONSE TO MS SPILL RESPONSE TEAM RE COCKLE FARM PROXIMITY TO SINK SITE, 01 12 2021

From: [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted][redacted]@fss.scot>

Sent: 01 December 2021 11:08

To: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL

Hi [redacted]. Thanks for your e-mail. While we have no immediate concerns I should be obliged if you could let us know if the situation with the sunken vessel deteriorates or changes.

There is a cockle bed 2.3km [redacted] from the sunken vessel, so I have sent an e-mail just for info to Highland Council's Environmental health team just in case anything develops.

[redacted]

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Food Standards Scotland

Pilgrim House, Old Ford Road, Aberdeen, AB11 5RL

[redacted][redacted]@fss.scot

www.foodstandards.gov.scot

DOCUMENT 24, NATURESCOT RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION, 30 11 2021

From: MARINEPOLLUTION <marinepollution@nature.scot>

Sent: 30 November 2021 11:41

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;

MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; Emergency Planning

<emergency.planning@highland.gov.uk>; MARINEPOLLUTION

<marinepollution@nature.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;

scc@sepa.org.uk

Subject: RE: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL

Thanks [redacted],

I have let our Portree Office know.

The incident is inside the Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC (for harbour porpoise) and there are a few PMF records in the area but we are not too concerned at the moment given the vessel is intact. Please keep us informed re salvage and let me know if you need anything more specific.

Regards,

[redacted] [redacted]

NatureScot | Cameron House, Albany Street, Oban, PA344AE | [redacted]

nature.scot | [@nature_scot](https://twitter.com/nature_scot) | Scotland's Nature Agency | Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 November 2021 09:37
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot;
Emergency Planning <emergency.planning@highland.gov.uk>;
MARINEPOLLUTION <marinepollution@nature.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; scc@sepa.org.uk
Subject: RE: POLREP / 041746 / PORTREE / FIREST AND FINAL

Dear all

The Duty CPSO contacted Scottish Salmon (owners) on Sunday morning who provided an initial update on the recovery of the barge and fuel, and they are providing a daily update on recovery operations this week.

The owners are awaiting confirmation from divers that the integrity of the hull has been maintained, as it sank on it's moorings, there is nothing to suggest otherwise. The vessel is currently in 36mtrs of water.

A team have been out and gathered the plastic pollution that came from the barge (boxes and pipe) and they believe that they have gathered most if not all of it.

The fuel tank which is banded and contained 2500ltrs of diesel is intact and any breathers have been isolated.

There were also two plastic banded tanks which contained 1000ltrs of diesel each. These are also intact.

Lastly there was 50ltrs of hydraulic oil in sealed containers.

There are no reports of pollution on the surface and efforts to recover the fuel/oil have commence.

It may take longer to recover the vessel due to it's size and the location.

So far we understand that one of the fuel cubes has already been recovered along with all the plastic boxes and piping.

I will continue to provide updates as received.

As always, any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 29, BARGE RECOVERY UPDATE 05 08 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 05 August 2022 14:17

To: AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted]
<[redacted]@briggsmarine.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk;
HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk;
[redacted]@briggsenvironmental.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
[redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]
<[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk;

[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>;
[redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
[redacted]@highland.gov.uk; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk
Subject: Update From Barge Recovery works

All

As you are aware, from our ongoing correspondence with you, we have been carrying out lifting and fish feed removal works on the sunken feed barge at Portree

As previously advised and predicted we have readings and samples, from our contractor, that suggest that the feed remaining and sealed in the barge, has begun to naturally decompose and is producing gas. Our investigations to date would suggest that the gas is Hydrogen Sulphide. There also appears to be a small leakage of gas through the concrete wall of a feed silo. As a result of those investigations and to ensure that the issue is dealt with swiftly, we have taken the safety precaution of pausing operations, while our contractor and specialist advisors assess and determine the appropriate technical and safe operational solutions

Our advisors are making use of various risk management/guidance materials, including the internationally recognised '2020 Emergency Response Guidebook'

Given the nature and the scale of works undertaken to prepare for the recovery operation, we have put an exclusion zone in place and a Notice to Mariners has been issued for the site on that basis. We will now extend the active time period for the Notice to Mariners

Additional monitoring will be put in place as a priority, and our contractor and specialist advisers are expecting to update on readings and technical advice daily

We will provide a further update once the recommended course of action has been determined by our contractor and specialist advisers

In the meantime, if there is any further information that you require then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

**DOCUMENT 30, COMMS WITH HARBOUR AUTHORITIES AND BAKKAFROST
09 08 2022**

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 09 August 2022 16:35

To: [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>

Cc: AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted]

[redacted] <[redacted]@briggsmarine.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] (Councillor)
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[redacted]@briggsenvironmental.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
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[redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]
([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (Councillor)
<[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
[redacted] (Policy and Reform) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>;
zone36@hmcg.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Update From Barge Recovery works

Hi [redacted],

At the beginning of the project we asked for a list of people to include from all stakeholders that we were aware of no one was intentionally left out. I apologise for the inconvenience on this and rest assured both yourself and [redacted] have been included on all future notifications

Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

From: [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 August 2022 16:31
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Cc: AHSH@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted]
[redacted] <[redacted]@briggsmarine.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] (Councillor)
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[redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Policy and Reform)
<[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk
Subject: FW: Update From Barge Recovery works

Afternoon [redacted]

It's disappointing to note you have not included the Harbour Authority in your communications or consulted with us on the proposed exclusion zone.

