

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@migdaletransport.co.uk>

**Sent:** 20 March 2023 12:10

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@migdaletransport.co.uk>; MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: MSe130223SAL1 - farmed fish escape notification

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

Incident Number MSe13022223SAL1

Find attached the final notification of the fish escape from the wellboat Migdale on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

Yours sincerely <REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

Migdale Transport Ltd

Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

Mob: <REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 12:54 PM

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Subject:** FW: MSe130223SAL1 - farmed fish escape notification

<REDACTED 11(2)>, sorry to bother you with this but it looks like it needs a response, see email below – what response shall I give her?

Cheers

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 17 March 2023 12:39

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@migdaletransport.co.uk>

**Cc:** MS.FishHealth@gov.scot

**Subject:** MSe130223SAL1 - farmed fish escape notification

Hello <REDACTED 11(2)>,

I am writing to request the final Notification for MSe130223SAL1 which was due this week.

Many thanks

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@migdaletransport.co.uk>

**Sent:** 16 February 2023 12:12

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@migdaletransport.co.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Escape notification

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

Find Attached the escape form filled out as much as is possible for now. After further consideration and discussion with the master of the Migdale, I think that the escape incident happened whilst the vessel was at anchor loaded with smolts on the night of the 13<sup>th</sup> ( Monday) at Garvie Bay ( OS grid ref. East 204188, North 914333). The cause of escape was a forward grid door, within the well which was not secured properly, and when the vessel anchored up for the night they opened the well bottom hatches which are located behind the forward grids to exchange the water and the smolts escaped out

of the unsecured door and through the bottom hatches. Normally this door is secured with two bolts and lynch pins, however this was not checked properly before loading the first smolts on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> February!

Best regards <REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

Migdale Transport Ltd

Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

Mob: <REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 5:47 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> Transport  
**Subject:** Escape notification

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)> and <REDACTED 11(2)>,

Thank you very much for your time on the phone earlier. As mentioned, we would like you to fill in the attached notification forms. The initial notification should be filled in as soon as possible and sent back to me, then the final notification form should be filled in within 30 days of the incident, once you have had time to finalise any information.

I've filled in most of the form for you from information I have from <REDACTED 11(2)>. Please could you check that the information I have entered is accurate, and then fill in section 3 with as much detail as possible. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get back in touch using the details below,

Thanks again,

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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w: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 30 October 2023 12:58

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Fish farm escapes data, question for Aquaculture unit - Micase

Thanks everyone. I'll take your line in <REDACTED 11(2)> and issue this official response today to meet the deadline.

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 10:44 AM

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)> ; MS FishHealth ; <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Subject:** RE: Fish farm escapes data, question for Aquaculture unit - Micase

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>,

It appears that you have answered the questions asked.

The only observation that I would make is that escape incidents are stochastic events (they occur randomly), so there is no expected number of incidents, nor number of escapees.

Hopefully of use.

With best regards

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)> / <REDACTED 11(2)>

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Mobile: <REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 2:27 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Fish farm escapes data, question for Aquaculture unit - Micase

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>, thank you, I am content.

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Fish farm escapes data, question for Aquaculture unit - Micase

Thanks <REDACTED 11(2)>. Copying in the FHI mailbox and <REDACTED 11(2)> here, in case colleagues are able to assist in <REDACTED 11(2)> absence.

Regards  
<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 11:23 AM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Fish farm escapes data, question for Aquaculture unit - Micase

Thanks <REDACTED 11(2)>

I've attached a revised draft below.

<REDACTED 11(2)>/<REDACTED 11(2)> are you content with the proposed draft response to <REDACTED 11(2)> correspondence?

Copying comms in case of any media angle, there may not be but just covering all bases.

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 5:39 PM

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Fish farm escapes data, question for Aquaculture unit

<REDACTED 11(2)> – thanks for sharing. I have suggested a couple of additions below in red. The first is to try and clarify that it is the only confirmed/reported escape in 2023 and therefore I think that the highlighted text in yellow can be omitted to avoid any confusion. Could this be sense checked by FHI colleagues please.

The second is simply to highlight the PfG commitment.

One final point; I note that the correspondent suggests that they intend to write an article. Not clear if the correspondent is a journo but just a thought that it might be a good idea to run the draft response by MD comms for awareness? What do you think?

Thanks

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 3:30 PM

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: Fish farm escapes data, question for Aquaculture unit

Hello,

Circulating for further comment and grateful for thoughts on the proposed draft response (o/r) to <REDACTED 11(2)> correspondence below. Not sure whether to omit lines in yellow, could raise more questions? Thanks <REDACTED 11(2)> for providing background information.

<REDACTED 11(2)>.

