



Marine Farming Association (MFA)

Marine Farming Industry Code of Practice to

Reduce waste taken to landfill as a result of marine farming 'On water' activities

Objectives

- To minimise the impact of marine farming 'on water' activities on the environment and community in which we operate.
- To minimise generic concerns which from time to time may be expressed by other stakeholders and users of the Marlborough Sounds, Golden Bay and Tasman Bay in respect of marine farming.
- Within 5 years, all damaged "dead" floats will be repaired or recycled in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner, no "dead" floats will contribute to landfill.
- All other marine farming material that is not able to be recycled or re-used will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

Standard Operating Procedures

- Use stocking with the highest practicable percentage of biodegradable material when seeding out mussel spat.
- Ensure warp and backbone ropes are of a sufficient specification and condition to prevent breaking under prevailing environmental conditions.
- Secure all mussel farm materials to best industry practice to prevent loss to the environment.
- Do not dispose of any non-natural material into the marine environment.
- Retrieve any non-natural materials (eg floats, ropes, anchors) no longer required from the marine environment.
- Wherever possible repair and reuse materials and equipment as an alternative to disposal (eg rope & floats).
- Look for recycling options wherever possible.

Review

This Code of Practice will be reviewed annually by the MFA Environment Committee.

Other Documents

The Standard Operating Procedures should be used in conjunction with the AQNZ A⁺ Sustainable Management Framework.