

**The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011**

**Pre-application proposal for:**

**A new marine fish farm or a change to an existing marine fish farm**

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| **Contact details:****(your name, email address and phone number)** |  |
| **Company name:** |  |
| **Existing licence number issued under the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (“the Regulations”):**(if applying to vary an existing farm  |  |
| **Farm name:** (see Guidance Note 1) |  |
| **Name of coastal water:** (As on Ordnance Survey 1:25,000)(see Guidance Note 2) |  |
| **Number of pens:**(see Guidance Note 3) |  |
| **Eastings and Northings at centre of each pen:**(see Guidance Note 4) |  |
| **Species of fish to be farmed:**(see Guidance Note 5) |  |
| **Maximum weight of fish (tonnes):**(see Guidance Note 6) |  |
| **Maximum number of fish:**(See guidance Note 7) |  |
| **Maximum feeding rate if different from 7 kg per tonne of fish per day:**(see Guidance Note 8) |  |
| **Bath sea lice medicines required:**(see Guidance Note 9) |  |
| **In-feed sea lice medicines required:**(see Guidance Note 10) |  |
| **The proposed maximum average number of adult female sea lice per fish between week 12 and week 22:**(See Guidance Note 11). |  |
| **Proposed operational measures to reduce adult female sea lice numbers between week 12 to 22:**(see Guidance Note 12) |  |

***Additional information****: If you have collected any additional information which has not been requested here but which may be relevant to your pre-application proposal, for example hydrographic modelling, environmental monitoring etc., please make a note of the document or file name(s) and reference number(s) in the box below and send them to SEPA along with this form*

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| **Additional information:****(where applicable)** |  |

**To submit completed forms, or if you have any questions, please email:**

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**Guidance Notes**

1. **Farm name and/or CAR reference number.**

For new farms, this should be the proposed farm name, if known. If a farm name has not been chosen then an appropriate identifier should be used, e.g. “Proposed fish farm off Duart Point, Sound of Mull”.

1. **Name of coastal water.**

This should be the name of the waterbody (e.g. Loch, Voe, Sound, etc.) as shown on the relevant Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 map, in which the fish farm is to be located.

1. **Number of pens.**

This should be the total number of fish pens that will comprise the fish farm.

1. **Eastings & Northings at centre of each pen location.**

This should be 7 figure Eastings and Northings (there is no requirement for decimal points) at the centre, or as close to the centre as possible, of each pen location.

1. **Species of fish to be farmed.**

This should be the common and scientific name of the species which is to be farmed, e.g. Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).

1. **Maximum weight of fish.**

This should be the projected maximum weight of fish (biomass), in tonnes, which will be held on the farm at any time. Any reference to “weight of fish” means the weight of fish in the pens including stomach contents and body fluids. This should not be after any periods of starvation.

*PLEASE NOTE - this figure should not include cleaner fish.*

1. **Maximum number of fish.**

This should be the maximum number of, as relevant, Atlantic salmon or rainbow trout that will be held on the farm at any time.

1. **Maximum feeding rate.**

*PLEASE NOTE – for modelling purposes, SEPA assumes a feed rate of 7kg/t/d. This is the figure which will be used unless a different figure is specified.*

1. **Bath medicines required**

This should be a list of the trade names and active ingredients of all products which are to be used as bath sea lice medicines, e.g. Salmosan, containing 50%w/w azamethiphos. If you know the intended quantities to be used, please include this in your response, but this is not essential.

1. **In-feed medicines required.**

This should be the trade names and active ingredient(s) of all products which are to be used as in-feed sea lice medicines, e.g., Slice, containing 0.2%w/w emamectin benzoate.

1. **The average number of adult female sea lice per fish between week 12 and week 22.**

This should be the upper limit that you will keep the rolling mean of adult female sea lice per fish below over any period of 4 weeks between week 12 and week 22 (as defined in ISO 8601).

1. **The operating pattern of the farm.**

This section should only be completed if:

1. the planned timings of stocking and harvesting of the farm are likely to affect the number of adult female sea lice on the farm during weeks 12 to 22 (as defined in ISO 8601).
2. the farm will be wholly or partially enclosed during weeks 12 to 22 such that sea lice exchanges between the farm and the surrounding coastal waters are not expected.

Summary details should be provided with stocking and harvesting timings if relevant.

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| **Next Steps:** SEPA will prepare a Screening Modelling and Risk Identification report which will outline our initial assessment of the proposal and what further assessment needs to be undertaken.  This report will be provided to you for review and comment.  After a period of 21 days we will publish screening reports on the SEPA website for a period of 1 year or until the application has been determined. This report should be used to inform early public engagement. |