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Consent required	Regulatory / 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>	<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>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 Ramsar sites. 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.</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>Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003.</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>

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<p>Water Abstraction & Discharge Licences (Licences might not be required for some static earth pond sites) <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>The Water Act 2003 also covers water abstraction, impoundment and discharge of freshwater</p>	Environment agency	<p>03708 506 506</p> <p>enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk https://www.gov.uk/environmental-management/water</p>
<p>Authorisation to operate an Aquaculture Production Business APB (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 <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>
<p>Permitting farming of alien species.</p>	<p>Permitting under the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.</p>	Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>FHI@cefas.co.uk</p>

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<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>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import & Permitting of Alien species may all be dealt with as one by FHI in many cases.</p>		<p>https://www.gov.uk/introduce-or-keep-non-native-fish-and-shellfish</p>
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<p>Fish supplier permitting (live fish)</p> <p>No charges</p> <p>Target time = 10 to 20 days But most can be issued on day of request.</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 (e.g. a fish health check might be required where consultants charges would apply)</p>	<p>Environment agency</p>	<p>03708 506 506</p> <p>fmapapplications@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/permission-to-move-live-fish-to-or-from-a-fishery</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/fish-health-checks</p>
<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>

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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