Please provide us with a copy of your NoM and advise what impacts your works will have on other operations in the harbour.

Best Regards

[redacted]
[redacted]
Highland Council
Harbours HQ
Lochinver Harbour
IV27 4LE
[redacted]

***From:** [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 August 2022 14:25
To: [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Update From Barge Recovery works

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 09 August 2022 13:35
To: [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Update From Barge Recovery works

[redacted]

[redacted] sent me the email address and I have added you to the distribution list for ongoing updates.

Regards

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 31, UPDATE FROM BAKKAFROST ON GAS LEAK, 12 08 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 12 August 2022 16:34
To: AHSH@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@briggsmarine.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; Dundee fire serviceHQ <N.DundeeControl@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]

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Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Subject: Notification on Barge at portree

All

Following from my previous email, from our ongoing correspondence with you, we have been carrying out lifting and fish feed removal works on the sunken feed barge at Portree

We have had a dive team onsite today to carry out some works to prepare for the venting of the barge; sample readings were taken by our specialist contractor during this operation, which have registered high levels of H2S within one of the sealed silos (55,000 ppm) and low levels on the site (2 ppm), due to the small amount being released at present. The team are working on a solution to introduce an inert gas during the venting portion of the operation to reduce risk. We are working to carry out this operation out as soon as possible given this latest information.

Given the nature and the scale of works needing to be undertaken to prepare for the recovery operation, we will put an exclusion zone in place and a Notice to Mariners will be issued advising of this, we hope to have this updated today with assistance from the Harbour Master. Additional monitoring can only be carried out while the dive vessel is onsite, and our contractor and specialist advisers are expecting to update on readings and technical advice daily

We will provide a further update once the venting works by our contractor and specialist advisors is ready to begin.

In the meantime, if there is any further information that you require then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

Document 33: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Notification on Barge at Portree

From: [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 August 2022 08:20
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cldr@highland.gov.uk>; Dundee fire serviceHQ <N.DundeeControl@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Planning and Environment) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cldr@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cldr@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Policy and Reform) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; Emergency Planning <Emergency.Planning@highland.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Subject: RE: Notification on Barge at portree

Good morning [redacted]

Both [redacted] and myself have been available all weekend and have no missed calls?

We have read your latest NoM and as Harbour Authority have a number of concerns about public and maritime safety.

In the first instance, please provide us with:

- Your risk assessment so that we may understand the nature of the hazard and the subsequent risks, fire, explosion, toxicity, etc
- The control measures to be out into place to ensure no vessels wander inadvertently in to the exclusion zone. guard boat, lights, etc.
- The impacts risks this may pose to pedestrians on the nearby coastal path and the control measures proposed to protect them.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Best Regards

[redacted]
[redacted]
Highland Council
Harbours HQ
Lochinver Harbour
IV27 4LE

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 13 August 2022 13:05

To: [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk>; Dundee fire serviceHQ <N.DundeeControl@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Planning and Environment) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Policy and Reform) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; Emergency Planning <Emergency.Planning@highland.gov.uk>

Cc: [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Subject: FW: Notification on Barge at portree

Importance: High

All,

I have tried to call a few numbers today to speak to people regarding our notification on Friday at the bottom of this email, I have not managed to get through to the right people or no answer from the phone lines. I will try to get in touch on Monday. In the meantime can you confirm that you have read and fully understood the implications of the notification on Friday by replying to this email. Please feel free to get in touch as always.

I have tried to contact the council resilience team unsuccessfully, but found n email address which I have included on this email

Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 August 2022 19:18
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Cc: HQ_SOSRep <HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Notification on Barge at portree

Hi [redacted],

Thank you for the email and your time on the phone this evening.

As discussed, I just wanted to check with you that the local emergency services, namely fire and rescue for their HAZMAT expertise, and the local authority are actually aware of this newly identified issue, and they understand what it means. Whilst these email updates are valuable and helpful, unless you have a positive response back, its not possible to confirm who has read (and understood) them, and what action has been taken to mitigate any risks. If you could attempt to speak to the local representatives (fire and authority) to ensure they are in receipt of this information and understand it, that would be appreciated.

You mentioned there is a local footpath not too far from site, which could be impacted, but was unsure what measures the Local Authority had put in place to deal with this. You also mentioned that cruise liners do transit near the area (although not expected until late next week), but you advised the HM is aware of this and will give notice to any cruise liners coming in to give the area a wide berth.

If you are unable to contact anyone directly, please let me know and I'll try and help you out.

