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Our Reference: 202300361625  
Your Reference: Complaint re. Shuna Point salmon farm

13 June 2023

Dear Don Staniford,

Aquaculture Production Businesses (APB) are authorised to operate under regulation 6 of The Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009. It is a condition of this authorisation that the operator of the APB will follow good biosecurity practice at each fish farm at which it operates. This includes maintaining a biosecurity measures plan which details the manner and frequency of mortality removal, record keeping and safe disposal. APB's are also expected to follow Scottish industry best practice which is regarded as the requirements of The Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture ([Code of Good Practice | Salmon Scotland](#)), and must follow animal by-products regulations when disposing of aquaculture animal mortalities [Animal by-products - Animal health and welfare - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#).

The Fish Health Inspectorate appreciate the information you have provided regarding your concerns on the operations at the Scottish Sea Farms Ltd (FB0125) site, Shuna Point (FS1354). Mortalities which have been removed should be contained for safe disposal. If any unforeseen spillages do occur during this procedure they should be contained, removed for safe disposal and any affected areas sanitised. Mortality collection vessels should be sanitised in an appropriate manner to help prevent harm to people, animals and the environment.

The Fish Health Inspectorate will consider the information provided for any further action with regard to aquaculture animal health issues. Following the receipt of your initial correspondence on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the FHI attended the Shuna Point (FS1354) site on the same day. The details of this case will be published at the following link ([Publication of Fish Health Inspectorate information - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)) in accordance with the Fish Health Inspectorate's active publication plan, and have been discussed with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). We should also inform you that APHA are responsible for investigating complaints about animal welfare and animal by-product

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disposal.

Yours sincerely

Ronald Smith  
**MSS : Aquaculture and Fish Health**

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