

USE OF FOAM FLOATATION

Under the shellfish aquaculture conditions of licence*, licence holders are required to follow fish and fish habitat protection measures. Foam pollution is one of the most significant types of debris generated from shellfish facilities. There are new requirements for foam containment.

- 1 REMOVE** all exposed and degraded foam from your facility.



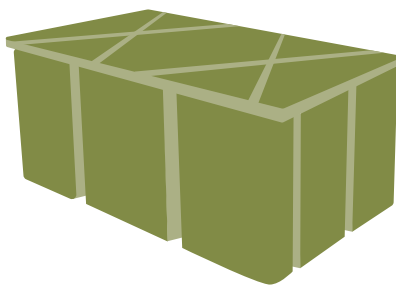
 Tarp and "Tyvek style" wrapped foam are **no longer permitted**.

- 2 DISPOSE** of all foam at a marine recycling depot or at the landfill.



- 3 REPLACE** exposed foam with alternate approved floatation such as air-filled floats or fully encased foam.

As of **April 1, 2023**, all foam must be **fully encased** in a rigid, durable, non-toxic shell.



- 4 BRAND/MARK** all floatation with the licence holder name and DFO Facility Reference number or BC Landfile number.



As of **April 1, 2023**, all floatation materials must be **appropriately labelled**.

Example: General Shellfish Co. LF#555555
General Shellfish Co. Facility #1111



ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with a condition of licence can result in an \$863 ticket or charges resulting in a formal court process.

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SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE CONDITIONS OF LICENCE (AQSF 2021) RELATING TO FOAM FLOATATION

9. Protection of fish and fish habitat

- 9.1 The licence holder shall:
- (a) ensure any floatation material that is degrading, including exposed or inadequately contained foam, is immediately removed from the marine environment and transferred to an appropriate land-based facility for recycling or disposal;
 - (b) not install new floatation made from, or containing, foam except when the foam is fully encased in a rigid, durable, non-toxic shell; and
 - (c) not use floatation made from or containing foam, after April 1, 2023 and for the remainder of the term of this licence, except when the foam is fully encased in a rigid, durable, non-toxic shell.
- 9.3 The licence holder shall not introduce or cause or allow the introduction of refuse (including but not limited to infrastructure, equipment and materials) into the environment in the course of conducting aquaculture activities.

Refer to the Shellfish Aquaculture Licence for all of the conditions of licence:

<https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaculture/licence-permis/docs/licence-cond-permis-shell-coq/index-eng.html>

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