Please don't hesitate to give me a call over the weekend if you need anything.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: 12 August 2022 16:34
To: AHSH@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@briggsmarine.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted].cflr@highland.gov.uk; Dundee fire serviceHQ <N.DundeeControl@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; HQ_CounterPollution <HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk>; HQ_SOSRep <HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted].cflr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted].cflr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk
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Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

Document 34: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 16 August 2022 15:22

To: AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; Dundee fire serviceHQ <N.DundeeControl@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]@briggsenvironmental.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted]

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Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; HIGHLAND, Hpt (NHS HIGHLAND) <hpt.highland@nhs.scot>; [redacted] (Environmental and Amenity Services) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.scot>; [redacted], [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@scotland.police.uk>

Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

All

Please see attached RAMS from Briggs on the Venting and also the RA from [redacted] our expert. For discussion tomorrow.

This document is a risk assessment based on assumptions (pressure, volume, ect, ect) and weather forecast

Calculation model used : ALOHA

This document can only be used as a guideline and all data used is subject to (unforeseen) changes

The events mentioned in de RA 1 until 4 you will find back on the calculation sheet and drawing numbered M1, M1A, M2 ect ect

The worst case scenario is shown in the drawings NNE, SSE and ENE

Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

Document 35: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Meeting invite *Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update*

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 16 August 2022 14:16

To: AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; Dundee fire serviceHQ; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]@briggsenvironmental.com; [redacted];

[redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]; [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted]; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@scotland.pnn.police.uk; [redacted]@scotland.pnn.police.uk; [redacted]@nhs.scot; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]@scotland.police.uk; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; HIGHLAND, Hpt (NHS HIGHLAND); [redacted] (Environmental and Amenity Services); [redacted]; [redacted], [redacted]
Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update
When: 17 August 2022 15:00-16:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Importance: High

All

Update call on actions from previous meeting and questions on RAs which will be distributed within the next hour. I have updated the meeting invite but there may be those that forwarded this on to others if that the case can i ask you to once again forward the invite to the appropriate people

Regards

[redacted]

Document 36: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Meeting invite Portree Barge Gas Venting plan

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 15 August 2022 11:31

To: AHSH@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; Dundee fire serviceHQ; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]@briggsenvironmental.com; [redacted]; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]; [redacted] ([redacted]); [redacted]; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan

When: 15 August 2022 15:00-16:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Importance: High

All

As per the notification on Friday and various Calls with some of you. We will host a call today to take you through what we have found, The plan to vent off the H2S gas safely the pollution controls etc, I Hope most of you can attend this call.

Regards

[redacted]

Document 37: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 18 August 2022 13:16

To: AHSH@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; Dundee fire serviceHQ <N.DundeeControl@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@consultingmarinechemist.nl>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]@scotland.pnn.police.uk; [redacted]@scotland.pnn.police.uk; [redacted]@nhs.scot; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]@scotland.police.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@scotland.police.uk>; [redacted] (Property and Facilities Management) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Planning and Environment) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>

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Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

<[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

Good Morning All

Please see attached updated RAMS which show nitrogen use and the gas detector locations.

To pick on the points raised yesterday

1. we have provided [redacted] contact details and accommodation address to [redacted].

2. The detectors are set to alarm as follows

5 ppm H2s

25 CO

50 ppm voc (pid)

3. There has been 0ppm detected from any of the current monitors the 2ppm was detected onsite directly above the vessel

Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 15 August 2022 11:31

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[redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk;

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Management); [redacted] (Planning and Environment)

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[redacted] (Environmental and Amenity Services); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted] (Environmental and Amenity Services); [redacted] (Resilience); [redacted]

(Environmental and Amenity Services); MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot;

[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted] (NHS Highland); [redacted] (Policy and Reform)

Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

When: 25 August 2022 13:00-14:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon,

London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Importance: High

All

Update call on actions from previous meeting

Chair for Meeting: [redacted]

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Updates:
 - a. Scottish Salmon
 - b. Briggs Marine
 - c. SoSREP
 - d. Harbours
 - e. Other agencies/bodies
4. Timescale
5. Mitigations
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting

Regards

[redacted]

Document 39: Email communications between operational organisations regarding RE: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 24 August 2022 09:11

To: AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; Dundee fire serviceHQ <N.DundeeControl@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]@briggsenvironmental.com; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>;

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Subject: RE: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

Good Morning All

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To pick on the points raised yesterday

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3. There has been 0ppm detected from any of the current monitors the 2ppm was detected onsite directly above the vessel

Best regards / Vinarlica

Document 40: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Portree Barge gas venting plan update (one email, no attachments)

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 25 August 2022 13:56
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Portree Barge gas venting plan update

Good afternoon [redacted],

[redacted]

I just wanted to give you a quick update in regards to the Portree Barge gas venting following the call this afternoon.

