ADDENDUM - THERAPEUTANT RESIDUE MONITORING SCHEDULE – MF94 – THE SHEPPARDS - 27 FEBRUARY 2026

1. General Requirements

Unless otherwise specified by the Director in writing, all samples (with the exception of benthic video surveys) must be collected weekly, until all treatments on MF94 have been completed AND two (2) consecutive results below the limit of reporting (LoR) are returned.

This document has been developed based on information provided in Veterinary Authorities (26-Tx-M08) received by the EPA on 22 February 2026 advising of Aquatas Pty Ltd (Tassal) treatment of finfish with florfenicol at twenty-one (21) pen bays at Marine Farming Lease No. 94 (The Sheppards) (MF94).

All other 'general requirements' as stated in *Therapeutant Residue Monitoring Schedule – Marine Farming Lease No. 94 (The Sheppards) – February 2026* (original schedule) issued 20 February 2026 remain applicable.

2. Updated Therapeutant Residue Monitoring Program Specifications

Unless otherwise stated, sampling is to be undertaken following the procedures specified in the original schedule.

2.1 Benthic Video Surveys

Benthic video surveys must be conducted for all treated pen bays: 1) prior to treatment; and 2) on day 1 post-treatment.

2.2 Sediment Sampling

Sediment samples at internal, external and reference sites, as described below, must be collected weekly from the top 25 mm (surface) and subsequent 50 mm (bottom).

All surface samples are to be submitted for both florfenicol (FFC) and florfenicol-amine (FFA) residue testing.

All bottom samples are to be frozen and held pending the results of the surface samples.

If a surface sample returns a FFC or FFA result greater than the LoR, the associated bottom sample for that site and sample date must also be tested.

a) Internal (pen) sites:

   Samples must be taken from 50% of the treated pen bays listed for the Veterinary Authority (26-Tx-M08).

   If there is an odd number of pen bays listed in the VA, round up to the nearest whole number. For example, if twenty-one (21) pen bays are listed in the VA, eleven (11) pen bays must be sampled.

Pen bays selected for sediment sampling should be spatially well spread throughout the lease. The same pen bays must be sampled at each sampling event.

Pen bays must be sampled until the treatment on those pen bays has ended and until two consecutive results below LoR are returned.

Note: Day 1 Post-Treatment sampling at pen bays treated under treatment 1 must be conducted in accordance with the original Schedule.

b) External sites:

Samples must be taken at the three (3) external 35 metre compliance sites in the original schedule.

If a result greater than the LoR is returned for a sample collected from a 35 metre compliance site, samples from the relevant 100 and 500 metre transect site in the original schedule must also be collected during the next sampling round (i.e., sediment sampling at the 100 and 500 metre transect sites is not required unless a prior 35 metre compliance site sediment result was greater than the LoR.).

External sites must be sampled until two consecutive results below LoR are returned following the last treatment event on the Lease.

c) Reference sites:

Samples must be taken at the two (2) reference sites in the original schedule.

Reference sites must be sampled until two consecutive results below LoR are returned following the last treatment event on the Lease.

2.3 Wild Fish Sampling

Twelve (12) fish must be collected from each site listed in Table 4. [Note, as treatment is a '*consecutive or overlapping treatment at the same lease (or nearby lease)*' the requirement to collect 6 fish at each site in the original schedule has been increased to 12 fish at each site.]

Wild fish samples must be collected weekly from each zone and each reference site as per Figure 3 in the original schedule.

Each fish sample is to be tested for florfenicol and its metabolites measured as florfenicol-amine in accordance with the original schedule.

All wild fish samples from an individual zone or site must be sampled weekly until the treatment on the lease has ended and until two consecutive results below LoR are returned for that zone or site.

2.4 Water Sampling

Water samples at internal (lease centroid, and pen bays), external and reference sites, as described below, must be collected weekly from three (3) depth strata: i) the surface (0.1 m below the surface); ii) 10 m below the surface; and iii) the bottom (2 m above the seabed) and tested for both FFC and FFA residues in accordance with the procedures outlined in the original schedule.

a) Internal (lease centroid) site

Samples must be taken at the lease centroid site in the original schedule.

b) Internal (pen) sites:

   Samples must be taken from same 50% of treated pen bays listed as were sampled for sediment sampling.

c) External sites:

   Samples must be taken at the three (3) external 35 metre compliance sites in the original schedule.

d) Reference sites:

   Samples must be taken at the two (2) reference sites in the original schedule.

   Erratum. Table 5 original schedule. Incorrect coordinates provided for BEMP Site M2 and BEMP Site M3. Coordinates for these two reference sites provided in Table 3 and Table 4 are correct and should be used for water sampling.

All internal (lease centroid, and pen bays), external and reference sites must be sampled weekly until the treatment on the lease has ended and until two consecutive results below LoR are returned for each internal (lease centroid, and pen bays), external and reference sites, respectively.

2.5 Reporting of Results

Reporting of results is to be undertaken in accordance with the procedures specified in the original schedule.