

Sustainable success with waste salmon for biogas as Outer Hebrides wins top Environmental Award

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A Landia pasteuriser that processes waste salmon for an AD/biogas plant on Stornoway has helped the Outer Hebrides Local Energy Hub (OHLEH) win the prestigious Scottish Environment Business VIBES award.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (CnES) together with its partners The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), Pure Energy Centre PEC), Community Energy Scotland (CES) ensured OHLEH was recognised as a great example of local collaboration – one that could act as a blueprint for national best practice, not just in the salmon farming industry but across many other sectors.

Donnie Macmillan, Plant Manager at Stornoway's Creed Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF), commented:

“This award is a huge achievement for such a strong and determined partnership that underlines our belief in seeing this progressive plant continuously improve - minimising, maximising and optimising the methods of managing waste”.

He added: “We must acknowledge the very professional team at Landia, whose equipment now enables us to integrate a 7-cubic ton batch per shift of waste salmon with household food waste and garden waste for our AD process. This makes a very positive environmental and economic impact by not sending the waste salmon to landfill or having it transported off the island.

“We had very challenging space restrictions and regulations to adhere to, but from beginning to end, Landia were determined to make it work – and work it certainly has”.

Now in its 20th year, the VIBES recognise Scottish businesses which showcase best practice, taking significant steps to improve or reduce their impact on the environment. The awards encourage the efficient use of resources, strive to improve environmental performance and support sustainable development including social benefits through involvement with the local community.

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