The key updates are as follows:

- Earliest timeframe for reducing gas on site is next Monday (29 August 22) as this is the earliest a vessel can arrive at site in order for nitrogen to be provided. May be worth briefing [redacted] on this incident as he is on rota next week.
- No change to barge condition and no increase in gas being released but gas bubbles still coming up to the surface.
- No change to alarms
- Site patrols – all going well. The use of guard vessels is working well.
- Dives – the dives have started on site to begin laying down hoses to remove gas from barge.
- Clearance for nitrogen to be used on vessel causing delays. MCA to be contacted for update on this.
- Water sampling. One sample was taken yesterday and another one is due to be taken today.
- Next meeting: Monday approx at 3pm but no confirmation has been sent.

There were some discussions in terms of worst case scenario. Should the barge explode mitigations are in place to protect public health. Rest centre for those inside sectors that could be impacted should the gas come to shore will be set up at Portree High school. The council offices would be used for emergency response centre. Public health will advise that people close windows and doors as well to protect themselves should the gas reach shore. There was no mention of potential environmental impacts for this scenario.

I think that covers the key updates.

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Marine Scotland - [redacted]

Scottish Government | Marine Laboratory | 375 Victoria Road | Aberdeen | AB11 9DB

Document 42: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Meeting invite Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>

Sent: 25 August 2022 14:46

To: AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; Dundee fire serviceHQ; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]@briggsenvironmental.com; [redacted]; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]; [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted]; [redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@scotland.pnn.police.uk; [redacted]@scotland.pnn.police.uk; [redacted]@nhs.scot; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted]@scotland.police.uk; [redacted]; [redacted] (Property and Facilities Management); [redacted] (Planning and Environment)

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Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

When: 29 August 2022 15:00-16:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Importance: High

All

Update call on actions from previous meeting

Chair for Meeting: [redacted]

Agenda

1. Welcome
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 - a. Scottish Salmon
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 - d. Harbours
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5. Mitigations
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting

Regards

[redacted]

Document 43: Email communications providing apologies from meeting - RE: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update (two emails no attachments)

From: [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 August 2022 12:47

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; AHS@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]@crownstatescotland.com; [redacted] (Corporate Communications) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; Dundee fire serviceHQ <N.DundeeControl@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_CounterPollution@mcga.gov.uk; HQ_SOSRep@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Planning and Environment) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nlb.org.uk>; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; [redacted]@mcga.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]@nlb.org.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (Councillor) <[redacted].cllr@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Performance and Resources) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Policy and Reform) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@firescotland.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@consultingmarinechemist.nl>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted]@scotland.pnn.police.uk; [redacted]@scotland.pnn.police.uk; [redacted]@nhs.scot; [redacted]@highland.gov.uk; [redacted] (Corporate Communications) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted]@scotland.police.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@scotland.police.uk>; [redacted] (Property and Facilities Management) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (Planning and Environment) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>

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Subject: Re: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

Hello All

Please accept my apologies [redacted] Hope you meeting goes well and problems can be dealt with,

Regards

[redacted] Cllr

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 12:02:10 PM
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[redacted] (NHS Highland) <[redacted]@nhs.scot>; [redacted] (Policy and Reform)
<[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; [redacted] (NHS Highland) <[redacted]@nhs.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>
Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

Good afternoon All,

Before the meeting today I want to make you aware of activity at site I have spoke directly with a couple of you on Friday into this morning.

Briggs Marine have pulled out of site and demobilised. An official statement on this will be issued shortly. Rest assured the safety measures are still in place we have the patrol vessels continuing onsite, All the gas monitoring equipment was supplied via [redacted] so that all remains in place and this is still being monitored.

We have engaged with a different salvage team and I will give more details on where we are at 3pm

Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

Document 45: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Scottish Salmon Company - Portree Barge Salvage (one email, one attachment recorded as Attachment 78)

From: [[redacted] <[redacted]>@gov.scot]
Sent: 29 August 2022 11:51

To: marinepollution@nature.scot
Cc: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: Scottish Salmon Company - Portree Barge Salvage

Hello,

It was good speaking to you.

Below is a brief overview of what's been going on and I've attached the method statement for your attention.

The Seamate 450 fish feed barge owned by the Scottish Salmon Company sank during the tail end of 2021 in Portree Harbour, Isle of Skye with approximately 400t of feed on board.

Preliminary diving work started in July 2022 where bubbles were observed during the relief of the gas and oils from the silos. It became apparent that the gases were toxic in composition with Hydrogen Sulphide and Methane. Air gas monitors have been placed in ten locations surrounding the site and remotely monitored 24 hours a day to allow for early warning of any large release. The incident is very much public health focused, with little environmental impact discussed.

As far as I'm aware; there has been no change to the barge condition and no increase in gas being released, however gas bubbles are still being observed coming up to the surface.

I'm looking to see if you have any further input regarding environmental impacts in the area, such as; any seal haul out sites in the area to the east of Portree, under the cliffs that may be impacted if a catastrophic release were to happen.

Thanks,
[[redacted]]

[redacted]
[Marine Scotland Duty Officer] – w/c 29 August 2022
[redacted]

Document 46: Email communications between operational organisations regarding Scottish Salmon Company - Portree Barge Salvage

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 August 2022 14:38
To: MARINEPOLLUTION <MARINE_POLLUTION@nature.scot>
Cc: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Scottish Salmon Company - Portree Barge Salvage

Hi [redacted],

No worries at all, thanks for the update.

