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<p>Marine licence <i>A marine licence will be required for this type of activity.</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</i>			
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	The MMO works with other authorities to ensure an EIA is carried out and are responsible for making the final decision. Intensive aquaculture falls under The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2017	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>
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.	<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#WFD</p>

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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/
Discharge licence <i>Charges apply</i> <i>Target time = 13 weeks subject to exceptions.</i>	Discharges under Environmental permitting regulations (England & Wales) 2010	Environment agency	03708 506 506 enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk https://www.gov.uk/environmental-management/water

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<p>Authorisation to operate an Aquaculture Production Business APB</p> <p><i>(An authorisation in principle may be available before the APB is up and running)</i></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><i>Required if seed stock are to be sourced from anywhere outside England, Wales or Scotland</i></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><i>No administration charges but potentially significant charges to industry to carry out risk assessments.</i></p> <p>Target time = 15 to 90 days <i>(unlikely to be successful unless sterile and improved escape prevention systems)</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>

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<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><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>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 may 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 journeys over 65km and 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>

			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
Inspection of vessels & premises Local fishery bylaws	Fisheries & conservation management and enforcement under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, national and European legislation.	Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA)	http://www.association-ifca.org.uk/ http://www.association-ifca.org.uk/marine-protected-areas



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Permitting of certain activities	Management of Marine Protected Areas (MPA's), European Marine Sites (EMS) & Marine Conservations Zones (MCZ)		https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fishing-offences-penalties-and-inspections
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