

FISHING PORT OF CASTLETOWNBERE

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF VISIT: 30/09/2024

PORT MANAGEMENT

Port Authority : Castletownbere Harbour

Administrator:

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)

PORT DESCRIPTION

A busy port that is home to several state organisations and fishing businesses. Including a seafood processing plant, an ice plant, fisherman's co-op, and shipping agents. Cruise liners and island ferries also dock here.

30 x >20m fishing vessels are based at the port, the majority are whitefish trawlers.

MANAGEMENT OF USED FISHING GEAR

EQUIPMENT

A Bobcat and Teleporter are available on site.

MANAGEMENT

- The Harbour Master is contacted by Merchant vessels prior to arrival in port
- Waste is collected from enclosed waste skips provided on the piers and is collected daily or twice daily depending on vessel traffic in the harbour.
- Currently EOL goes to landfill, reusable/ recyclable components such as metal are stripped beforehand.
- Category 1 Waste Skips are provided for vessels arriving from international ports.

Fees:

- Fees are per Statutory Instrument 214 of 2012

REUSE

- Currently EOL goes to landfill, reusable/ recyclable components such as metal are stripped beforehand.
- EOL Spanish/ French nets go back to relevant country via trucks that deliver services to these fishermen.
- Waste that currently has a value stream: metal, wood palette, oil, rubber goes to the tyre centre, ICW, batteries, carboard, wire rope, glass, small oil drums (25 litre)

CONSTRAINTS

- There are limited resources available to collect data on EOL/ PFW waste types.
- No value chain available for nets.

BEST PRACTICES

- In the past year, BIM/CTC have ben working with the port to implement reporting using waste characterisation codes.
- Communication on legislation, Bye Laws and relevant activity in the harbour are communicated via harbour notices, posted locally and via emails.
- There is a net storage/ maintenance area for nets in use.

OBJECTIVES

- The Harbour management actively sought means of recycling nets, however, to date, none is provided for within the state. The disposal of used gear is the responsibility of the net owner, the harbour no longer accepts end of life fishing gear.



PASSIVE FISHING FOR LITTER

CURRENT PRACTICES

- The port is named as a Fishing for Litter port, however, there is currently very little FfL activity is taking place.
- However, studies have been carried out in the past by BIM/CTC monitoring/ categorising waste in FfL skips.
- In 2023, 30m3 of compacted PFW was collected

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