*Thank you for your correspondence of 2 October 2023 regarding fish farm escapes data.*

*Regulations 31D and 31E of the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 describe the reporting requirements for an Aquaculture Production Business (ABP) where an escape, or a significant risk of an escape of fish, on or in the vicinity of a fish farm, is believed to have occurred.*

*The Initial and Final notifications received which meet the requirements of the Regulations are currently published on Scotland's Aquaculture Website.*

*This information will not include any incidences of containment breaches that an APB is not aware of and have therefore not reported, but may result in the occurrence of feral farmed fish. Information on reports of feral farmed fish can be found at [Fish Farm Escapes - Fisheries Management Scotland \(fms.scot\)](https://www.fms.scot).*

*You are correct that for the year 2023 to date, there has been a **confirmed fish farm** escape of one fish only. Further information on fish farm escapes can be found here: [Fish farm escapes - Fish Health Inspectorate - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)*

*The Scottish Government remains committed to working with the sector to reduce the risk of escapes from fish farms, **and our Programme for Government commits to a new** Technical Standard for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture. [A Technical Standard for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)*

I hope this is helpful.

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@logically.ai>

**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2023 4:33 PM

**To:** Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Fish farm escapes data, question for Aquaculture unit

Hi,

I hope you're well. I'm writing an article about escapes from registered fish farms in Scotland and had a few questions concerning the data made available by Marine Scotland on [Scotland's Aquaculture website](#).

My main question is whether it is accurate that only one fish has been recorded as escaping in the year to date? This seems very out of step with previous years and was wondering if there is an explanation for this.

I would also really appreciate it if you could point me to any additional data concerning fish escapes in the last year, and information on when commercial fish farms are required to report such incidents.

All the best,

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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<REDACTED 11(2)>  
<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@mowi.com>  
**Sent:** 22 May 2023 14:41  
**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of incident

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

Thanks for getting in touch, I already received a response from your colleague, see attached, with a difference reference number. Please advise which one I should use?

Not a problem, I have now updated the initial notification and have attached it for your records.

Kind regards

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** [MS.FishHealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.FishHealth@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2023 12:47 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of incident

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Hello <REDACTED 11(2)>,

Thanks for the notification, and apologies for the delay in response. Can you please update the initial notification to include the name and FS site number for the site fish were being transferred to the harvest station from. Although the incident didn't happen on site, the fish was from that site and the escape will be recorded against it. Also, the age of fish on the form should not be just time at sea on SW site but total age from FW site so this should also be updated.

The incident reference for this is MSe180523SAL1

Best regards,  
<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@mowi.com>  
**Sent:** 19 May 2023 15:50  
**To:** MS FishHealth <[MS.FishHealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.FishHealth@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Notification of incident

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Many thanks, I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of**  
MS.FishHealth@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 19 May 2023 16:39  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@mowi.com>  
**Subject:** Escape number

**ALERT:** This message originated outside of Mowi's network. **BE CAUTIOUS** before clicking any link or attachment.

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>,

Please use this reference number for all communications regarding the potential escape that occurred last night at one of your MOWI sites: MSe190523SAL1

Regards,  
DI

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@mowi.com>  
**Sent:** 22 May 2023 14:53  
**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of incident

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

Of course, not a problem I have changed that on the final notification which I hope to get to you later today.

Kind regards

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** [MS.FishHealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.FishHealth@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2023 2:49 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of incident

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Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>,

Apologies, I did see after that you had been allocated a number but yes please use the one I allocated to you - MSe180523SAL1 – as the escape was on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for the updated initial notification.

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@mowi.com>  
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Best regards,  
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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@mowi.com>

**Sent:** 19 May 2023 15:50

**To:** MS FishHealth <[MS.FishHealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.FishHealth@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** Notification of incident

Good afternoon

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Best regards

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 23 May 2023 08:11  
**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of incident

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

I would say you are correct as the fish would not have been lost had the operator not disconnected the pipe and without putting in place a net/bund, and that only had to happen due to the gasket being out of position. So human error with damaged equipment as the secondary.

Cheers

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** MS FishHealth  
**Sent:** 22 May 2023 21:53  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> (MARLAB)  
**Subject:** FW: Notification of incident

Hi,



Kind regards

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@Kames.co.uk>

**Sent:** 26 September 2023 12:10

**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Query - Escapes Notification ID 461, Shuna SW FS1290 Dated 19.05.23

Thanks <REDACTED 11(2)>, that's great, I'll follow up with <REDACTED 11(2)> at MOWI.

**From:** [MS.FishHealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.FishHealth@gov.scot)

**Sent:** 26 September 2023 12:07

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Subject:** RE: Query - Escapes Notification ID 461, Shuna SW FS1290 Dated 19.05.23

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

Sorry for the delay in our response to this. I have now spoken to <REDACTED 11(2)> at Mowi and <REDACTED 11(2)> will liaise directly with you on this and provide the notifications. I trust this will meet your requirements this request for information can therefore be withdrawn. However, if you don't receive the information from Mowi please don't hesitate to get back in touch with us.

Best regards,  
<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@Kames.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 3:46 PM  
**To:** MS FishHealth <[MS.FishHealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.FishHealth@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Query - Escapes Notification ID 461, Shuna SW FS1290 Dated 19.05.23

Hello

I wonder if you could assist please, we noted that there seems to have been an escape reported in May at the Shuna SW site. This site is registered to Kames but operated by MOWI and we aren't aware that any escape was suspected or notified. Are you able to check and send a copy of the notifications so that we can understand where this originated please? Link to relevant page:

[http://aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk/data/fish\\_escapes\\_record.aspx?escape\\_id=461](http://aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk/data/fish_escapes_record.aspx?escape_id=461)

Escape ID 461  
Site ID 1290  
Site Name Shuna SW  
Species Atlantic Salmon  
Date 18/5/23

Many thanks

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>  
<REDACTED 11(2)>  
Kames Fish Farming Limited

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 28 September 2023 19:22  
**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Query - Escapes Notification ID 461, Shuna SW FS1290 Dated 19.05.23

Great – thanks <REDACTED 11(2)>

A sensible outcome to this hopefully.

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** MS FishHealth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:10 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)>  
**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)>  
**Subject:** FW: Query - Escapes Notification ID 461, Shuna SW FS1290 Dated 19.05.23

For info, I spoke to <REDACTED 11(2)> and <REDACTED 11(2)> will provide the info to Kames. <REDACTED 11(2)> said it was an oversight as they had originally thought it would be recorded against Mallaig harvest station. I have also emailed <REDACTED 11(2)> to let <REDACTED 11(2)> know to expect this from Mowi and she can contact us again if not received.

Thanks to all for providing advice,  
<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 10:16 AM  
**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
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**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> ; MS FishHealth ; <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)>

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Yeah it is Mowi's fish and only 1 post stunned fish fell in the water too! Can I call you <REDACTED 11(2)> instead of sending loads of emails?

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 16 February 2023 10:31

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: Well boat escape

Thanks <REDACTED 11(2)>

I have copied <REDACTED 11(2)> into this exchange - <REDACTED 11(2)> and team are currently considering escapes policy commitments. Sounds like escapes from well boats and transporters appears to be a gap in the legislative and authorisation framework. Perhaps there are opportunities to update the transport authorisation requirements and there might be an opportunity to query with SGLD as part of escapes resource. I don't recall this being looked at before, but FHI will have a much greater corporate knowledge and expertise that I.

This is a large escape and the team will wish to consider whether Ministers should be alerted. It is not obvious that this would attract any media activity, given circumstances, until published on Scotland's aquaculture website. Suggest no immediate notification to Ministers required, but we may wish to update in future when more details are known and in advance of any information being published on SAW.

If the fish are small and were on their way to sea risks to rivers and wild fish may be limited – pending information of how and where the escape might have actually occurred. I've copied MSS and recreational fisheries colleagues.

Grateful to be kept up to date with further details as they are provided.

Best regards

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

Mob: <REDACTED 11(2)>

E-mail: <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot

Web: [Aquaculture - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Mail: Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

**I am currently working at home full time. I am contactable by MS TEAMS, mobile ( <REDACTED 11(2)> or email.**

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> (MARLAB)

**Sent:** 15 February 2023 17:24

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)> (MARLAB)

**Subject:** Well boat escape

Hi all,

As DI this week I have been notified of an escape. I was originally notified of the escape by a member of staff working for Cooke Aquaculture. The escape occurred this morning on board a well boat owned by Migdale Transport, the name of the vessel is "Migdale". The fish originated from Loch Shin and were being loaded aboard the vessel at Lochinver destined for Bay of Cleat in Orkney. At Lochinver, 300,000 fish were loaded aboard the boat. Once they reached Bay of Cleat, 220,000 fish were left in the vessel, leaving 80,000 fish unaccounted for. It seems at this point that the escape did not occur at a fish farm, subsequently there is no obligation for the escape to be reported, however, Migdale Transport have agreed to fill in the initial notification form. The person best placed to fill in the notification form is currently busy with travel and meetings so we may not get a completed initial notification form until tomorrow afternoon.

I thought I should let you know before then. I will of course send through the initial notification form when we get it.

If you have any questions please let me know,

Thanks,

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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w: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 30 December 2024 10:05

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)><<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)><<REDACTED

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**Subject:** FW: MSe221224SAL1

Hi folks,

Just forwarding on for your info.

Cheers,

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**Fish Health Inspector, Marine Directorate**

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T: <REDACTED 11(2)>

M: <REDACTED 11(2)>

E: <REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot

**From:** MS FishHealth

**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2024 3:38 PM

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Subject:** MSe221224SAL1

Good afternoon,

I've just circulated an escape notification received this afternoon from Bakkafrost (Applecross Smolt On-growing 1 FS1360).

I spoke with <REDACTED 11(2)> over the phone and jotted down the following additional information surrounding the escape :

The site was transferring fish from the site to the wellboat which was moored down at the pier via a 1 kilometre pipeline. There was a breakage on the right side of the pier where the wellboat and transfer line met, caused by motion of the wellboat in rough weather. Approximately 35,000 had been loaded onto the wellboat prior to the breakage with fish bound to be transferred to Portree. Fish that escaped from the broken pipe spilled onto the pier, most were retrieved and placed into a mort tub which was filled approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  full but unfortunately some fish did escape. The whole incident was witnessed by staff so its likely that the estimate of 200 – 300 is fairly accurate. Any fish that did escape is presumed to be in poor condition due to them having fallen onto the hard concrete pier surface before flopping into the water so the survival rate of escaped fish will be comprised. <REDACTED 11(2)> did mention on the phone that there is a small chance that some deceased fish could possibly wash up on the nearby beach due to the rough weather. Following the escape, the transfer was cancelled and any fish remaining in the pipeline have been removed and repairs are underway. <REDACTED 11(2)> mentioned that a potential mitigation for when they return to complete the remaining transfer will be to install a mesh net underneath the connection points on the pipeline to prevent a future incident from occurring. Bakkafröst have left a voicemail and emailed Wester Ross district Salmon fishery board to notify them of the escape.

Have circulated the initial notification to all relevant contacted and input the details into Aquadat.

<REDACTED 11(2)>, will be back to work on 27<sup>th</sup> so if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Happy Christmas!

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**Cc:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: IN APX Ongrowing 1 - 22.12.2024

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>,

Thank you for notifying us of this escape. Your Marine Directorate incident number is : **MSe221224SAL1**. Please reference this number with any further communication regarding this event.

As discussed over the phone, you explained that you already have attempted to notify Wester Ross Area Salmon Fishery Board by email and phone – thank you. If it is decided that any attempt to recapture any escaped fish is to be undertaken please inform us as soon as possible.

Your final notification form is due 28 days from today's date.

Kind regards,

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**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2024 1:42 PM  
**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** IN APX Ongrowing 1 - 22.12.2024

Hi DI,

Please find attached initial notification form for the loss of fish from Applecross yesterday.

Thanks

<REDACTED 11(2)>  
<REDACTED 11(2)>  
Unit 1, Smithy Lane  
Lochgilphead, PA31 8TA  
Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

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[www.bakkafrostscotland.com](http://www.bakkafrostscotland.com)  
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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 13 March 2024 17:49  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Aquadat data request

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

Thanks for dealing with this one. For info, the date issue is due to Crystal Reports seeing the end date as a string instead of a date field. It does this with a few fields. There's a work around for it which I've done a desk instruction for – it's in the Aquadat reporting folder called Formula field to convert string field to date. I've done a copy of the report template you saved with this field updates so you can see it for future.

Cheers

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:13 AM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)> ; <REDACTED 11(2)>  
**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)>  
**Subject:** RE: Aquadat data request

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

Here is the escapes data.

Apologies, but I could not get the end date format to match the start date format so the start data is format DD/MM/YYYY and the end date is YYYY-MM-DD. I'm not sure why this has happened, but excel doesn't seem to recognise the data as being a date. I also couldn't format the number escaped as this is text rather than number.

Let me know if you have any questions

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<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:35 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Aquadat data request

Many thanks <REDACTED 11(2)>, <REDACTED 11(2)>, this is much appreciated.

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:38 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Aquadat data request

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

No problem, I'll get that done as <REDACTED 11(2)> and <REDACTED 11(2)> are on leave this week

Cheers

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:12 PM  
**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Aquadat data request

Hi,

Can you please facilitate <REDACTED 11(2)> request for data from Aquadat? I'm presuming this needs Crystal reports as previously. Any issues let me or <REDACTED 11(2)> know.

Cheers

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:02 PM

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Aquadat data request

Good afternoon <REDACTED 11(2)>,

I hope you're well.

In 2022 you very kindly facilitated a request from me to one of your colleagues to pull data from Aquadat in spreadsheet format which contained data on escapes.

<REDACTED 11(2)> I'm writing today to ask if it is possible to repeat that request – to have another pull of Aquadat data that:

- Includes data columns on start and end dates of incidents, species name, estimated total number of fish lost, escape reason name, and water type (F or S)
- Includes all records since record keeping began – the previous data pull I requested arbitrarily covered Jan 2000 to the-then present date of August 2022. As I say could we please cover since records began, to the present day, for this pull?

For context, <REDACTED 11(2)> is leading on drafting a new escapes sub, and has asked that we input a refreshed table into the sub for the Ministers.

Many thanks in advance <REDACTED 11(2)>,  
<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**Aquaculture Development, Marine Economy and Communities Portfolio, Marine Directorate**

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

E: <REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 15 November 2024 11:33

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Wellboat escape emails

Great – thanks <REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 15 November 2024 11:21

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Wellboat escape emails

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

It looks like we don't have the source/destination data. The initial email mentions that <REDACTED 11(2)> prepopulated the form as much as he could for Migdale from info from <REDACTED 11(2)> so I guess it must have been a Cooke site involved. I checked for emails from <REDACTED 11(2)> in the FHI mailbox around that time and there is anything from that time other than mortality notification data so it might have been in phone call only

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**Technical Manager, Fish Health Inspectorate, Marine Directorate**

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

T: <REDACTED 11(2)>

S/B: <REDACTED 11(2)>

M: <REDACTED 11(2)>

E:  [<REDACTED 11\(2\)>@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot)

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com>

**Sent:** 23 December 2024 09:57

**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>

**Subject:** notification of escape of fish

Hi DI,

I will submit an initial notification form shortly, but wish to inform you of an escape event that occurred yesterday approx. mid-day during smolt loading from Applecross Smolt Ongrowing 1 (FS1360). We think we have lost a few hundred fish over the pier side.

Please call if you need any further details, but I will follow up with appropriate forms in the next few hours.

Thanks

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

Unit 1, Smithy Lane

Lochgilphead, PA31 8TA

Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 23 December 2024 15:00

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com>

**Cc:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: IN APX Ongrowing 1 - 22.12.2024

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>,

Thank you for notifying us of this escape. Your Marine Directorate incident number is : **MSe221224SAL1**. Please reference this number with any further communication regarding this event.

As discussed over the phone, you explained that you already have attempted to notify Wester Ross Area Salmon Fishery Board by email and phone – thank you. If it is decided that any attempt to recapture any escaped fish is to be undertaken please inform us as soon as possible.

Your final notification form is due 28 days from today's date.

Kind regards,

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**Fish Health Inspector, Marine Directorate**

Scottish Government, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.

T: <REDACTED 11(2)>

M: <REDACTED 11(2)>

E: <REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2024 1:42 PM

**To:** MS FishHealth

**Subject:** IN APX Ongrowing 1 - 22.12.2024

Hi DI,

Please find attached initial notification form for the loss of fish from Applecross yesterday.

Thanks

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

Unit 1,Smithy Lane

Lochgilphead,PA31 8TA

Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com>

**Sent:** 12 June 2024 08:43

**To:** MS FishHealth <MS.FishHealth@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Initial Notification of breach in containment

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

Please see attached FN for the Scotasay breach in containment.

Thanks

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

Unit 1,Smithy Lane

Lochgilphead,PA31 8TA

Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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**From:** MS.FishHealth@gov.scot

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 2:15 PM

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)>

**Subject:** FW: Initial Notification of breach in containment

Hi <REDACTED 11(2)>

As requested in the email below, could you please send the final notification for the escape incident MSe070524SAL1 (initial notification attached).

Thanks in advance,

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

**Senior Fish Health Inspector, Marine Directorate,**

Scottish Government, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.

T: <REDACTED 11(2)>

M: <REDACTED 11(2)>

E: <REDACTED 11(2)>@gov.scot

**From:** MS FishHealth

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:29 AM

**To:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com>

**Subject:** RE: Initial Notification of breach in containment

Thank you <REDACTED 11(2)>, I confirm receipt of the initial notification and provide the incident reference number - MSe070524SAL1.

Please provide final notification within 28 days, using the above reference.

Best regards,

<REDACTED 11(2)>

Duty Inspector

Fish Health Inspectorate  
Marine Scotland - Science

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

Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

E: [ms.fishhealth@gov.scot](mailto:ms.fishhealth@gov.scot)

W: <https://www.gov.scot/marine-and-fisheries/>

**From:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:22 AM

**To:** MS FishHealth <[MS.FishHealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.FishHealth@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** <REDACTED 11(2)> <<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com>; <REDACTED 11(2)>  
<<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com>

**Subject:** Initial Notification of breach in containment

Hi DI,

Please find attached an initial notification form for a breach in containment at our Scotasay site. A single fish lost during health checks.

