

MEMORANDUM

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Date: 06/09/2018

To: [REDACTED], VLS
Cc: [REDACTED], VA

Re: **SALMON DISPOSAL AT WHITESHORE COCKLES**
Whiteshore, Kyles, Paible, Isle of North Uist, HS6 5DY
Map ref: NF754672 ABP reg number U1141549 (haulier)

Background

1. The site at Whiteshores has been operating as a burial site for dead salmon since 2004. I have only visited the site once on the 12th December 2012 with Mr [REDACTED], CnES and [REDACTED], SG as a fact finding visit (copy of report attached).
2. The premises is not approved under the ABP legislation but is a registered as a haulier (U1141459) dated 04/03/2013.
3. A letter from Scottish Government dated 3rd September 2013 outlined the current situation confirming that the operation did not comply with the remote area derogation and was not under official supervision as a licenced landfill site and a deadline of the 1st January 2014 was set for fish farms to stop using the site.
4. The site has continued to operate on the understanding that it would stop once it had full ABP approval as a method 1 processing plant.

Current situation

1. A completed APBR07 application for approval to process cat 2 ABP using method 1, was received in June 2015.
2. The applicant, Mr [REDACTED] was intending to have the infrastructure completed in March and the processing unit installed by June 2015.
3. To date the shed and infrastructure has been completed and on order placed for the processor which should arrive in 3-4 months. After installation the plant requires validation that will require at least 30 days of operation to be completed and a site

visit by APHA therefore the earliest the plant could be fully approved by would be the end of January 2019.

4. The fish farming industry are of the belief that the site has a derogation to bury salmon and that it is a legal method for the disposal of salmon morts.

Options

1. As the premises is not ABP approved or operating as a licenced landfill site, it should be stopped from operating by the local authority, Comhairle nan Eilean Sair as soon as practical.
2. The site continues to operate until it has full ABP approval as a processing plant.
3. A date is set by which the premises must stop operating as a burial site regardless of the stage of ABP approval.

Recommendation

1. With the caveat that any decision would have to be made in consultation with the Scottish Government and Comhairle nan Eilean Sair, I would recommend option 3 as the most proportionate option.

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