



## Authorise a fish or shellfish farm

This form allows you to apply to farm native and non native aquatic animals, under The Aquatic Animal Health Regulations 2009. You must complete all sections of the form before it will be accepted.

### Section 1 - Business details

Business name	Contact details
Business address	Title
Postcode	Full name
Website	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	National grid reference (NGR)										
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish farm <input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish farm <input type="checkbox"/> Crustacean farm <input type="checkbox"/> Purification centre <input type="checkbox"/> Fish dealer	Status of site: <input type="checkbox"/> New build <input type="checkbox"/> Existing site										
Site name	Date site will be operational (DD/MM/YYYY)										
Site address	Holding facilities This could be ponds, tanks, raceways, tressles, ropes, etc.										
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Website	Conservation orders on the site										
Site contact name											
Site contact details											
Landline											
Mobile											

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

### Section 3 - Water details

Water source

Water effluent discharge destination

Effluent water treated

No Yes If yes, how?

### Section 4 - Stock details

Source of stock

Great Britain

European Union

Non EU country

Supplier sites

Ref

Site name

Address, country and telephone number

A

B

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 5 - Further details

Only complete this section if you plan to farm fish.

Fish ingress protection

Fish escape protection

Transporting fish

Processing on site

Exporting

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

### 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.gov.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. For further information visit [Personal information charter - Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

On registering with the Live Fish Movements web service, 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.

### 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.