If there are any questions, please get in touch.

Thanks

<REDACTED 11(2)>

Head of Health

Unit 1, Smithy Lane

Lochgilphead, PA31 8TA

Tel: <REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

<REDACTED 11(2)>

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## APPENDIX 2

### FARMED FISH ESCAPES – FINAL NOTIFICATION

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1. Please supply details of the business and the site (Read our [privacy notice](#) to find out what we do with your information.):

Site Name:	Scotasay	Site No:	FS0502
APB Name:	Bakkafrost Scotland	APB No:	FB0169
Contact Name:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	Telephone No:	<REDACTED 11(2)>
FAX No:		Email Address:	<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com

2. Please provide final details of the escape or Potential escape:

Date of initial notification:	8.05.2024	Total number of fish lost (if none please specify “none”)*:	1
Marine Scotland incident reference:	MSe070524SAL1	Number of fish recovered (if none please specify “none”):	0
Action taken by business to recover fish:	None	Have site movement records been updated:	Yes
Confirmed Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape	Human Error		
Confirmed Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or potential Escape (if applicable)			

3. Follow-up action:

What preventative measures have or will be taken to minimise the risk of a similar incident occurring on this or any of the business’ other sites (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<i>Procedure in place already for performing health checks and returning fish. Staff to be refreshed on BFS procedure.</i>
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Completed by:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	<b>The form should be sent to:</b> The Duty Inspector Tel: 0131 2443498 Fish Health Inspectorate Fax: 0131 244 0944 Marine Scotland Science PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB Email: <a href="mailto:ms.fishhealth@gov.scot">ms.fishhealth@gov.scot</a>
Position in Organisation:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	
Date:	11.06.2024	

\* If the number of fish lost is unknown at this point please submit a further final notification form once the losses have been established.

## FARMED FISH ESCAPES – INITIAL NOTIFICATION

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1. Please supply details of the authorised aquaculture production business (APB) and farm site (Read our [privacy notice](#) to find out what we do with your information.):

Site Name:	Applecross Smolt Ongoing 1	Site No:	FS1360
APB Name:	Bakkafrost Scotland	APB No:	FB0169
Contact Name:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	Telephone No:	<REDACTED 11(2)>
Fax No:		Email Address:	<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com

2. Please supply the following details regarding the fish escape:

Date & time of incident (nearest estimate)	22.12.2024 approx 12 noon	OS grid reference:	NG821403 (Site) NG823400 (Pier)
Site location:	Strathcarron, Ross-shire, IV54 8XF	Estimated number of fish lost:	200-300
Species:	Atlantic salmon	Average weight:	170g
Age in months:	13	Growth stage:	Smolt
Please supply details of any treatments administered for which the fish are in withdrawal:	Fish were fed SLICE prior to transfer		
Please confirm whether the fish were healthy at the time of the escape, or the nature of any disease:	Fish were healthy, low level detection of Flavobacter		
Please confirm mortality rates on site and the reasons for mortality:	WK 51 – 0.73%, WK 50 – 1.02%, WK 49 – 1.62%, WK 48 – 1.39% low Flavo, slight fungus, transfer fish (into unit)		

3. Please provide details of the circumstances surrounding the fish escape or potential escape (if necessary continue on a separate sheet):

Circumstances Surrounding the Escape or potential Escape  Consider: Human error, predation, suspected foul play, failure or wear and tear of equipment (mooring, ropes, netting, cages or pens, boats), weather conditions (wave height, wind speed and tidal strength):	<i>During smolt loading, the connection between wellboat and transfer line was broken, resulting in a spillage of fish onto the pier. The majority of these were collected into a harvest tub and humanely euthanised, however a small number dropped over the pier side into the sea. Efforts were taken to retrieve any fallen fish.</i>	
Suspected Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape	Equipment failure/damage	
Suspected Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or potential Escape(if applicable)	Weather	
Completed by:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	<b>The form should be sent to:</b>
Position in Organisation:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	The Duty Inspector Fish Health Inspectorate Marine Scotland Science PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB
Date:	23.12.2024	Tel: 0131 2443498 Fax: 0131 244 0944



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1. Please supply details of the authorised aquaculture production business (APB) and farm site (Read our [privacy notice](#) to find out what we do with your information.):

Site Name:	Scotasay	Site No:	FS0502
APB Name:	Bakkafrost Scotland	APB No:	FB0169
Contact Name:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	Telephone No:	<REDACTED 11(2)>
Fax No:		Email Address:	<REDACTED 11(2)>@bakkafrost.com

2. Please supply the following details regarding the fish escape:

Date & time of incident (nearest estimate)	7.05.2024 10:30am	OS grid reference:	
Site location:	Scalpay, Harris	Estimated number of fish lost:	1
Species:	Atlantic salmon	Average weight:	2.9Kg
Age in months:	12 months in SW	Growth stage:	Grower
Please supply details of any treatments administered for which the fish are in withdrawal:	None		
Please confirm whether the fish were healthy at the time of the escape, or the nature of any disease:	Low level furunculosis, historical PGD		
Please confirm mortality rates on site and the reasons for mortality:	0.86% weekly, background furunculosis and gill health from previous Q3		

3. Please provide details of the circumstances surrounding the fish escape or potential escape (if necessary continue on a separate sheet):

Circumstances Surrounding the Escape or potential Escape Consider: Human error, predation, suspected foul play, failure or wear and tear of equipment (mooring, ropes, netting, cages or pens, boats), weather conditions (wave height, wind speed and tidal strength):	<i>Human error – fish dropped during routine health checks on cage 3</i>		
Suspected Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape	Human error		
Suspected Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or potential Escape(if applicable)			
Completed by:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	<b>The form should be sent to:</b>	
Position in Organisation:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	The Duty Inspector Fish Health Inspectorate Marine Scotland Science PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB Email: <a href="mailto:ms.fishhealth@gov.scot">ms.fishhealth@gov.scot</a>	Tel: 0131 2443498 Fax: 0131 244 0944
Date:	7.05.2024		

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1. Please supply details of the authorised aquaculture production business (APB) and farm site (Read our [privacy notice](#) to find out what we do with your information.):

Site Name:	South West Shuna	Site No:	FS1290
APB Name:	Mowi Scotland Limited	APB No:	FB0119
Contact Name:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	Telephone No:	<REDACTED 11(2)>
Fax No:		Email Address:	<REDACTED 11(2)>@mowi.com

2. Please supply the following details regarding the fish escape:

Date & time of incident (nearest estimate)	18/05/2021 19:00 ish	OS grid reference:	NM 67678 97226
Site location:	Mallaig Harvest Station	Estimated number of fish lost:	1 – (stunned)
Species:	Atlantic Salmon	Average weight:	5.1kg
Age in months:	24	Growth stage:	Fully grown
Please supply details of any treatments administered for which the fish are in withdrawal:	N/A		
Please confirm whether the fish were healthy at the time of the escape, or the nature of any disease:	Healthy for harvest		
Please confirm mortality rates on site and the reasons for mortality:	N/A		

3. Please provide details of the circumstances surrounding the fish escape or potential escape (if necessary continue on a separate sheet):

<p>Circumstances Surrounding the Escape or potential Escape</p> <p>Consider: Human error, predation, suspected foul play, failure or wear and tear of equipment (mooring, ropes, netting, cages or pens, boats), weather conditions (wave height, wind speed and tidal strength):</p>	<p>Whilst the fish were being piped /transferred between Ronja Carrier and the harvest station a rubber gasket seal in transfer pipe access chamber came unexpectedly loose and started to cause a major leak of water onto the pier. This was reported to the harvest station supervisor by the skipper of the vessel who immediately asked for the pumps to be stopped to allow investigation of the problem by &lt;REDACTED 11(2)&gt;. The attempt was made to tighten up the chamber to fix the leak without the success as the gasket seal was blown off. The &lt;REDACTED 11(2)&gt; opened the chamber to correct the gasket however this resulted in fish spillage onto the pier which were immediately contained and humanely stunned at pier. However one of the 113 fish after being culled but still in post stunned condition, bounced off the floor and fell into the harbour where the vessel is berthed, all the remaining fish were humanely destroyed.</p>
Suspected Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape	Rubber gasket seal in access chamber of the transfer pipe became loose
Suspected Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or	One post-stunned fish was visibly seen falling into

potential Escape(if applicable)		the pier
Completed by:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	<b>The form should be sent to:</b> The Duty Inspector                      Tel: 0131 2443498 Fish Health Inspectorate              Fax: 0131 244 0944 Marine Scotland Science PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB Email: <a href="mailto:ms.fishhealth@gov.scot">ms.fishhealth@gov.scot</a>
Position                      in Organisation:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	
Date:	19/05/2023	

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1. Please supply details of the authorised aquaculture production business (APB) and farm site (Read our [privacy notice](#) to find out what we do with your information.):

Site Name:	Migdale Transport Ltd	Site No:	STS0001
APB Name:	Migdale Transport Ltd	APB No:	STB0001
Contact Name:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	Telephone No:	<REDACTED 11(2)>
Fax No:		Email Address:	<REDACTED 11(2)>@migdaletransport.co.uk

2. Please supply the following details regarding the fish escape:

Date & time of incident (nearest estimate)	From 13/02/2023 at 18.00 to 15/02/2023 at 07:20 (approx.)	OS grid reference: East 204188, North 914333 Garvie Bay	Unknown at present
Site location:	N/A	Estimated number of fish lost:	80,000
Species:	SAL	Average weight:	100g
Age in months:	12 months	Growth stage:	Smolt
Please supply details of any treatments administered for which the fish are in withdrawal:			
Please confirm whether the fish were healthy at the time of the escape, or the nature of any disease:	Healthy		
Please confirm mortality rates on site and the reasons for mortality:	N/A		

3. Please provide details of the circumstances surrounding the fish escape or potential escape (if necessary continue on a separate sheet):

Circumstances Surrounding the Escape or potential Escape Consider: Human error, predation, suspected foul play, failure or wear and tear of equipment (mooring, ropes, netting, cages or pens, boats), weather conditions (wave height, wind speed and tidal strength):	<i>A forward grating door in the well of the Wellboat Migdale ( IMO9220689) due to human error was unsecured after routine cleaning and disinfection, and while the vessel was at anchor in Garvie Bay overnight whilst loaded with smolts on the 13th February 2023, it is suspected that that during this time, the fish escaped through the grating door, and out of the bottom hatches which were opened for exchanging water. Normally this grated door is secured with bolts and lynch pins, however on this occasion, it was left open!</i>		
Suspected Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape	Human error		
Suspected Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or potential Escape(if applicable)			
Completed by:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	<b>The form should be sent to:</b>	
Position in Organisation:	<REDACTED 11(2)> Migdale Transport Ltd	The Duty Inspector Fish Health Inspectorate Marine Scotland Science	Tel: 0131 2443498 Fax: 0131 244 0944

Date:

16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

PO Box 101  
375 Victoria Road  
Aberdeen  
AB11 9DB  
Email: [ms.fishhealth@gov.scot](mailto:ms.fishhealth@gov.scot)

## APPENDIX 2

### FARMED FISH ESCAPES – FINAL NOTIFICATION

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1. Please supply details of the business and the site (Read our [privacy notice](#) to find out what we do with your information.):

Site Name:		Site No:	
APB Name:		APB No:	
Contact Name:		Telephone No:	
FAX No:		Email Address:	

2. Please provide final details of the escape or Potential escape:

Date of initial notification:		Total number of fish lost (if none please specify “none”)*:	
Marine Scotland incident reference:		Number of fish recovered (if none please specify “none”):	
Action taken by business to recover fish:		Have site movement records been updated:	
Confirmed Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape			
Confirmed Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or potential Escape (if applicable)			

3. Follow-up action:

What preventative measures have or will be taken to minimise the risk of a similar incident occurring on this or any of the business’ other sites (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	
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Completed by:		<b>The form should be sent to:</b> The Duty Inspector      Tel: 0131 2443498 Fish Health Inspectorate      Fax: 0131 244 0944 Marine Scotland Science PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB Email: <a href="mailto:ms.fishhealth@gov.scot">ms.fishhealth@gov.scot</a>
Position in Organisation:		
Date:		

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1. Please supply details of the business and the site (Read our [privacy notice](#) to find out what we do with your information.):

Site Name:	Migdale Transport Ltd	Site No:	STS0001
APB Name:	Migdale Transport Ltd	APB No:	STS0001
Contact Name:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	Telephone No:	<REDACTED 11(2)>
FAX No:		Email Address:	<REDACTED 11(2)>@migdaletransport.co.uk

2. Please provide final details of the escape or Potential escape:

Date of initial notification:	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Total number of fish lost (if none please specify “none”)*:	80,000
Marine Scotland incident reference:	MSel30223SAL1	Number of fish recovered (if none please specify “none”):	None
Action taken by business to recover fish:	No action	Have site movement records been updated:	N/A
Confirmed Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape		Forward grating door was unsecured after routine cleaning and disinfection	
Confirmed Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or potential Escape (if applicable)		Human Error	

3. Follow-up action:

What preventative measures have or will be taken to minimise the risk of a similar incident occurring on this or any of the business’ other sites (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<i>The Master has added additional procedures, so that these grating doors are checked to be secure by two crew members each time there is cleaning and disinfection within the well, these crew members will also sign off a form to confirm this.</i>
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Completed by:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	<b>The form should be sent to:</b> The Duty Inspector      Tel: 0131 2443498 Fish Health Inspectorate      Fax: 0131 244 0944 Marine Scotland Science PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB Email: <a href="mailto:ms.fishhealth@gov.scot">ms.fishhealth@gov.scot</a>
Position in Organisation:	<REDACTED 11(2)>	
Date:	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	

\* If the number of fish lost is unknown at this point please submit a further final notification form once the losses have been established.