

### Marine - Finfish Open Net Pens & Submerged cages

Consent required	Regulatory / Authorising remit	Regulator	Contacts
<p><b>Marine licence</b></p> <p><i>Covers developments from mean high water springs out to 200NM.</i></p> <p><i>Charges apply.</i></p> <p><i>Target Time* = 4 months if license is required.</i></p>	<p>Licensing of marine activities under the Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009).</p> <p>The applicant must contact Marine and Coastguard Agency and Trinity House to determine if their development could be a danger to navigation and if they require navigational markers before applying for a marine license.</p> <p>EIA, HRA, WFD assessment and WCA assessment may be required.**</p>	<p>Natural Resources Wales</p>	<p>0300 065 3000</p> <p><a href="mailto:marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk">marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/?lang=en">http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/?lang=en</a></p> <p>MCA: <a href="mailto:navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk">navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk</a> Or <a href="mailto:infoline@mcga.gov.uk">infoline@mcga.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Trinity House: <a href="mailto:navigation.directorate@thls.org">navigation.directorate@thls.org</a></p>
<p><b>Crown Estate Seabed Lease</b></p> <p><i>Application No charge</i></p> <p><i>Annual rental applies</i></p> <p><i>Target time* = Without reasonable delay</i></p>	<p>The Crown Estate does not have a regulatory role. However, a seabed lease may be required and can be applied for at any time. If a marine licence has not yet been obtained, then a lease options is available rather than a full lease.</p> <p>While CE are not a regulator they are a competent authority and may need to undertake an HRA</p> <p>If the land owner is not the Crown Estate (certain inshore areas and port/harbour authority land) the appropriate organisation will need to be contacted.</p> <p>Consideration under the WCA may also be necessary.</p>	<p>Crown Estate or other land owner</p>	<p>Aquaculture Leases 020 7851 5090</p> <p><a href="mailto:Charlene.McPake@thecrownestate.co.uk">Charlene.McPake@thecrownestate.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/rural-and-coastal/coastal/downloads/">http://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/rural-and-coastal/coastal/downloads/</a></p>
<p><b>Discharge Licences</b></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 &amp; Wales) 2010</p> <p>EIA, HRA, WFD and WCA assessment may be required.**</p>	<p>Natural Resources Wales</p>	<p>0300 065 3000</p> <p><a href="mailto:permitreceiptcentre@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk">permitreceiptcentre@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/?lang=en">http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/?lang=en</a></p>

<p><b>Authorisation to operate an Aquaculture Production Business</b></p> <p><i>(An authorisation in principle may be available before the APB is up and running)</i></p> <p>No charges</p> <p>Target time* = 90 days including consultation</p>	<p>Authorisation of aquaculture production businesses (APBs) under the Aquatic Animal Health (England &amp; 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 also be required.</p> <p><i>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import &amp; 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><a href="mailto:fhi@cefas.co.uk">fhi@cefas.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/fish-and-shellfish-farm-authorisation-and-registration">https://www.gov.uk/fish-and-shellfish-farm-authorisation-and-registration</a></p>
<p><b>Authorisation to import livestock</b></p> <p><i>Required if seed stock are to be sourced from anywhere outside England, Wales or Scotland</i></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 &amp; 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><a href="mailto:fhi@cefas.co.uk">fhi@cefas.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/import-or-export-live-fish-and-shellfish">https://www.gov.uk/import-or-export-live-fish-and-shellfish</a></p>
<p><b>Permitting farming of alien species.</b></p> <p><i>No administration charges but potentially significant charges to industry to carry out risk assessments.</i></p> <p>Target time* = 15 to 90 days <i>(unlikely to be successful unless sterile and improved escape prevention systems)</i></p>	<p>Permitting under the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (England &amp; Wales) Regulations 2011.</p> <p><i>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import &amp; 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><a href="mailto:fhi@cefas.co.uk">fhi@cefas.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/introduce-or-keep-non-native-fish-and-shellfish">https://www.gov.uk/introduce-or-keep-non-native-fish-and-shellfish</a></p>
<p><b>Approval to manufacture medicated Feed</b></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>Charges apply, Conditional approval available</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>Veterinary Medicines Directorate</p> <p><i>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</i></p>	<p>01932 336911</p> <p><a href="mailto:inspections@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk">inspections@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterinary-medicines-directorate">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterinary-medicines-directorate</a></p>

<p><i>Target time* = 10 working days to validate the application + 30 working days for on-site approval inspection.</i></p>	<p>FHI carries out inspections on behalf of VMD at fish farm and premises that manufacture medicated feed</p>		<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manufacturing-and-supplying-veterinary-medicines-for-animal-feed">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manufacturing-and-supplying-veterinary-medicines-for-animal-feed</a></p>
<p><b>Transporter authorisation</b></p> <p><b>Animal Transport Certificates (ATC)</b> (ATC may be covered by FHI records)</p>	<p>Welfare in Transport. Welfare of Farmed Animals (Transport) (Wales) Order 2007</p> <p>FHI carries out inspections on behalf of APHA, and have a remit under the Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 for monitoring disease transfer risk from transport of live fish</p>	<p>Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)</p> <p><i>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</i></p>	<p>0300 303 8268</p> <p><a href="mailto:APHA.CymruWales@apha.gsi.gov.uk">APHA.CymruWales@apha.gsi.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</a></p>
<p><b>On Farm welfare</b></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><a href="mailto:APHA.CymruWales@apha.gsi.gov.uk">APHA.CymruWales@apha.gsi.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</a></p> <p><a href="http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links">http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fawc-advice-on-farmed-fish-welfare">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fawc-advice-on-farmed-fish-welfare</a></p>
<p><b>Disposal of mortalities</b></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>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.</p>	<p>Regulation via Local authorities</p> <p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p><a href="http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links">http://wlga.wales/welsh-local-authority-links</a></p> <p>01305 206700</p> <p><a href="mailto:fhi@cefas.co.uk">fhi@cefas.co.uk</a></p>

\*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

<b>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 of if you require such assessments.</b>			
<b>Assessment type</b>	<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Competent authority *</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 as amended requires applications for a marine license to be screened against its Annex II to check if an EIA is required (mainly sections 1 (f) and (g)).	Natural Resources Wales	0300 065 3000  <a href="mailto:marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk">marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk</a>  <a href="http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/environmental-impact-assessment/?lang=en">http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/environmental-impact-assessment/?lang=en</a>
Habitats Risk Assessments (HRA)	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. Competent authorities/regulatory bodies will carry out a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) where necessary.  The assessment process, if required, will involve data gathering, for which the applicant may be responsible.	Natural Resources Wales (Key competent authority, could be numerous others as detailed in table above)	0300 065 3000  <a href="mailto:marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk">marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk</a>  <a href="http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/habitats-regulations-assessment/?lang=en">http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/habitats-regulations-assessment/?lang=en</a>
Water Framework Directive (WFD)	NRW will carry out a WFD assessment where necessary as part of marine licensing under the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003.	Natural Resources Wales	<a href="http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/water-management-and-quality/water-quality/improving-water-quality/?lang=en">http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/water-management-and-quality/water-quality/improving-water-quality/?lang=en</a>
Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA) 1981 assessment for SSSI's	If your proposal will fall within a SSSI (coastal aquaculture may do) consult Natural Resources Wales about the possible implications of the WCA 1981 on your development at an early stage of the application process.	Natural Resources Wales, land owner or FHI	<a href="http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/protected-species-licensing/uk-protected-species-licensing/information-on-uk-protected-species-licensing/?lang=en">http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/protected-species-licensing/uk-protected-species-licensing/information-on-uk-protected-species-licensing/?lang=en</a>

Assessment against local fishery byelaws	The Welsh Government will consider the impact of the proposal on local fishery byelaws and other relevant activities that the aquaculture operation may interact with.	Welsh Government	0300 025 2454 <a href="mailto:marineandfisheries@gov.wales">marineandfisheries@gov.wales</a>
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\*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.