

FISHING PORT OF KILMORE QUAY

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF VISIT: 11/09/2024

PORT MANAGEMENT

Port Authority : Kilmore Quay
Administrator: Wexford County Council

PORT DESCRIPTION

This is a multi-purpose port which accommodates approx. 20 trawlers, 5 scallop boats and 25 inshore vessels for crab, lobster & whelk. In addition, charter deep-sea angling vessels, tourboats to the Saltee Islands, and leisure crafts use the port.

There are also seafood processing plants next to the port.

MANAGEMENT OF USED FISHING GEAR

EQUIPMENT

The port management have a skid steer for use on the port to assist where necessary. The larger fishing companies use a teleporter, pick-up truck etc. to deliver to the PRF.

MANAGEMENT

Delivery : The harbour master (HM) is contacted by the boat owner about the type of waste being dropped on site. A 'Standard format for the waste delivery receipt' is filled out.

Waste Reception: There is a contained area with segregated waste bins/ skips.

Transfer to storage area: Fishermen are responsible for the separation and delivery of waste.

Pre-treatment: There is no pre-treatment.

Waste Streams: separated into different streams.

EOL: A lay-down area is available for storage and separation in metal, nets, rope etc. The HM records amounts and

arranges for collections twice a year by Wexford County Council to its municipal landfill and civic amenity site where all recyclable material is sent for recycling and the remainder is sent to landfill.

Metal from gear is taken away by a local provider for recycling.

The rubber components from gear are often reused also.

Management costs: Wexford County Council Harbour and Port Fee's system has waste management costs included in it charges. Fees are based on Gross Registered Tons, Length of vessel, the period and frequency of facility use.

CONSTRAINTS

- The PRF area is a confined space, and the addition of any further segregated waste bins will be difficult to accommodate.(fig.2)
- Lack of space to segregate and store EOL
- Lack of resources to carry out segregation, categorisations, reporting etc.
- No 24-hour PRF monitoring, i.e., if a boat docks late at night FfL may end up in general waste or vice-versa.

BEST PRACTICES

- There is signage on the piers to direct fishermen to the waste facilities available.
- There is clear and modern signage used in each section of the facility. (fig.1).
- There is a designated area for EOL storage and segregation.
- A waste survey was carried out on behalf of BIM, in 2024 to establish the extent of fishing gear waste present in municipal waste skips on ports.
- This information was also used to characterise waste and as part of the reporting requirements that Ireland needs to fulfil.

OBJECTIVES

- The port management are actively seeking a recovery system provider for nets/ rope.
- Meet recycling targets, specifically for nets.



fig 1. Clearly labelled bins



fig 2. Port Reception Facility

PASSIVE FISHING FOR LITTER

CURRENT PRACTICES

'Fishing for Litter' is run under BIM's Clean Oceans Initiative. Participating boats bring back passively fished waste, collected in half tonne bags that are provided by BIM to store on board. All PFW is then recorded by the Harbour Master and disposed of in general waste. 9 skips of 2.3 tonne PFW were collected in 2023. Following research carried out on behalf of BIM it was discovered that it is not currently feasible to enter FfL into the recovery system, the degradation, mixed and soiled condition of items collected, the low quantity of material available and the lack of value chain available.