I'll be sure to re-iterate that the incident is within the Inner Hebrides + the Minches SAC and I'll keep you up to date with any changes.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Marine Scotland Duty Officer – w/c 29 August 2022
[redacted]
Email: ms.spillresponse@gov.uk

From: MARINEPOLLUTION <MARINE_POLLUTION@nature.scot>
Sent: 29 August 2022 14:22
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Scottish Salmon Company - Portree Barge Salvage

Hi [redacted] –

Thanks for sending through the additional information.

I can't identify anyone here in NatureScot who was involved in the Portree barge incident, and I can't find anything that helps in our file system. There's been some staff turnover, and it's possible the right person just isn't in today.

So firstly – please use me as a point of contact for this issue.

Second – for today's meeting – it's worth re-iterating that the incident is located within a European site designated for the protection of harbour porpoise, the Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC. Beyond that we have nothing specific to say right now, but we do ask to remain informed about any progress/ changes to the situation. If there are changes – e.g. gas production changes or increases and there are changes in the risks to the environment then we'll give updated advice.

I hope that's ok for now.

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[redacted] [redacted] | **Marine Pollution Incident Duty Officer**
NatureScot | [redacted] | email: marine_pollution@nature.scot
nature.scot | [@nature_scot](https://twitter.com/nature_scot) | *Scotland's Nature Agency* | *Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba*

DOCUMENT 47, Marine Scotland Update on Portree Barge Salvage, 29 08 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 August 2022 15:53

To: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge gas venting plan update

Hi [redacted],

The key updates are as follows:

- Marine Masters are taking over from Briggs
- Divers and support equipment expected on site either Thursday or Friday at the earliest with familiarisation dives aimed for Saturday
- Venting not expected to happen until Monday the very earliest
- No change to barge condition and no increase in gas being released
- No change to alarm monitoring and 24 hour site patrols going well
- New vessel secured and clearance for nitrogen has now been approved on it
- 3 draft media statements have been prepped in case of any release etc
- I highlighted the advice from Nature Scotland that the area is a European designated site for harbour porpoise. Nature Scot had nothing further to raise and want to be kept in the loop with further updates
- Next meeting: Friday (time tbc)

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 August 2022 09:03
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge gas venting plan update

Morning both

I can confirm that my understanding was that the main concern was around public health based on the meeting I attended on Thursday. There was no mention of environmental impacts even for the worst case scenario. At the meeting on Thursday I didn't say anything as my understanding was that marine Scotland were there for information/awareness with no advice requested.

I hope this helps.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 August 2022 08:59
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge gas venting plan update

Hi [redacted],

Not that I'm aware of – it's my understanding that the current response is driven by human health and that we haven't been required to give environmental advice.

[redacted] and [redacted] – could you please confirm whether my understanding is correct?

Many thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 August 2022 08:54
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge gas venting plan update

Hello,

I've had a good look through the previous correspondence and I've noted [redacted]'s response below.

Can I confirm we don't have any additional information or guidance to provide at the meeting later off the back of this update?

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 28 August 2022 21:13
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Portree Barge gas venting plan update

Hi [redacted],

[redacted]

RE the duty officer rota, I see you're on call starting Monday. Over the past few weeks, there have been ongoing conversations regarding a fish farm barge that sunk last year. Gas from the feed being stored on the barge has built up and so regular discussions are being held with all relevant parties to plan to reduce the gas and also come up with contingency plans for if the situation worsens. Recent correspondence on this can be found in the spill response mailbox under Incidents – 2021 – Portree Fish Farm Barge.

Below is the latest update from [redacted] from the meeting held on Thursday 25th August. There will be another meeting held on 29th August (Monday) which the duty officer would usually attend.

Happy to chat through further on Monday morning.

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 48, Marine Scotland Communications, Portree Salvage Operations, 29 08 2022

From: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 August 2022 09:59
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge gas venting plan update

Very much just a listen in for the public health focus . Might be worth finding out if there are any seal haul out sites in the area to the east of Portree , under the cliffs which might be affected if there were a catastrophic release

[redacted]

DOCUMENT 49, Marine Scotland Internal Emails on Media Enquiry on Bakkafrost Barge Sinking, 30 08 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 August 2022 14:23
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

Hi [redacted],

I've had a look through the emails already uploaded to eRDM (2016-2021 file) and those relating to the ongoing incident (in the incidents folder within the MS Spill mailbox) and can't see any Ministerial submissions relating to the Portree Fish Farm Barge.

Thanks,

[redacted]
[redacted]

Marine Scotland - [redacted]

From: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** MS SpillResponse
Sent: 30 August 2022 14:15
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

Added a bit

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 August 2022 13:51
To: [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

Hi [redacted],

I spoke to [redacted] and at the moment, we don't see the need for a submission to ministers. Please note; I can't see any previous submission to ministers on e-RDM regarding this (not sure if you know of one [redacted]?)

