

Marine – Macro algae culture (land-based)

Consent required	Regulator / Authorising remit	Regulator	Contacts
<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 aquaculture developments 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>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	http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/environmental-impact-assessment/
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 Assessment 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 & EA.	Natural England & JNCC	<p>See relevant local authority</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69580/pb13809-habitats-guidance.pdf</p>
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	<p>See relevant local authority</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council</p> <p>http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/water-supply-wastewater-and-water-quality/water-supply-wastewater-and-water-quality-considerations-for-planning-applications/</p>

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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>	Marine Management Organisation	<p>Marine Licensing Team</p> <p>0300 123 1032</p> <p>marine.consents@marinemanagement.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>
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	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))	Marine Management Organisation	<p>Marine Licensing Team</p> <p>0300 123 1032</p> <p>marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/marine-licensing-impact-assessments#environmental-impact-assessment</p>
<p>Water Abstraction & Discharge Licences</p> <p><i>Abstraction consent may or may not be required, depending on circumstances.</i></p>	<p>Abstraction and Discharges under Environmental permitting regulations (England & Wales) 2010</p> <p>The Water Act 2003 may cover abstraction and discharge from and in to freshwater systems</p>	Environment Agency (EA)	<p>03708 506 506</p> <p>enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/environmental-management/water</p>

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<p>Discharge consent will be required if water is returned to the marine environment.</p> <p>Charges apply</p> <p>Target time = 13 weeks subject to exceptions.</p>			
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<p>Permitting farming of alien species.</p> <p>No administration charges but potentially significant charges to industry to carry out risk assessments.</p> <p>Target time = 15 to 90 days</p>	<p>Permitting under the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.</p> <p>(The need for a risk assessment and permit can be avoided if culture unit is fully enclosed)</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>
<p>Plant Health</p> <p>Commercial operators must be registered with their local Plant Health Inspectorate Office</p> <p>Importers have to be registered with Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate (HMI)</p> <p>Charges can apply for import and export inspections.</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), part of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate (HMI)</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/plant-health-controls</p> <p>http://ehmipeach.defra.gov.uk/</p>