



## CASE STUDY

# Clearance at the Loch of Strom

**Project Lead:** Seafood Shetland

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**Aim:**

- Remove long-redundant aquaculture equipment from the Loch of Strom



### West Side Clearance

In 2016, Seafood Shetland and Shetland Aquaculture recognised the need to clear redundant aquaculture equipment from the west side of the Loch of Strom, located in the Weisdale area of Shetland.

The plan followed a structured approach:

1. Identify the equipment and its location,
2. Engage suitable manpower and machinery,
3. Organise collection, uplift, and appropriate disposal.

Hunter and Morrisons Limited, a local contractor, was appointed to carry out the clearance. Their work successfully restored the area to a clean and orderly condition.



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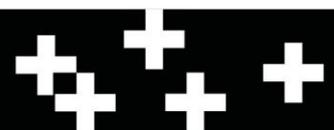
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### East Side Clearance

Additional equipment still remained on the loch's east side, posing a greater logistical challenge due to limited access, requiring equipment to be floated down the loch to an accessible removal point on the west side. Progress on this phase was delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic, but with support from Salmon Scotland, a contract was awarded to Malakoff in mid-2023 to complete the removal and disposal. Work was completed in October 2023.



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