

Marine – Macro Algae culture

Consent required	Regulator / Authorising remit	Regulator	Contacts
<p>Marine licence</p> <p><i>This culture is not covered by exemptions so a licence is required if it is below Mean High Water Spring.</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.</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>
<i>Processes and consultees when a marine licence is required</i>			
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2017. Applications will need screening against the above Annex to check if an EIA is required.	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>
Habitats Risk Assessments (HRA) When an EIA is not required but site falls within a European & Ramsar conservation site.	The MMO 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 Offshore Marine 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 & IFCA.	Natural England, JNCC & IFCA.	<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#HRA</p>

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Water Framework Directive (WFD)	The MMO will work closely with the Environment Agency (the competent Authority for WFD) and will be advised of any likely effects before issuing a licence. Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003	Environment Agency	Marine Licensing Team 0300 123 1032 marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk https://www.gov.uk/marine-licensing-impact-assessments#WFD
Safety of Navigation	As statutory Consultee to the MMO, The Maritime and Coastguard Agency considers impact on the Safety of Navigation, Search and Rescue and Counter Pollution.	The Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Tel: 023 80329184 navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency
Crown Estate Seabed Lease <i>Extends out to 12 NM.</i> <i>Application No charge</i> <i>Annual rental applies</i> <i>Target time = Without reasonable delay</i>	The Crown Estate does not have a regulatory role. However, a seabed lease is required and can be applied for at any time. If a marine licence has not been obtained then a lease options is available rather than a full lease. This licence only relates to the seabed, but does not confer any rights to fish or shellfish present.	Crown Estate	Aquaculture leases 0131 260 6076 or 0131 260 6078 enquiries@thecrownestate.co.uk https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/en-gb/contact/
Navigational markers	Subsequent to receiving permission from the MMO then Trinity House need to notified for navigational purposes.	Trinity House	020 7481 6900 navigation.directorate@thls.org http://www.trinityhouse.co.uk/

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<p>Permitting farming of alien species.</p> <p><i>No administration charges but potentially significant charges to industry to carry out risk assessments.</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 15 to 90 days (only low risk non-native species may be possible and RA should cover passenger species).</i></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>
<p>Inspection of vessels & premises</p> <p>Local fishery bylaws</p> <p>Permitting of certain activities</p>	<p>Fisheries & conservation management and enforcement under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, national and European legislation.</p> <p>Management of Marine Protected Areas (MPA's), European Marine Sites (EMS) & Marine Conservations Zones (MCZ)</p>	<p>Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA)</p>	<p>http://www.association-ifca.org.uk</p> <p>http://www.association-ifca.org.uk/marine-protected-areas</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fishing-offences-penalties-and-inspections</p>
<p>Plant Health</p> <p><i>Commercial operators must be registered with their local Plant Health Inspectorate Office</i></p> <p><i>Importers have to be registered with Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate (HMI)</i></p> <p><i>Charges can apply for import and export inspections.</i></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>



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