

<p>Mortality removal</p>	<p><i>Mortalities are removed daily using uplifts where available unless weather or other conditions do not permit. If uplifts are unsuitable for use at any particular site, mortalities are collected in dead socks and manually removed. All nets used to remove mortalities are disinfected before re-use in other pens. Mortality numbers and cause are recorded in the daily diary & on FishTalk. Classification of mortality should be appropriate (Refer to BIO.REF.11 Mortality Classification).</i></p> <p><i>If weekly mortality increases above 0.3%, Biology must be notified so that a health screen can be conducted, and cause of mortality investigated.</i></p>
<p>Disposal of dead fish</p>	<p><i>Dead and moribund fish can act as breeding grounds for microorganisms such as bacteria, fungus and viruses. Some of these microorganisms can pose a risk to the health of the living salmon. In order to minimise the exposure of living salmon to potentially dangerous microorganisms, the dead and moribund fish must be removed from the net as quickly as possible and disposed of in a controlled manner.</i></p> <p><i>Where possible, moribund fish should also be removed, humanely dispatched and disposed of in the same manner as mortalities. Most sites now use external mortality removal companies, that supplies on shore skips for fish waste. These are then routinely lifted and taken for further processing. Current collection companies include Billy Bowie, Gogar, Fergusons, JA MacDonald Haulage & Denholm Environmental Ltd (AKA Hazco).</i></p> <p><i>Mortalities may be disposed of at Dundas, Whiteshore Cocks, Barkip Biogas Ltd, Energen Biogas Ltd, Earnside Energy, Binn Skips, although this list is not exhaustive and will be updated as required. Disposal is lead somewhat by the collection company.</i></p> <p><i>All mortalities/waste resulting from on-site processing of waste are securely stored on site before being picked up by a licensed carrier of animal by-products. Copies of waste transfer notes are held by the relevant sites.</i></p>