

**Strategy relating to interactions with seabirds and large marine vertebrates**  
(for oyster growers)

Licence Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Some seabirds and large marine vertebrates will, on occasion, be present on (or pass through) oyster farming sites, however the risk of these interactions causing injury or harm to those seabirds and large marine vertebrates is considered very low.

In order to prevent adverse interactions, the following actions are undertaken:

- Except in the case of hazardous weather conditions, each site is attended throughout the year at least once per [     ].
- Additional inspections are made within [     ] days following a storm event.
- During these site visits a visual inspection is made to ensure the structures and equipment are maintained on the site, and in good working order.
- All posts, wires or ropes are maintained in good working order, with wires and ropes kept taut to minimise the risk of a seabird or large marine vertebrate becoming trapped or tangled.
- Any farm structure or equipment requiring repair that may pose a risk to seabirds and large marine vertebrates is attended to within [     ] days except in the case of hazardous weather, in which case repairs are carried out within [     ] days of hazardous weather abating.
- Seabirds and large marine vertebrates may be shepherded from the site, but under no circumstances is force used to remove the animals.

In order to ensure all staff are aware of the procedures for interactions with seabirds and large marine vertebrates, training is provided at induction and employees are required to report interactions to their supervisor upon return from a site. Adverse interactions are recorded and maintained on business records and made available for inspection by PIRSA Aquaculture or PIRSA Fishwatch staff upon request. Such reporting will be worked into current recording systems on a continuous improvement basis, so as to make the reporting effective and likely to occur.

In the event of an entanglement or entrapment of a large marine vertebrate occurring, the following actions are undertaken:

- PIRSA Fishwatch are contacted immediately on 1800 065 522 after discovery of the situation (but no more than 12 hours), regardless of whether the animal is alive or dead.
- Every effort is made to remove any ropes, lines or other obstruction that may be causing the entanglement or entrapment whilst taking care not to use undue force or action that may result in further injury or harm to the animal.
- If the animal is dead, it is contained and a report made immediately to PIRSA Fishwatch on 1800 065 522 for instructions regarding removal and/or disposal.
- A written record of the event, actions taken and outcome is recorded and maintained on business records, available for inspection by PIRSA or Fishwatch staff upon request.

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