

Freshwater - Fully Enclosed Recirculating Aquaculture Farm (RAS) (Freshwater - Live & Dead Sales – Restocking & Ornamental)

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<p>Planning permission (might not be required for internal adaption of existing farm buildings, rules on permitted development should be explored)</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>	<p>Granting of development consents for land based fish farms under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended</p>	<p>Local Authorities</p>	<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>
<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></p>			
<p>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Local Authorities</p>	<p>http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/environmental-impact-assessment/</p>
<p>Habitats Risk Assessments (HRA) When an EIA is not required but site falls within a European & Ramsar conservation site.</p>	<p>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 & EA.</p>	<p>Natural England, JNCC.</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69580/pb13809-habitats-guidance.pdf</p>
<p>Water Framework Directive</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Environment Agency</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>

	Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003.		
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<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><i>Target time = 13 weeks subject to exceptions.</i></p>	<p>Abstraction and Discharges under Environmental permitting regulations (England & Wales) 2010</p> <p>Water Act 2003 may also be applicable for abstracting and discharging water.</p>	Environment agency	<p>03708 506 506</p> <p>enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/environmental-management/water</p>
<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><i>No charges</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 90 days including consultation</i></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>	Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)	<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><i>Required if seed stock are to be sourced from anywhere outside England, Wales or Scotland</i></p> <p><i>No charges</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 15 to 90 days</i></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>	Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>FHI@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/import-or-export-live-fish-and-shellfish</p>

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<p>Permitting farming of alien species.</p> <p><i>(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)</i></p> <p><i>No charges</i> <i>(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)</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 15 to 90 days</i></p>	<p>Permitting under the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.</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/introduce-or-keep-non-native-fish-and-shellfish</p>
<p>Fish supplier permitting (live fish)</p> <p><i>No charges</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 10 to 20 days</i> <i>But most can be issued on day of request.</i></p>	<p>Permission to supply and introduce fish into Inland waters. The Keeping and Introduction of Fish (England and River Esk Catchment Area) Regulations 2015</p> <p>Conditions are laid out and issued under the fish supplier permit (<i>e.g. a fish health check might be required where consultants charges would apply</i>)</p>	<p>Environment agency</p>	<p>01480 483968</p> <p>fmapplications@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/permission-to-move-live-fish-to-or-from-a-fishery</p>
<p>Approval to manufacture medicated Feed</p> <p><i>Required where veterinary medicines are to be mixed into or onto feed for feeding to the farmer's own fish.</i></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>Veterinary Medicines Directorate</p>	<p>01932 336911</p> <p>inspections@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk</p>

<p><i>Charges apply, Conditional approval available Target time = 10 working days to validate the application + 30 working days for on-site approval inspection.</i></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>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>
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<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 for journeys over 65km up to 8 hours</p> <p>Type 2 transporter authorisation 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> <p>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</p>
<p>On Farm welfare</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fawc-advice-on-farmed-fish-welfare</p>



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	The Welfare of Animals (Slaughter and Killing) Regulations 1995.		
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