

## RTI 010/2019-20: Seal Deterrents

### **Q1. The number of 'Seal Deterrent Permit' applications that were approved since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

The number of aquaculture employees who have been issued with a Seal Deterrent Permit (crackers, bean bags, scare caps, sedation) since 26/6/2018 is 76.

### **Q2. The number of 'Seal Deterrent Permit' applications that were approved and who/which company made them since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

Of the 76 aquaculture employees who were issued with a Seal Deterrent Permit (crackers, bean bags, scare caps, sedation) since 26/06/18:

- [REDACTED]
- 25 were employed by Huon Aquaculture
- 4 were employed by Petuna / Van Diemen

### **Q3. The number of 'Seal Deterrent Permit' applications rejected since 26/6/2018 and who/which company made them to 6/8/2019.**

Zero. If a potential applicant is deemed not suitable to be granted a permit – eg, he/she has a conviction, is not able to supply a firearms license or cannot demonstrate they are employed by an aquaculture company – then we do not commence the application process.

### **Q4. The number of times the use of beanbags, seal control units (crackers) were used since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

Monthly deterrent returns are provided by each salmon company. From 01/07/18 to 31/07/19:

- 1,533 bean bags were used;
- 24,528 crackers were used.

*NB: One company's return appears to be incomplete for the month of June 2019 and is currently being followed up.*

### **Q5. The number of times direct injury to a person happened due to a seal since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

The number of direct injuries reported to the Department due to a seal since 26/06/2018 is 2.

**Q6. The number of applications made for 'Removal by humane destruction' made to Wildlife Management Branch Officers since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

One application for 'Removal by humane destruction' has been made to Wildlife Management Branch Officers since 26/06/2018, however, the application was not followed through.

**Q7. The number of times a tranquiliser gun was used on seals by WMB representatives or authorised personal since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

The number of seals sedated (or attempted to be sedated) by permitted personnel at fish farms since 26/06/18 is 20.

**Q8. Copies of incident reports relating to the injury on people caused by seals as described in section 3.1, page 82. (Minimum requirements for an application for humane destruction as a consequence of direct attack/injury/significant aggressive behaviour) since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

Two incidents were reported during this time frame: Attachments Q8.1 (PDF) and Q8.2 (email).

**Q9. Any footage or photos of the use of beanbags, seal control units (crackers), 'Removal by humane Destruction' and seal relocation since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

No footage or photos of use of bean bags or crackers, or humane destruction, in the specified time period.

**Q10. Copies of all incident reports concerning the Humane Destruction of seals since 26/6/2018 to 6/8/2019.**

No incident reports available as no destructions have been enacted in this time period.



# SAFETY EVENT REPORTING FORM

(Doc Id: TBD)

Incident	Event causing damage to property, equipment, vessel, etc. (Fill Section A, B)
Accident	Event causing someone to get injured (Fill Section A, B, C)
Near Miss	Event that occurred but nearly caused an Incident or Accident (Fill Section A, B)
Hazard	Potential to cause injury or damage to property, equipment, etc. (Fill Section A, C)

## Section A:

Employee Name: [Redacted]  
 Department/Zone: DIVER - SUBSEA  
 Site: HIDEAWAY  
 Manager/ Supervisors' Name: [Redacted]  
 Date Reported: 24-5-19  
 Employee Signature: [Redacted]

## Treatment Required (Tick One):

- No First Aid Treatment required and returned to work (please explain why below) ✓
- Sent to WHS for Advanced First Aid Treatment
- External Medical Treatment required
- "000" called for Ambulance Assistance
- First Aid Treatment (Details below) and returned to work:

## Comments and Details:

DIDNT REACHED DIVER WETSUIT  
PIECE

## Section B:

Date of Event: 24-5-19 Time of Event: .....  
 Location of Event: POD  
 (eg: Pos 10-RBE/ Feed Warehouse/ Main Office/Cutlet Room..)

## Event Description (What Happened):

DIVER NIPPED BY  
AGITATED SEAL THROUGH  
POD-NET  
CRACKERS HAD BEEN USED  
45 min BEFORE

## Immediate Actions Taken (What Did You Do):

MOVED AWAY FROM  
POD-NET WALL.  
NO FURTHER ACTION REQ'D.

## Section C (for Injuries):

Location on Body: RIGHT LEG/THIGH  
 Injury Type:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut or Scratch                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pain                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crush injury                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burn, including chemical burns | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Illness  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign object in eye          | <input type="checkbox"/> Diving related    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling and Pain              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory                    |  |

Minor Bruise

## Section D:

Location of Hazard: INSIDE PEN  
 (eg: Pos 10-RBE/ Feed Warehouse/ Main Office/Cutlet Room..)

## Hazard Description (What has potential to cause an event):

CRACKERS HAD BEEN USED  
45min BEFORE DIVER

## Immediate Actions Taken (What Did You Do):

MOVED AWAY FROM WALL.

Do you believe this Safety Event needs further investigation: Yes /  No

## Section E (MANDATORY for Managers):

Supervisor/ Manager Name: [Redacted]

If Report Not Entered into myOSH, please explain why:

Supervisor/ Manager Signature and Date: [Redacted] 27.05.19

NO FURTHER  
ACTION REQ. ESCAL  
TO WILDLIFE TEAM

Date Report Entered into myOSH:

WHS ENTRY ONLY: WHS ADVISOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered and triaged into myOSH by Manager? Y/N

WST Reportable: Y / N AMSA Reportable: Y / N Report No:

WHS Advisor Signature and Date: