

Freshwater - Aquaponics Farm (Freshwater Fish with salad vegetables – Home consumption; or Live & Dead Sales – Ornamental, usually fully enclosed systems)

Consent required	Regulatory / Authorising remit	Regulator	Contacts
<p>Planning permission (Possibly not required for small scale hobbyists and smaller poly-tunnels. A case by case basis for larger units)</p> <p><i>Charges apply</i></p> <p><i>Target times* = 8 weeks general, 16 weeks if EIA required.</i></p>	<p>Granting of development consents for land based fish farms under the Planning (Wales) Act 2015, and Planning Act 2008</p> <p>It is the scale of the infrastructure and water use/discharge that is considered by the local planning authority as much as the usage.</p> <p>EIA, HRA, WFD assessment and WCA assessment may be required**.</p>	Local Authorities	<p>See relevant local authority</p> <p>http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</p> <p>https://www.planningportal.co.uk/wales_en/</p> <p>https://www.planningportal.co.uk/wales_en/info/5/applications/56/how_to_apply</p> <p>http://adlib.eversite.co.uk/resources/000/264/299/an_nexepps7.pdf</p>
<p>Water Abstraction & Discharge Licences</p> <p>(May be required for set ups using more than 20m³ of water per day. Check with NRW regarding use of tap water and recycling waste or discharging to sewers)</p> <p><i>Charges apply</i></p> <p><i>Target time* = for full application up to 3 months due to changes to exempt uses and amounts from Jan 2018.</i></p>	<p>Abstraction and Discharges under Environmental permitting regulations (England & Wales) 2010</p> <p>EIA, HRA, WFD assessment and WCA assessment may be required**.</p>	Natural Resources Wales	<p>0300 065 3000</p> <p>permitreceiptcentre@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk</p> <p>http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/?lang=en</p>
<p>Authorisation to operate an Aquaculture Production Business</p> <p>(Full authorisation may only be required for larger aquaponic units, most smaller units may only require Registration, see web link for guidance)</p> <p>(Authorisation in principle may be available for aquaponics units that qualify as APBs)</p>	<p>Authorisation of aquaculture production businesses (APBs) under the Aquatic Animal Health (England & Wales) Regulations 2009, consult NRW as part of process.</p> <p>FHI are a regulatory body under the nature conservation directives, HRA and consideration under the WCA may be required, but unlikely for a fully enclosed system.</p>	Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>fhi@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/fish-and-shellfish-farm-authorisation-and-registration</p>

<p>No charges</p> <p>Target time* = 90 days including consultation</p>	<p><i>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import & Permitting of Alien species may all be dealt with as one by FHI in many cases.</i></p>		
<p>Authorisation to import livestock</p> <p>Required if seed stock are to be sourced from anywhere outside England, Wales or Scotland</p> <p>No charges</p> <p>Target time* = 15 to 90 days</p>	<p>Authorisation to import livestock for aquaculture from EU or third countries under Aquatic animal health Directive 2006/88.</p> <p><i>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import & Permitting of Alien species may all be dealt with as one by FHI in many cases.</i></p>	<p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>fhi@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/import-or-export-live-fish-and-shellfish</p>
<p>Permitting farming of alien species.</p> <p><i>(Fully enclosed Aquaponics do not require permitting under ASR and can be authorised by FHI as normal if system is secure)</i></p> <p>No charges <i>(If a system is deemed not to be fully enclosed and a Risk Assessment is required then can costs fall to the applicant and can be significant)</i></p> <p>Target time* = 15 to 90 days</p>	<p>Permitting under the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.</p> <p><i>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import & Permitting of Alien species may all be dealt with as one by FHI in many cases.</i></p>	<p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>fhi@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/introduce-or-keep-non-native-fish-and-shellfish</p>
<p>Fish supplier permitting (live fish)</p> <p>No charges</p> <p>Target time* = 10 to 20 days <i>But most can be issued on day of request.</i></p>	<p>Permission to supply and introduce fish into Inland waters. The Keeping and Introduction of Fish (Wales) Regulations 2014</p> <p>HRA and consideration under the WCA may be required.</p> <p>Conditions are set and issued under the fish supplier permit <i>(e.g. a fish health check might be required where consultant's charges would apply)</i></p>	<p>Natural Resources Wales</p>	<p>0300 065 3000</p> <p>enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2014/3303/part/1/made</p>

