

Marine –Shellfish Purification Centre

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<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>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>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>	<p>Marine Management Organisation</p>	<p>Marine Licensing Team 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>
<p>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</p>	<p>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))</p>	<p>Marine Management Organisation</p>	<p>Marine Licensing Team</p> <p>0300 123 1032</p> <p>marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk</p>

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<p>Water Abstraction & Discharge Licences</p> <p>May not be required for small scale set ups using artificial seawater 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>The Water Act 2003 covers abstraction and discharge from and into freshwater systems</p>	<p>Environment agency</p>	<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>Approval of Shellfish Purification Centres <i>.Shellfish from class B production areas must be subject to purification before sale for human consumption.</i></p> <p><i>Purification establishments are required to be approved under Regulation 853/2004 by the local authority</i></p>	<p>Definition: Purification centre' means an establishment with tanks fed by clean seawater in which live bivalve molluscs are placed for the time necessary to reduce contamination to make them fit for human consumption.</p> <p>Ensure operator parameters are met for the safe operation of shellfish purification tanks under EC Regulation 853/2004.</p> <p>Issue purification establishment approval and monitor in accordance with Article 32 or Regulation 882/2004</p>	<p>Food Standards Agency is the central Competent Authority.</p> <p>Local Authorities are the enforcement authority- issue the approval and monitor operator's compliance with the Regulations</p> <p>Cefas provide technical support for appropriate conditions for operation of tanks.</p>	<p>See relevant local authority</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council</p> <p>https://www.cefas.co.uk/media/52846/purification-generic-protocol.pdf</p> <p>http://www.seafish.org/media/Publications/GMPG_Bivalves_downloadable.pdf</p> <p>http://www.seafish.org/media/Publications/guideline_bivalve_purification.pdf</p>
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<p>Authorisation as a Dispatch Centre</p>	<p>Definition: Dispatch centre' means any on-shore or off-shore establishment for the reception, conditioning, washing, cleaning, grading, wrapping and packaging of live bivalve molluscs fit for human consumption.</p> <p>Ensure operator is able to carry out functions of a dispatch centre under EC Regulation 853/2004.</p> <p>Issue premises with approval as a dispatch centre</p>	<p>Food Standards Agency is the central Competent Authority</p> <p>Local Authorities are the enforcement authority- issue the approval and monitor operator's compliance with the Regulations</p>	<p>https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/shellfish-classification</p> <p>https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/approved-food-establishments</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>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>Processes and consultees for authorisation as a shellfish APB where planning or a marine licence has not been required (and therefore not required any Environmental assessment)</p>			
<p>Advice on environmental impacts</p>	<p>Natural England is contacted for advice on the environmental and conservation issues that may apply to the aquaculture operation.</p>	<p>Natural England (NE) for applications in England.</p>	
<p>Authorisation to import livestock</p> <p>Required if shellfish are to be sourced from anywhere outside England, Wales or Scotland.</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>

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<p>Disposal of mortalities</p> <p><i>Whilst not an activity that requires licensing, following rules on disposal of specified waste is a requirement for all shellfish aquaculture enterprises.</i></p>	<p>Council Regulation EC 1069/2009 on animal by-products defines shells from shellfish with flesh attached as Category III waste, and disposal of this should be in accordance with the local health authority rules. Shells with no flesh remaining are not treated as specified waste products and should be disposed of as normal commercial waste in accordance with Local Health Authority rules.</p>	<p>Regulation via Local Environmental Health Authorities.</p>	<p>https://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/yourarea</p>