I've said I'll have this back to [redacted] for 3pm, so would appreciate your input below.

Please see a draft copy of the response below;

Marine Scotland has been liaising with Police Scotland and local authorities regarding the safety/exclusion zone approximately 2km from Portree, Isle of Skye. The safety/exclusion zone is connected to the sunken barge belonging to Bakkafrøst Scotland which sank on the 27th of November 2021.

Initial salvage operations successfully removed the diesel from the fuel tanks, cleared the superstructure and the hatches and silos on board were sealed to prevent the release of the fish food on board. The sealed hatches have allowed the build up of gases which would otherwise have been released.

To prevent risk to the public and the environment, an exclusion zone is in place for the slight risk of toxic gases escaping. Guard vessels and gas monitors are monitoring the site 24 hours a day to provide an early warning of any release of gases whilst salvage operations are ongoing. It is proposed that gases will be flushed with nitrogen from the structure in a controlled release which will not pose any health risk before the structure is recovered

I don't see any correspondence of it being an exclusion zone, so would safety zone be used instead? Not sure if it is a statutory or advisory safety zone can you find notice to mariners? Safety zone is probably better

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 August 2022 11:28
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] ([redacted]) <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

Hi all,

We've received a query from BBC Scotland about an exclusion zone near Portree – see below.

Looking to get back to them by 5pm.

Not sure where this would sit so please widen copy list if required.

I think we'll aim to just provide background rather than a comment. Any info gratefully received.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted] | Communications: News (Net Zero and Energy)
[redacted]
e: [redacted]@gov.scot
[redacted]

As discussed, we are running a story this morning about an exclusion zone in place off Portree Harbour. I just wondered if Marine Scotland are aware of this, and if they are investigating? Any information you can provide would be appreciated.

Story :

Its emerged that an exclusion zone is in place near Portree Harbour amid concerns that dangerous gases are being emitted from a sunken barge. The vessel was being used by a fish-farming company and people are being urged not to go within five hundred meters of the barge. Iain Macinnes has more.

The barge, which was being used by Bakkafrost Scotland - formerly known as the Scottish Salmon company - sunk on the outskirts of Portree harbour - while loaded with salmon feed. The company are organising a salvage operation which includes the precaution of an exclusion zone to protect vessels and the public. There is said to be a slight risk of toxic and explosive gases being emitted from the decomposing cargo in the barge - in dangerous quantities. Highland Council say that monitoring of gases will continue as the salvage operation progresses - and that the exclusion zone will stay in place in the area.

Highland Council statement :

A Highland Council spokesperson said: "There is currently an exclusion zone in place in an area of Portree Harbour in connection with a salvage operation on a sunken salmon feed barge belonging to the Scottish Salmon Company. The owners of the barge are organising a salvage operation that includes the precaution of an exclusion zone to protect vessels and the public from the slight risk of toxic and explosive gases being emitted from the decomposing cargo in the barge in dangerous quantities. As the salvage operation progresses, monitoring of the atmosphere for gases in and around the exclusion zone will continue."

DOCUMENT 50, Marine Scotland Internal Emails on Media Enquiry on Bakkafrost Barge Sinking, 30 08 2022 (duplication from Document 49 removed)

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 August 2022 16:02
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs
<CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

Happy with that [redacted], thanks!

If I can help with anything else, please let me know.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Marine Scotland Duty Officer – w/c 29 August 2022
[redacted]
Email: ms.spillresponse@gov.uk

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 August 2022 15:54
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs
<CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

Thanks [redacted]

Suggest just shortening a bit - this still accurate?

"Marine Scotland officials have been liaising with Police Scotland, local authority representatives, NatureScot and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency following the sinking of a salmon farm feed barge near Portree, Isle of Skye. An exclusion zone is in place to protect the public from any potential health risk and Marine Scotland officials will continue to liaise with partner organisations to help ensure risks to both the public and the environment are identified and addressed."

[redacted] | Communications: News (Net Zero and Energy)
[redacted]
Scottish Government, St [redacted]'s House
e: [redacted]@gov.scot
[redacted]

Document 51, Scottish Government Internal Emails on Media Enquiry on Bakkafrost Barge Sinking, 30 08 2022

Ok – thanks

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 August 2022 16:07
To: [redacted] (Special Adviser) <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: SpAd view - Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

Hi [redacted],

We've received a query from BBC Scotland about an exclusion zone near Portree following an incident with a salmon feed boat – see below.

Policy and comms have agreed the following – grateful for a SpAd view.

Best,

[redacted]

DRAFT REPLY

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"Marine Scotland officials have been liaising with Police Scotland, local authority representatives, NatureScot and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency following the sinking of a salmon farm feed barge near Portree, Isle of Skye. An exclusion zone is in place to protect the public from any potential health risk and Marine Scotland officials will continue to liaise with partner organisations to help ensure risks to both the public and the environment are identified and addressed."

