

Marine – Macro Algae culture The growing of algae on ropes and lines within the marine environment

Consent required	Regulator / Authorising remit	Regulator	Contacts
<p>Marine licence</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 should contact Natural Resources Wales Marine Licensing Team for further information regarding Marine Licensing requirements for their development</p> <p>EIA, HRA, WFD assessment and WCA assessment may be required.**</p>	<p>Natural Resources Wales</p>	<p>0300 065 3000</p> <p>marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk</p> <p>http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/?lang=en</p> <p>MCA: navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk Or infoline@mcga.gov.uk</p> <p>Trinity House: navigation.directorate@thls.org</p>
<p>Crown Estate Seabed Lease</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>Charlene.McPake@thecrownestate.co.uk</p> <p>http://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/rural-and-coastal/coastal/downloads/</p>
<p>Permitting farming of alien species.</p> <p><i>No administration charges but potentially significant charges to industry to carry out risk assessments.</i></p> <p><i>Target time* = 15 to 90 days</i></p>	<p>Permitting under the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.</p> <p>FHI are a regulatory body under the nature conservation directives, HRA may be required.</p>	<p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>fhi@cefasc.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/introduce-or-keep-non-native-fish-and-shellfish</p>

(only low risk non-native species may be possible and RA should cover passenger species).	<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>Plant Health</p> <p><i>Commercial operators must be registered with their local Plant Health Inspectorate Office</i></p> <p><i>Importers have to be registered with Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate (HMI)</i></p> <p><i>Charges can apply for import and export inspections.</i></p>	<p>Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate (HMI) require importers to be registered to use PEACH (procedure for electronic application for certificates from the HMI).</p> <p>Commercial operations are required to be registered with their local Plant Health Inspectorate Office.</p>	<p>The Plant Health and Seeds Inspectorate (PHSI), are part of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).</p> <p>Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate (HMI)</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/plant-health-controls</p> <p>http://ehmipeach.defra.gov.uk/</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</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

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.

Assessment type	Legislation	Competent authority *	Contact details
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 marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/environmental-impact-assessment/?lang=en
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 marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/marine-licensing/habitats-regulations-assessment/?lang=en
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	http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/water-management-and-quality/water-quality/improving-water-quality/?lang=en
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 or land owner	http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/permits-and-permissions/protected-species-licensing/uk-protected-species-licensing/information-on-uk-protected-species-licensing/?lang=en

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 marineandfisheries@gov.wales
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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.