

**Pre-App-P-WAT-B1**

**The Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (EASR)**

**Pre-application proposal form:**

**New marine pen fish farm or change to an existing marine pen fish farm**

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## **How to use this** pre-application proposal form

This form is intended to support you in the early stages of your proposal for a marine pen fish farm. You should use this pre-application proposal form if you intend to apply for:

* A **new permit** to carry out the water activity: ‘The operation of a marine pen fish farm’.
* A **variation of an existing permit** that authorises the water activity: ‘The operation of a marine pen fish farm’.

Submitting this form allows us to provide you with initial feedback on your proposal before you submit a full application. We encourage you to provide as much relevant detail as possible to help us assess your proposal effectively.

## Before you submit this pre-application proposal form

* Read the guidance for the water activity you are applying for on the relevant activity specific page on our [website](https://www.sepa.org.uk/easr).
* Where you see the term ‘document reference’, enter the document reference(s) for the information you have provided. These must be submitted along with the completed form.
* For any questions or if you need help with the form, contact us at: aquaculture.pre-app@sepa.org.uk

## How to submit this pre-application proposal form

Once you have completed the form, please send it to: aquaculture.pre-app@sepa.org.uk

Please note that this mailbox can accept emails with attachments up to a total size of 10MB.

If your files exceed this limit, please send them to registry@sepa.org.uk and clearly mark the subject line with "Pre-App Aquaculture" to ensure your submission is directed to the correct team.

## Section 1 - Contact details

Please provide the contact details of the person we should contact with any questions regarding this pre-application proposal. This could also be an agent or a consultant.

**Table 1: Contact details**

| **Question** | **Answer** |
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| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Company or Business name** (if applicable) |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Email address** |  |

## Section 2 - About your proposed activity

### 2.1 Existing authorisation

If you are proposing to vary an existing authorisation, please provide the authorisation reference.

| **Authorisation reference** (e.g. EAS/P/1234, CAR/L/1234) |
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### 2.2 Farm details

Provide the farm name and the name of the coastal water.

* For new farms, this should be the proposed farm name, if known. If a farm name has not been chosen then an appropriate identifier should be used, e.g. “Proposed fish farm off Duart Point, Sound of Mull”.
* For the coastal water, this should be the name of the waterbody (e.g. Loch, Voe, Sound) as shown on the relevant Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 map, in which the fish farm is to be located.

**Table 2: Farm details**

| **Question** | **Answer** |
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| **Farm name**  |  |
| **Name of coastal water**(as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:25,000) |  |

### 2.3 Pen numbers and locations

#### 2.3.1 Number of pens

Provide the total number of fish pens that will comprise the fish farm.

| **Number of pens** |
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#### 2.3.2 Pen centre locations

Provide the national grid reference (NGR) for the centre of each pen.

You can use our [SEPA NGR Tool](https://map.sepa.org.uk/ngrtool/) to find the NGR. The NGR should be in one of these formats:

* 2 letters followed by 10 digits (e.g. AB 12345 67890)
* 2 letters followed by 8 digits (e.g. AB 1234 6789)

You can add more rows to the table if needed.

**Table 3*:* Pen centre NGRs**

| **Question** | **Answer** |
| --- | --- |
| **Pen 1 centre NGR** |  |
| **Pen 2 centre NGR** |  |
| **Pen 3 centre NGR** |  |
| **Pen 4 centre NGR** |  |
| **Pen 5 centre NGR** |  |
| **Pen 6 centre NGR** |  |

### 2.4 Fish details

#### 2.4.1 Fish species

Provide the species of fish that will be farmed, including both the common name and scientific name, e.g. Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).

| **Fish species** |
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#### 2.4.2 Maximum weight of fish

Provide the projected maximum weight of fish (biomass) which will be held on the farm at any time, in tonnes.

Any reference to “weight of fish” means the weight of fish in the pens including stomach contents and body fluids. This should not be after any periods of starvation.

Please note: this figure should not include cleaner fish.

| **Maximum weight of fish** (tonnes) |
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#### 2.4.3 Maximum feeding rate

Provide the maximum feeding rate if different from 7 kg per tonne of fish per day.

For modelling purposes, SEPA assumes a feed rate of 7 kg/t/d. This is the figure which will be used unless a different figure is specified.

| **Maximum feeding rate** (kg/t/d) |
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### 2.5 Sea lice

#### 2.5.1 Bath sea lice medicines

Provide a list of the trade names and active ingredients of all products which are to be used as bath sea lice medicines, e.g. Salmosan, containing 50%w/w azamethiphos.

If you know the intended quantities to be used, please include this in your response, but this is not essential.

| **Document reference** |
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#### 2.5.2 In-feed sea lice medicines

Provide the trade names and active ingredient(s) of all products which are to be used as in-feed sea lice medicines, e.g. Slice, containing 0.2%w/w emamectin benzoate.

| **Document reference** |
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#### 2.5.3 Maximum number of fish

Provide the maximum number of fish that will be held on the farm at any one time.

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| **Maximum number of fish** |
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#### 2.5.4 Number of adult female sea lice

Provide the upper limit you will keep the rolling average number of adult female sea lice below for all periods of 4 weeks between week 12 and week 22.

For this purpose, the “number of adult female sea lice” in any week is calculated by multiplying the number of salmon or trout on the farm, as applicable, and the average number of adult female sea lice per fish.

| **Number of adult female sea lice** |
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#### 2.5.5 Operational measures to reduce adult female sea lice

Complete this section only if:

* The planned timings of stocking and harvesting of the farm are likely to affect the number of adult female sea lice on the farm during weeks 12 to 22 (as defined in ISO 8601).
* The farm will be wholly or partially enclosed during weeks 12 to 22, such that sea lice exchanges between the farm and the surrounding coastal waters are not expected.

If this applies to you, please provide details including the stocking and harvesting timings (if relevant).

| **Document reference** |
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## Section 3 - Additional information

If you have any additional information that has not been specifically requested in this form but may be relevant to your pre-application proposal (e.g. hydrographic modelling, environmental monitoring), please provide the document reference(s) in the box below and submit these documents along with this form.

| **Document reference(s)** |
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