QUERY

As discussed, we are running a story this morning about an exclusion zone in place off Portree Harbour. I just wondered if Marine Scotland are aware of this, and if they are investigating? Any information you can provide would be appreciated.

Story :

Its emerged that an exclusion zone is in place near Portree Harbour amid concerns that dangerous gases are being emitted from a sunken barge. The vessel was being used by a fish-farming company and people are being urged not to go within five hundred meters of the barge. [Iain MacInnes has more.](#)

The barge, which was being used by Bakkafrost Scotland - formerly known as the Scottish Salmon company - sunk on the outskirts of Portree harbour - while loaded with salmon feed. The company are organising a salvage operation which includes the precaution of an exclusion zone to protect vessels and the public. There is said to be a slight risk of toxic and explosive gases being emitted from the decomposing cargo in the barge - in dangerous quantities. Highland Council say that monitoring of gases will continue as the salvage operation progresses - and that the exclusion zone will stay in place in the area.

Highland Council statement :

A Highland Council spokesperson said: "There is currently an exclusion zone in place in an area of Portree Harbour in connection with a salvage operation on a sunken salmon feed barge belonging to the Scottish Salmon Company. The owners of the barge are organising a salvage operation that includes the precaution of an exclusion zone to protect vessels and the public from the slight risk of toxic and explosive gases being emitted from the decomposing cargo in the barge in dangerous quantities. As the salvage operation progresses, monitoring of the atmosphere for gases in and around the exclusion zone will continue."

Document 52, Scottish Government Internal Communications on Media Enquiry of Bakkafrost Barge Sinking, 30 08 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 August 2022 18:09
To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands <CabSecRAI@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (Special Adviser) <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: To clear - Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

Many thanks [redacted] – issuing now

[redacted]

[redacted] | Communications: News (Net Zero and Energy)
[redacted]

Scottish Government, St [redacted]'s House
e: [redacted]@gov.scot
m: [redacted]

From: ([redacted]) <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands
Sent: 30 August 2022 18:07
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands <CabSecRAI@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (Special Adviser) <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: To clear - Media query - Portree fishfarm - BBC

[redacted]

Ms Gougeon hasn't yet had a chance to come back on this line so grateful if it could issue on SpAds clearance.

Thanks

[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands
[redacted]

Document 53, Scottish Government Internal Communications on Highland Council Media Statement, 01 09 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2022 14:16
To: [redacted] (Corporate Communications) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident - message of reassurance

Hi [redacted],

I can confirm we're happy to proceed.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Marine Scotland Duty Officer – w/c 29 August 2022
[redacted]
Email: ms.spillresponse@gov.uk

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2022 13:33
To: [redacted] (Corporate Communications) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident - message of reassurance

Hi [redacted],

I've forwarded this on to our communications team for feedback.

Will get back to you as soon as I hear.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Marine Scotland Duty Officer – w/c 29 August 2022
[redacted]
Email: ms.spillresponse@gov.uk

From: [redacted] (Corporate Communications) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>

Sent: 01 September 2022 12:54

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scottishsalmon.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scotland.police.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>; [redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.scot>; [redacted]@sepa.org.uk

Cc: [redacted] (Corporate Communications) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>

Subject: Portree Barge Incident - message of reassurance

Hi,

Since the BBC published [this](#), Highland Council has received a number of enquiries from concerned Portree residents. It's been suggested that a short 'message of reassurance' issued via Highland Council's social media ahead of tomorrow's meeting might allay some of these concerns. Suggested wording is below. I'd be very grateful if you could confirm if your agency is comfortable with this approach, or provide any feedback to the contrary.

"Regular multi-agency meetings, involving Police Scotland, the Coastguard, Marine Scotland, SEPA, The Highland Council, NHS Highland and Scottish Salmon, are taking place to progress the recovery of the sunken salmon feed barge and its cargo off Portree Harbour. The situation is being monitored and there is not considered to be any risk to the public as a result of the low levels of hydrogen sulphide detected. Monitoring equipment remains in place and further updates will follow as the incident is brought to a safe conclusion."

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Resilience Officer

[redacted]

Email. [redacted]@highland.gov.uk

Document 55, Scottish Government Internal Communications on Highland Council Media Statement, 01 09 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2022 14:13
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs
<CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>;
[redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Portree Barge Incident - message of reassurance

Yes, that seems reasonable, thanks

[redacted] | Communications: News (Net Zero and Energy)
[redacted]
e: [redacted]@gov.scot
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2022 13:30
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs
<CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>;
[redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Portree Barge Incident - message of reassurance

Hi [redacted],

Please see the email trail below.

Can you confirm if this is ok on our side please?

