

Sandbank Management Actions	Delete - ABOM	Delete - complete	Lead bodies	Validation
S04.3.2 Full decommissioning of site to be requirement of lease		✓	CE, SEPA, SNH	Full decommissioning of sites as a condition of lease is a statutory requirement of all Crown Estate leases for aquaculture.
S08.1.3 Investigate the possibility of using non-contaminated dredged material beneficially (e.g. beach nourishment).		✓	FRS ML, SEPA, SEDD, PA'S, LA'S LICENCE APPLICANT & LICENSEE	Dredging not regulated, sea disposal licensed and sites monitored to provide data and health check. No aggregate extraction planned. Each sea disposal application is carefully assessed. So can be considered as an ongoing action. Contaminants data gathered and updated. Each application must assess the potential for reuse. Documents can be provided to substantiate. CFPA - During the procedure in obtaining a maintenance dredging licence the following were requirements: Samples of proposed dredge material required to be chemically analysed and their details submitted to the Licensing Authority (FRS) as part of the application process.
S08.3.1 Provide yearly updates on the scale of sand and gravel extraction in the cSAC.		✓	Scottish Executive, CE	To obtain a licence, companies who have been successful in a tender round run by The Crown Estate must obtain a Dredging Permission (DP) from the government, a procedure which includes the submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). If a favourable DP is granted, The Crown Estate will issue the applicant with a production licence. For details on the area of seabed licensed, dredged and surrendered each year, as well as charts showing the extent and intensity of dredging operations for each region, please see http://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/marine_aggregates
S08.3.2 Any commercial extraction that may potentially impact upon the site will be subject to appropriate assessments.		✓	Scottish Executive, CE	Any commercial extraction that may potentially impact upon the site will be subject to appropriate assessments, this is pretty much a statement of fact. Any commercial development within an SAC is referred for Appropriate Assessment under the Crown Estate obligations as competent authority, when applicable, for the Habitats Regs.
S07.1.3 New developments that potentially impact upon the site will be subject to appropriate assessment within the existing regulations.	✓			Mechanisms are already in place for this as it is part of regulatory control. SNH is a statutory consultee.
S08.1.5 Develop a draft dredging and sea disposal strategy that takes into account the sensitivity of the areas of operation, and consult with key stakeholders to consider the effect this will have on the operations of existing facilities and industry.	✓			Dredging is not thought to have a significant impact on the sandbank feature. The Management Group questioned the need for a new strategy but it was agreed by the relevant authorities that consultations mechanisms are already in place.
S08.2.1. Review existing data on the effects of turbidity on benthic species.	✓			This action was considered to be too generic. Following discussion it was agreed that the relevant authority would ensure any new evidence was brought to the Management Group for consideration.
S13.1.1 Effective Regulation of new pipe-laying activity. S13.1.2 Consider monitoring of sandbank habitat to assess recovery time. S13.1.3 Ensure best practice. S13.1.4 Ensure that surveys are considered in areas likely to be involved in the development in order to avoid high biodiversity or spawning areas.	✓		DBERR	All these actions are now incorporated into standard practise.
S13.2.1 Ensure that seismic surveys are carried out at times not sensitive for fish spawning. S13.2.2 Maintain a watching brief. S13.3.1 Review existing plans to ensure that the sandbank interest is adequately addressed. S13.4.1 Ensure proper regulation and consultation of proposed activities.	✓			All these actions are now incorporated into standard practise.
S14.1.1 Review the known impacts of these contaminants on sandbanks and re-consider the discharge consents for substances where necessary.	✓			This has been recently received under the Water Framework Directive. Got to www.sepa.org or contact you local SEPA office for more information.