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Good evening Ian.

Nothing here that rings alarm bells although due to logistical / winter ground conditions/ administrative reasons a few of the items need discussed further to clarify our working practices.

I am available anytime over the next two weeks for a video call.

The numbers of mortalities will traditionally be very limited from now till May when the water temperature starts to rise again so this will help matters.

Everything is moving ahead well now with SEPA ( since we employed a new consultant) and the engineers are also on schedule to get the plant fully installed.

Best regards

Ralph Thompson  
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On 25 Nov 2021, 16:11 +0000, [Ian.Murdoch@gov.scot](mailto:Ian.Murdoch@gov.scot), wrote:

Dear Ralph I want to start with extending my apologise to you on the time it has taken for the Task and Finish Group to get in contact with you. Over the past few months we have engaged within the group to identify conditions which we feel will enable the burial of fish waste under official supervision to be carried out at your site. I want to add that these conditions are not set in stone and open for discussion within reason: *Proposed burial conditions* No burial above ground (no bunded pits) Weekly list of morts detailing daily tonnage and origin sites to be emailed to [eh@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:eh@cne-siar.gov.uk). No pits left uncovered overnight, if pit has capacity left then predator net is firmly secured over the site – records and daily time stamped photographic evidence to be kept Animal by-product waste from aquaculture to be buried within 4 hours on arriving at site Skips to be cleaned and disinfected immediately on emptying in accordance with cleaning schedule agreed in advance with competent authority Only animal by-product waste from aquaculture from finfish farms operated by authorised Aquaculture Production Businesses and within the Western Isles Council planning authority area is received Any disposal of animal by-product waste from aquaculture above background levels (event mortality) have to be pre-notified to Western Isles Council and the Scottish Government with quantities, origin location and disposal plan To end on 31/03/22 – to be debated The site will be subject to a weekly unannounced inspection The Task and Finish Group would be happy to meet to discuss our thinking on these conditions. Let me know who should be included for a meeting and I will try to arrange a virtual meeting over the next couple of weeks. Ian **Ian J Murdoch** Animal Health - Disease Prevention Team | Animal Health & Welfare Division | Directorate for Agriculture & Rural Economy | Scottish Government Tel. 0300 244 9833 | Mob: [REDACTED]

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