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Marine Scotland Duty Officer – w/c 29 August 2022
[redacted]
Email: ms.spillresponse@gov.uk

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@bakkafrust.com>
Sent: 01 September 2022 12:57
To: [redacted] (Corporate Communications) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@scotland.police.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@mcga.gov.uk>;
[redacted] ([redacted])[redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@nhs.scot>; [redacted]@sepa.org.uk; [redacted]
<[redacted]@bakkafrust.com>
Cc: [redacted] (Corporate Communications) <[redacted]@highland.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Portree Barge Incident - message of reassurance

Hi [redacted],

Completely understand I have copied in [redacted] who is our communications director

Regards

[redacted]

Document 56, Barge Gas Purging Operations Update from Bakkafrost, 06 09 2022

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@bakkafrost.com>

Sent: 06 September 2022 13:23

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Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

All

See updated document from marine masters, a few minor changes

Best regards / Vinarliga

[redacted]

Document 57, Portree Barge Marine Scotland Update, 08 09 2022

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Cc: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Bakkafrost - Portree Barge Update - 07/09/2022 - thank you

Very helpful update thank you [redacted],

I would appreciate being kept updated as to when the barge is going to be raised / attempted to be raised and /or if any significant issues arise before.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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Cc: MS SpillResponse <MS.SpillResponse@gov.scot>
Subject: Bakkafrost - Portree Barge Update - 07/09/2022

Hello,

Please see the main points from the today's meeting below:

- The vessel supporting the incident arrived in Portree this morning with all required equipment on board
- Small issue with the size of the vessel and the moorings available for it to be tied up for a period of time. Adequate moorings should be on site tomorrow
- There has been a delay with diving permits - initial dives now planned for the afternoon of 08/09/2022
- Still no detection of gases escaping
- Anticipated timeline of recovery of the barge is middle of October – dependent on how venting operations go
- All going well, the barge will be taken to Keshorn and feed offloaded at the port
- Bakkafrost aware of licensing needing renewed within 12 months
- No date for the follow up meeting – Bakkafrost will send out an updated invitation once they're happy venting can go ahead

Thanks,
[redacted]

Document 58, Portree Barge Marine Scotland Update, 09 09 2022

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Sent: 09 September 2022 16:19

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Subject: RE: Bakkafrost - Portree Barge Update - 09/09/2022

Hello,

Please see the main points from the today's meeting below:

- The vessel supporting the incident successfully moored alongside yesterday
- Diving permits got the go ahead this afternoon allowing initial dives to go ahead and for hoses to be connected throughout the weekend
- Additional vessel expected on site on Sunday to allow the primary vessel to move away and pull the hoses
- Venting anticipated to start on Monday 12/09/2022 with completion of the main venting phase to be complete between Wednesday the 14th and Saturday the 17th
- Following completing of the main venting phase additional vessels will arrive on site to allow continual venting during the salvage process

- Still no detection of gases escaping – full mitigation measures still in place (24hr vessels and gas monitors). These will be reviewed once full venting phase is complete
- Email update anticipated for Monday the 12th and possible final meeting on Wednesday the 14th

Thanks,
[redacted]

Document 59, Portree Barge Operational Update from Bakkafrost, 11 09 2022

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Subject: Re: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

All

We expect the venting process to start around 14:30 today. I will update on progress on Monday or if anything changes

Regards

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Best regards / Vinarliga

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Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

All,

I'm pleased to say that the team onsite have managed to complete the hose connections quicker than anticipated. And the Bakkanes will move into venting position early this morning. After all the connections are checked and reading taken the venting operation will commence as long as the wind direction is favourable. We will send an further notification when we start.

Many Thanks

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Document 61, Portree Barge Bakkafrost Operational Update 12 09 2022

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Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

When: 14 September 2022 15:30-16:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Importance: High

All

I'm pleased to say that operations to remove the gas is going well and we have vented 2 silos to safe levels with the 3rd well on the way we anticipate the works will be completed by Wednesday as planned. Look forward to speaking with you all then. I hope [redacted] and [redacted] will be on the call to give us a de brief on the operation

Chair for Meeting: [redacted]

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Updates:
 - a. Scottish Salmon
 - b. Briggs Marine
 - c. SoSREP
 - d. Harbours
 - e. Other agencies/bodies
4. Timescale
5. Mitigations
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting

Regards

[redacted]

Document 63, Portree Barge Gas Venting Update from Bakkafrost, 15 09 2022

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Subject: Portree Barge Gas Venting plan :update

All

Please see below statement from Bakkafrost Scotland.

A Bakkafrost Scotland spokesperson said:

"Bakkafrost Scotland can confirm the successful and safe completion of the initial recovery stage of venting gas from the submerged feeding barge at the Portree farm site, which was damaged during Storm 'Arwen' in November 2021.

"Throughout the recovery process we have been working closely with the relevant authorities including SEPA, Marine Coast Guards and Fire Brigade, alongside other experts, and we are now progressing to the next stage of the operation which will include lifting the barge.

"An exclusion zone was in place as a precaution throughout the venting operation and a 'Notice to Mariners' was issued on 5 August to ensure all affected were advised of the incident.

"The relevant authorities are being kept informed of progress and we will work with the recovery experts to ensure a safe conclusion to the operation.

"Bakkafrost Scotland is fully committed to ensuring public safety in relation to all of its operations, vessels and equipment."

Best regards / Vinarlíga

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