<p>Approval to manufacture medicated Feed</p> <p><i>Required where veterinary medicines are to be mixed into or onto feed for feeding to the farmer's own fish.</i></p> <p><i>Charges apply, Conditional approval available</i> <i>Target time* = 10 working days to validate the application + 30 working days for on-site approval inspection.</i></p>	<p>EC Directive 90/167 laying down the conditions for the preparation, placing on the market and use of medicated feeding-stuffs.</p> <p>EU Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene. Protects animal health, human health and the environment.</p> <p>FHI carries out inspections on behalf of VMD</p>	<p>Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD)</p> <p><i>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</i></p>	<p>01932 336911</p> <p>inspections@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterinary-medicines-directorate</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manufacturing-and-supplying-veterinary-medicines-for-animal-feed</p>
<p>Transporter authorisation</p> <p>Animal Transport Certificates (ATC) <i>(ATC can be covered by FHI records)</i></p>	<p>Welfare in Transport.</p> <p>Welfare of Farmed Animals (Transport) (Wales) Order 2007</p> <p>FHI carries out inspections on behalf of APHA</p>	<p>Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)</p> <p><i>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</i></p>	<p>0300 303 8268</p> <p>APHA.CymruWales@apha.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</p>
<p>On Farm welfare</p>	<p>Welfare of fish on farms is required by European Council Directive 98/58/EC and is covered by The Animal Welfare Act 2006. Welfare at slaughter is defined in European Council Regulation No. 1099/2009 and is currently implemented in England and Wales by The Welfare of Animals (Slaughter and Killing) Regulations 1995.</p>	<p>Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and Local Authorities</p>	<p>APHA.CymruWales@apha.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</p> <p>http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fawc-advice-on-farmed-fish-welfare</p>
<p>Disposal of mortalities</p>	<p>Disposal of fish mortalities under Council Regulation EC 1069/2009 on animal by-products. Fish which died from disease are defined as Category II material, which must be disposed of in accordance with Article 13 of EC 1069/2009.</p>	<p>Regulation via Local authorities</p> <p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</p> <p>01305 206700</p> <p>fhi@cefasc.co.uk</p>

	FHI control the disposal of mortalities where premises are subject to control for the presence of a notifiable disease. Otherwise it is the remit of local authorities.		
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*Target times are indicative and may take longer if there are complicated considerations

** EIA = Environmental impact assessment, HRA = Habitats risk assessment, WFD = Water framework directive assessment, WCA = Wildlife and countryside act assessment

Assessments that may be required as part of planning permission or other permissions. Please contact your Local Planning Authority and/or Natural Resources Wales for confirmation if you require such assessments.

Assessment type	Legislation	Competent authority *	Contact details
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	<p>The local authorities, if issuing planning permission, will consult with relevant statutory consultees (including NRW) on specific environmental impacts of development proposals under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.</p> <p>For a RAS development you will most likely require planning permission so consult your local planning authority early in the application process on the requirements for EIA.</p>	Local Authorities	<p>http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</p> <p>http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/planning-and-development/our-role-in-planning-and-development/the-role-of-natural-resources-wales-in-environmental-assessment/?lang=en</p>
Habitats Risk Assessments (HRA)	<p>Any application for works within or adjacent to a European or RAMSAR site will be subject to the provisions of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This means that the Local Planning Authority will carry out a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) as part of issuing planning permission'</p> <p>NRW are consulted as part of this process.</p>	Local Authorities	<p>http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</p> <p>http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/planning-and-development/our-role-in-planning-and-development/the-role-of-natural-resources-wales-in-environmental-assessment/?lang=en</p>
Water Framework Directive (WFD)	<p>The Local authority will work closely with Natural Resources Wales (the Competent Authority for WFD) and will be advised of any likely effects before issuing planning permission.</p> <p>Relevant legislation: Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003.</p>	Local Authorities and Natural Resources Wales	<p>http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</p> <p>http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/water-management-and-quality/water-quality/improving-water-quality/?lang=en</p>
Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA) 1981 assessment for SSSI's	<p>If your proposal will fall within a SSSI speak to your Local Planning Authority and/or Natural Resources Wales about the possible implications of the WCA 1981 on your development at an early stage of the application process.</p>	Local Authorities and Natural Resources Wales	<p>http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</p> <p>http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/protected-species-licensing/uk-protected-species-licensing/information-on-uk-protected-species-licensing/?lang=en</p>

*Note that where more than one competent authority requires the same assessment for different permissions, a lead authority should be identified to co-ordinate work so that the assessment only needs to be done once, but ensuring it fulfils the requirements of each permission. This reduced burden on the applicant and streamlines the regulatory process.