

Centre for Environment Fisheries & Aquaculture Science

Authorise a fish or shellfish farm

This form allows you to apply to farm native and non native aquatic animals. You must complete all sections of the form before it will be accepted.

Section 1 - Business details

Contact details Title
Full name
Contact email
Contact telephone number
Landline
Mobile

Section 2 - Site details NOTE: For Shellfish authorisations, please refer to page 3 for application requirements.

Reason for application Fish farm Shellfish farm Crustacean farm	National grid reference (NGR)
Purification centre Fish dealer Site name Site address	Status of site: New build Existing site Date site will be operational (DD/MM/YYYY) Holding facilities This could be ponds, tanks, raceways, tressles, ropes, etc. Type Number
Postcode Website Site contact name	
Site contact details Landline Mobile	Conservation orders on the site

Please note: Additional information may be required/requested upon receipt of your application.

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Section 3 - Water details

Water source

Water effluent discharge destination

Effluent water treated

No Yes If yes, how?

Section 5 - Further details

Only complete this section if you plan to farm fish.

Fish ingress protection

Fish escape protection

Transporting fish Processing fish on site

Yes No Yes No

Section 4 - Stock details

Source of stock

Great Britain European Union Non EU country

Supplier sites

Address, country and Ref Site name telephone number

Α

В

C

Please use an additional sheet for more sites

Species farmed or held

Please add supplier reference to each species (eg A, B, C)
Ref Common Name Latin Name

Please use an additional sheet for more species

End use of stock (eg table, restocking)

Section 6 - Site plan

You will need to attach a site plan to your application. It must clearly show where facilities are located, and the water coming into, through and out of your site.

Section 7 - Signature

By signing, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given is correct and complete.

Signature

Title

Full name

Position

Date signed (DD/MM/YYYY)

Please send your completed form and site plan by email or post to:

Address: Fish Health Inspectorate, Cefas, Barrack

Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8UB

Email: fhi@cefas.co.uk

Data is collected for aquatic animal health control and biodiversity purposes and for use in research activities related to improving aquatic health.

We may share your information with other government departments/ agencies that have shared responsibility for the environment or with universities assisting us with research projects related to improving aquatic health.

On registering with the Live Fish Movements webservice, your company name, address and APB authorisation/registration number will be visible to all other registered users.

You are entitled to a copy of the information we hold about you and you have the right to rectify any inaccurate information that we may hold.

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Required documents for APB Authorisations in marine sites

Background:

- The authorisation process for marine based farms under the under the Aquatic Animal Health Regulations (England & Wales) 2009 requires that Habitat Regulation Assessments (HRA) under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (as amended) 2017 are conducted where appropriate.
- Prospective Aquatic Production Businesses (APB's) that fall within a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and / or RAMSAR sites will require an HRA.
- An HRA is an evidence-based assessment of the implications of any new plan or project capable of affecting the designated interest features of a European Marine Site (made up of SAC/SPA). A HRA is a process starting with a Test of Likely Significant Effect (TLSE) which is designed to assess whether the proposed activity will have an impact on the designated habitat and species features of an SPA/SAC. If a potential impact is identified, then an Appropriate Assessment (AA) is carried out to provide more detail and mitigation measures. These two processes make up an HRA.
- In most cases the FHI will undertake the HRA required, however, in order to start the authorisation process, you will have to provide evidence that you have the correct permissions or consents to use the site you are applying for authorisation for.

Please provide all of the following that apply to your authorisation:

- 1. Evidence of the right to occupy all land forming part of the authorisation.
- 2. A valid planning consent, or an official notification from the relevant local authority planning department that planning consent is not required.
- 3. If the proposed farm is within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) either an official consent, or a notification that a consent is not required must be provided by Natural England.
- 4. In the case of marine sites a Marine Licence, or an official notification of exemption (in the case of certain shellfish farms) must be obtained from the Marine Management Organisation.
- 5. The Crown Estate (CE) own much of the foreshore in England and Wales, and where the farm is situated in an area owned by the CE, evidence of a seabed lease needs to be provided.

Once the required documents have been sent to the FHI along with your fully completed AW1 application form, we will begin to process your authorisation application.

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