



Marine Farming Association (MFA)

Marine Farming Industry Code of Practice

Reducing Pollution and Emissions from 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.

Standard Operating Procedures

- Ensure that there is no discharge of contaminants such as oil, diesel, petrol or effluent into the marine environment.
- Ensure that good management practices are adhered to in relation to the storage and use of chemicals and fuels on board vessels, including;
 - Using appropriate quality storage containers
 - Storing in contained areas (to avoid spills into the marine environment or bilge system)
 - Only carrying the quantities required
 - Refuelling at approved areas and supervising refuelling at all times
 - Keeping absorbent material on board to absorb onboard spills
- Be familiar with the requirements of your local Regional Oil Spill contingency plans and your responsibilities under this plan.
- Use biodegradable cleaning products to clean vessels
- Use biodegradable oils in vessel engines
- Use approved facilities when antifouling vessels

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.