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<p>Planning permission</p> <p><i>Charges apply</i></p> <p><i>Target times = 8 weeks minor, 13 weeks major or 16 weeks if EIA required.</i></p>	Granting of development consents for land based fish farms under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended	Local Authorities	<p>See relevant local authority</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/planning-permissions-for-farms/when-you-need-it</p>
<i>As RAS finfish farms control wastes they may not require an EIA. However, the following are the processes and consultees when planning requires an EIA, HRA or other Environmental consent.</i>			
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	The local authorities will consult with relevant statutory consultees on specific environmental impacts of development proposals under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.	Local Authorities	<p>See relevant local authority</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council</p> <p>http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/environmental-impact-assessment/</p>
Habitats Risk Assessments (HRA) When an EIA is not required but site falls within a European & Ramsar conservation site.	The Local Authority consults assess if there are any Likely Significant Effects (LSE) on European sites or Ramsars. If none it can proceed. If an LSE then an appropriate assessment is required under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This is carried out by the applicant then assessed and conditioned by the Local authority after consulting with NE & JNCC	Natural England & JNCC	https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69580/pb13809-habitats-guidance.pdf
Water Framework Directive	The Local authority will work closely with the Environment Agency (the competent Authority for WFD) and will be advised of any likely effects before issuing planning permission. Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003.	Environment Agency (EA)	http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/water-supply-wastewater-and-water-quality/water-supply-wastewater-and-water-quality-considerations-for-planning-applications/

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<p>Marine licence</p> <p><i>An aquaculture facility pumping water ashore would require a licence for pumping / pipework and associated works that fall below Mean High water Springs.</i></p> <p><i>Covers developments out to 200NM.</i></p> <p><i>Charges Apply, Two hours free consultation</i></p> <p><i>Target Time = 13 weeks after validation of application</i></p>	<p>Licensing of marine activities under the Marine and Coastal access Act (2009). Responsible for screening activities to see if a licence is required. (See section 66 part 4.)</p> <p><i>The MMO will make marine licensing decisions in accordance with the appropriate marine policy document (marine policy statement and marine plan where adopted). Applicants should consider how their proposal is in accordance with marine plans and the Marine Policy Statement, and document this within an application for an aquaculture facility to the relevant regulator.</i></p>	<p>Marine Management Organisation</p>	<p>Marine Licensing Team</p> <p>0300 123 1032</p> <p>marine.consents@marinemangement.org.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/make-a-marine-licence-application#overview</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/do-i-need-a-marine-licence#aquaculture</p>
<p>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</p>	<p>Annex II of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 as amended. Applications will need screening against the above Annex to check if an EIA is required (mainly sections 1 (f) and (g))</p>	<p>Marine Management Organisation</p>	<p>Marine Licensing Team</p> <p>0300 123 1032</p> <p>marine.consents@marinemangement.org.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/marine-licensing-impact-assessments#environmental-impact-assessment</p>
<p>Water Abstraction & Discharge Licences</p> <p>(Either Or, may not be required for small scale set ups using tap water and discharging to sewers)</p> <p><i>Charges apply</i></p>	<p>Abstraction and Discharges under Environmental permitting regulations (England & Wales) 2010</p> <p>Water Act 2003 covers abstraction and discharge from and in to freshwater.</p>	<p>Environment agency</p>	<p>03708 506 506</p> <p>enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/environmental-management/water</p>

Target time = 13 weeks subject to exceptions.			
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<p>Authorisation to operate an Aquaculture Production Business APB</p> <p>(An authorisation in principle may be available before the APB is up and running)</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 & Wales) Regulations 2009</p> <p><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>	<p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>FHI@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/fish-and-shellfish-farm-authorisation-and-registration</p>
<p>Authorisation to import livestock</p> <p>Required if seed stock are to be sourced from anywhere outside England, Wales or Scotland</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 & 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>FHI@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/import-or-export-live-fish-and-shellfish</p>
<p>Permitting farming of alien species.</p> <p>(FHI provide advice and carryout inspection to ensure that the facility can be classed as <u>fully enclosed</u> and be exempt from permitting under ASR)</p>	<p>Permitting under the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.</p>	<p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>FHI@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/introduce-or-keep-non-native-fish-and-shellfish</p>

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<p>No charges (If a system is deemed not to be fully enclosed and a Risk Assessment is required then can costs fall to the applicant and can be significant)</p> <p>Target time = 15 to 90 days</p>	<p>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import & Permitting of Alien species may all be dealt with as one by FHI in many cases.</p>		
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<p>Approval to manufacture medicated Feed</p> <p>Required where veterinary medicines are to be mixed into or onto feed for feeding to the farmer's own fish.</p> <p>Charges apply</p> <p>Conditional approval available Target time = 10 working days to validate the application + 30 working days for on-site approval inspection.</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</p> <p>Protects animal health, human health and the environment.</p>	<p>Veterinary Medicines Directorate</p>	<p>01932 336911</p> <p>inspections@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterinary-medicines-directorate</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manufacturing-and-supplying-veterinary-medicines-for-animal-feed</p>
<p>Transporter authorisation</p> <p>Animal Transport Certificates (ATC) (ATC can be covered by FHI records)</p>	<p>Welfare in Transport. The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006</p> <p>Type 1 transporter authorisation required for journey over 65km and under 8 hours</p> <p>Type 2 transporter authorisation is required for journeys over 8 hours</p>	<p>Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)</p>	<p>See link for relevant area.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/farm-animal-welfare-during-transportation</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-a-united-kingdom-animal-transporter-authorisation-for-type-1-authorisations-valid-for-journeys-over-65km-and-up-to-8-hours</p>

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			https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-a-united-kingdom-animal-transporter-authorisation-for-type-2-authorisations-valid-for-all-journeys-including-over-8-hours
On Farm welfare	Welfare of fish on farms is required by European Council Directive 98/58/EC and is covered by The Animal Welfare Act 2006, The Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009. 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.	Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fawc-advice-on-farmed-fish-welfare

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Disposal of mortalities	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.	Regulation via Local authorities	https://www.gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview