

FISHING PORT OF UNION HALL

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF VISIT: 30/09/2024

PORT MANAGEMENT

Port Authority : Keelbeg Pier
Administrator: Cork County Council

PORT DESCRIPTION

This is small fishing pier with 19 regular boats from 6m to 28m, including 1 x Demersal trawler (Prawns), 2 x Pelagic vessels and Inshore fishing boats.

There is also a RNLI station and a Rowing Club attached to the pier.

MANAGEMENT OF USED FISHING GEAR

EQUIPMENT

A Forklift and a sweeper are available on site.

MANAGEMENT

- There is a new Port Reception Facility.
- However due to a lack of staffing resources fishermen deliver waste to the unmanned reception.
- This results in waste receptacles becoming mixed.

REUSE

- Currently EOL goes to landfill, reusable/ recyclable components such as metal are stripped beforehand.

Segregated Waste includes:

- Hazardous/ Oils – liquids/ solids/ rags/
- Oil drums go to Germany and are converted to heating material.
- Waste Metal
- General
- Wood (mostly Pallets/ cable reel)

BEST PRACTICES

- There is a net storage/ maintenance area for nets in use.
- There is ample room on the pier for segregation of waste.

OBJECTIVES

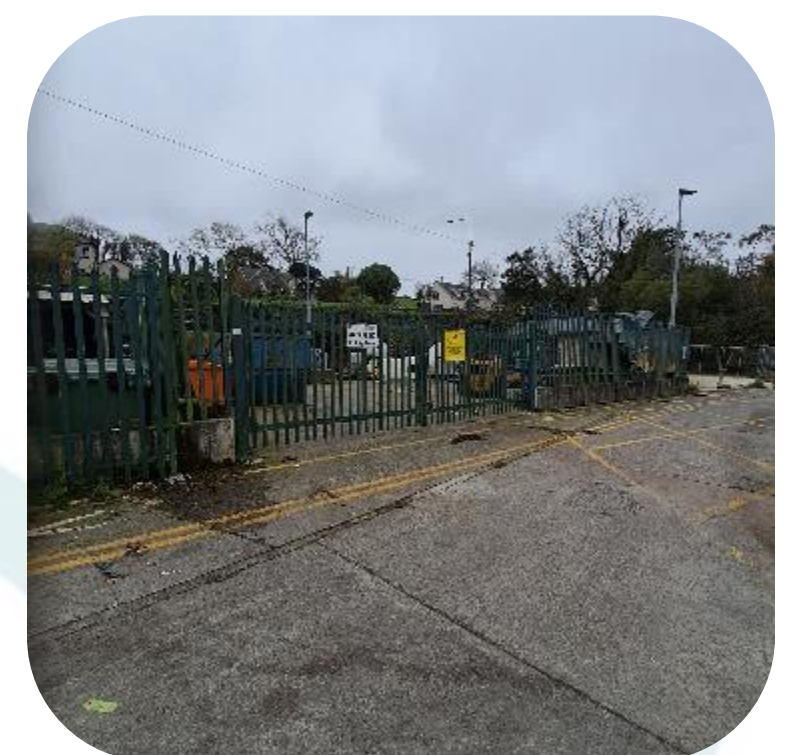
- The separation of waste on site, and the overall management of due to lack of funding and resources. As the PRF is open, the implementation of incentives/ enforcement is need to ensure waste ends up in the correct bins.

CONSTRAINTS

- No waste management plan – A plan is currently being developed.
- Due to lack of staff - fishermen deliver waste to the unmanned port reception, resulting in a mismanaged waste system.
- No value chain available for nets.

CURRENT PRACTICES

- The port is named as a 'Fishing for Litter' port.
- Fishing for Litter tonne bags, supplied by BIM are used by 2 boats frequenting the pier.
- There is a small orange skip is available for FfL, however, as it is an open PRF, other items usually end up in it.



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