

# Best practice for Seabin Operators

1. Wear a lifejacket to empty the Seabin.
2. Check the Seabin twice per day.
3. Empty your Seabin at least once per day.
4. Wear gloves to sort through what is caught in the Seabin, be aware of sharp items or other hazards.
5. If you are unable to empty the Seabin for more than a day- the catch bag should be left empty and the system switched off.
6. If the netting on the catch bag is damaged the catch bag should be replaced.
7. Record if there are any fish (alive or dead) caught in your Seabin- take a photograph of any fish- if alive these should be carefully released away from the Seabin promptly.
8. Notify the Environment Agency (Contact: [ScreeningHelpdesk@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:ScreeningHelpdesk@environment-agency.gov.uk)) if any Eels are caught in your Seabin. Be particularly alert between March and May when young eels will be migrating.
9. Any litter caught in the Seabin should be recycled where possible.
10. Seaweed can be disposed of through usual waste disposal routes, options for composting the material should be considered or the seaweed returned to the water away from the seabin if the seaweed is free from microplastics and other waste.

