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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 03 February 2020 15:32
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Seal shot at Poolewe
Attachments: RE: Seal shot at Poolewe 22nd January; Re: Seal shot at Poolewe 22nd January; Seal shot at Poolewe 22nd January

Hi [Redacted]

As discussed regarding the seal shot at Poolewe – MSLOT have advised that this was not carried out under the seal licence and should be reported to the police wildlife crime unit. MS LOT have also said for recording purposes it should be entered into MSIR which you said you were happy to do.

I've attached the two emails that [Redacted] sent to the SSPCA (the fish farm are also copied into the email), the most recent email today includes photos of a wound on the rear flipper. I've also included the email from [Redacted] (MS LOT) to say this case is to be forwarded on to the police.

I've cc'd [Redacted] who I contacted to see if this was something reported to MS LOT at the time – from the sounds of it, there was a phone call made to LOT to ask if shooting the seal would count towards their seal licence, but were told it would not if it was a shooting for alleviating suffering. [Redacted] – please correct this if I misunderstood what you said on Friday.

I will contact [Redacted] and ask him to forward any response he receives to the emails he has sent and for him to not engage further as this is being dealt with.

Best wishes
[Redacted]

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T: [Redacted]
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E: [Redacted] [@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)
W: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine>

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 03 February 2020 14:45
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Seal shot at Poolewe 22nd January

Hi [Redacted]

I passed this onto [Redacted] and we agree that this should go to the police wildlife crime unit as it was not something carried out under a marine licence. It should also be entered as a case in MSIR for recording purposes, assuming you have access to that system?

Kind regards
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2020 10:44
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Seal shot at Poolewe 22nd January

Hi both,

Forwarding this email I received today. This wasn't under a seal licence but I am aware that there is a provision in the Marine Scotland Act to kill a seal to alleviate suffering. There is a form to be completed: <https://www2.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00507610.pdf>
[Redacted] - do you know if one was submitted for this?
[Redacted] - I'm not sure if this is something for compliance as this wasn't under licence and the SSPCA were involved, but thought you should be made aware.

Best wishes
[Redacted]

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From: SAC Stranding <Stranding@sruc.ac.uk>
Sent: 31 January 2020 08:03
To: [Redacted] @mowi.com>; [Redacted] @mowi.com>; [Redacted] @scottishspca.org>; [Redacted] @gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Subject: Seal shot at Poolewe 22nd January

All,

We recently received for necropsy a juvenile male harbour seal (ref M60/20), submitted to us by Mowi Scotland, shot apparently on welfare grounds and under instruction from the SSPCA, due to a 'substantial wound to the rear flipper'.

Upon examining the animal there was no clear pathological reason for this animal to have been euthanized. The wound was a superficial skin defect, <20mm across in the webbing of the hind flipper, with no associated inflammatory reaction or indication of infection. The animal was in thin body condition, with evidence of congestion and focal consolidation to the lungs, possibly suggestive of pneumonia. Parasite burden was however low and otherwise the animal appeared healthy and had been recently feeding.

If possible, could you clarify why this animal was euthanized, who made the decision and on what basis? For example was the animal particularly lethargic, exhibiting neurological signs or otherwise unsuitable for rehabilitation?

Whilst it is appreciated this was likely all done in good faith and with the animal's welfare in mind, given the protected nature of this species it is concerning from both an individual and population basis if animals are being removed unnecessarily.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme
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[Redacted]

On Thu, 23 Jan 2020 at 12:18, [Redacted]

@mowi.com> wrote:

I will get it through this afternoon.

The grid ref is – NG 84352 81421

I will hopefully get through by 3.30pm

Best regards

[Redacted]

Mowi Scotland

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From: SAC Stranding <Stranding@sruc.ac.uk>
Sent: 23 January 2020 11:34
To: [Redacted] [@mowi.com](mailto:[Redacted]@mowi.com); SAC Stranding <Stranding@sruc.ac.uk>
Subject: RE: Loch Ewe Seal

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[Redacted]
Hi

Thanks for the photo, yes we'll take they animal if you are able to drop it off to us please?

Could you give us a grid ref for the location it was found please? This website will help you pin point its location <https://gridreferencefinder.com/>

If you are able to drop it of at our Alcaig, here's a link to the location.
<https://www.sruc.ac.uk/frbsinverness>

If you give us a call on the mobile number below about 20 mins before you arrive I'll make sure I'm there to meet you.

Please do let us know if you find any more.

Kind Regards.

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mowi.com>
Sent: 23 January 2020 11:14
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Subject: FW: Loch Ewe Seal

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Good Morning,

See attached photos of the seal we had to euthanise on welfare grounds.

I have also attached the response from the sspca.

If you need anymore info, just give me a call on the below number.

I am also happy to run the seal through this afternoon if this suits you?

Best regards

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] @mowi.com>
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To: [Redacted] @mowi.com>
Subject:

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