

## APPLICATION FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION Freshwater & Marine Aquaculture

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (As Amended)  
Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(Scotland) Order 1992 (As Amended)  
Schedule 1, Part 6A, Development Classes 21A, 21B, 21C, 21D, 21E, 21G, 21H, 21I and 21J

[Guidance notes](#) are also available on the interpretation of Fish Farming permitted development rights and changes introduced by the 2018 and 2021 Amendment Orders.

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<p><b>3. Location of existing aquaculture site:</b> Please identify/describe the location of the site (maps/plans should be included to clearly identify the site):</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div>																																													
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Centre point of Site  
 Grid Ref:   Lat/long:

Mooring point of existing feed barge:  
 Grid ref:   Lat/long:

\*Please provide reference numbers of any previous application/audit/review/order and date(s) when granted:

Reference no(s)	Date(s)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**4. Proposed works and description of proposal**

What is the notification for? Please tick the box which applies and fill out the equivalent section:

- Replacement of existing finfish pen or installation of an additional finfish pen  (section 4a)
- Replacement and/or repositioning of a feed barge at a finfish farm  (section 4b)
- Replacement of top nets and/or their support structures at a finfish farm  (section 4c)
- Temporary deployment of equipment (excluding fish cage/pens) at a finfish farm  (section 4d)
- Changes to existing longlines or the addition of longlines at a shellfish farm  (section 4e)
- Changes to moorings  (section 4f)
- Replacement of finfish pen nets  (section 4g)
- Placing or assembly of secondary net structures (e.g. sea lice skirts)  (section 4h)
- Changes to existing shellfish trestles or the addition of shellfish trestles  (section 4i)

*\*Operators utilising 'Class 21F: Change of Species' of PDR are not required to give prior notification to the Planning Authority but they must acquire authorisation from SEPA and Scottish Government's Fish Health Inspectorate prior to exercising PDR.*

**Description of proposed works:**

I can confirm that no work has been undertaken in connection with the development described within this prior notification

I confirm that the proposed works will not extend beyond the existing consented site boundary

**4a. replacement of an existing finfish cage or installation of an additional finfish cage/pen (Class 21A)**  
**(Please confirm matters and tick the boxes which apply)**

I confirm that the total surface area of this fish farm covered by equipment would not as a result of this proposal be greater than 20,000 square meters

OR

I confirm that the increase in total cage/pen area would not exceed the lesser of 1,100 square meters or 10% of the original total cage/pen area

*(If the development does not meet one of these conditions it is not permitted by this class)*

An existing finfish pen is to be relocated

An additional finfish pen is to be installed

Replacement of an existing finfish pen with a pen of a different size, colour or design in the same location

Replacement of an existing finfish pen with a pen of a different size, colour and design in a different location

Replacement of an existing finfish pen with a pen of the same size, colour and design in a different location

*\*Replacement of 'like for like' pens in the same location does not require prior notification (unless fish farm fallow)*

**Description of the proposed finfish pen** Please details of its location, size, shape, colour and design (photos and scale drawings of the proposal should be included to accompany the description as appropriate):

Existing Consented Biomass

Circular Pens

Existing cage/pen circumference (m)

Proposed cage/pen circumference (circumference cannot exceed 200m)

Non-circular Pens

Existing cage/pen area (sq. m)  Dimensions (m)

Proposed cage/pen (area cannot exceed 3182 sq. m)

Cage/pen area (sq. m)  Dimensions (m)

Current pen location

Grid ref:   Lat/long

Proposed pen location

Grid Ref   Lat/long

**4b. Replacement or relocation of a new or existing feed barge (Class 21B) (tick boxes which apply)**

- The existing feed barge is to be relocated
- A replacement feed barge is to be located in the same position as the existing feed barge
- A replacement feed barge to be placed in a new location within the site
- The replacement feed barge will be the same size, colour and design as the existing feed barge
- The replacement feed barge will be a different size, colour and design as the existing feed barge

**Description of the current location and proposed location of feed barge within existing fish farm site:**

Existing anchorage/mooring

Grid ref:   Lat/long:

Proposed anchorage/mooring

Grid ref:   Lat/long:

**Description of the proposed feed barge including dimensions of the feed barge (please provide scale drawings and photos as appropriate):**

Capacity of feed barge (tonnes)	Existing	<input type="text"/>	Proposed	<input type="text"/>
Type of feed barge (e.g. automated feed barge)	Existing	<input type="text"/>	Proposed	<input type="text"/>
Colour of feed barge	Existing	<input type="text"/>	Proposed	<input type="text"/>

**4c. Replacing top nets and supports (Class 21C) (Please confirm matters and tick boxes which apply)**

The existing top net or support for a top net is to be replaced with a top net or support of a different size, colour or design

*\*Replacement of 'like for like' top net or supports does not require prior notification (unless fish farm follow)*

**Description of proposal** Please include details of locations, colour, size and design (photos and scale drawings of the proposal should be included to accompany the description as appropriate):

**4d. Temporary deployment of equipment within an existing fish farm site/shellfish site which is required in connection with the operation of the fish farm (Class 21D) (Please confirm matter and tick the boxes which apply)**

I confirm that the proposed equipment will not be placed on site for a period greater than 3 months

I confirm that the proposed equipment has not been placed within this fish farm site in the previous 12 months

I confirm that the equipment proposed is *not* a finfish pen or cage, longline, barge or top net support

I confirm that the surface area covered by the proposed equipment is no greater than 1% of the surface area covered by the permanent equipment of the existing fish farm

I confirm that no equipment proposed will be greater in height than 2.5m unless a feed barge is on site and then the equipment will be no greater than half the height of that feed barge

**Description of equipment** Please include details of colour, size, design and proposed location (photos and scale drawings of the proposal should be included to accompany the description as appropriate):

Equipment location:

Grid ref:

Lat/long

**4e. The placement or assembly of a longline for use in shellfish farming within the area of an existing marine farm (Class 21E) (Please confirm matter and tick the boxes which apply)**

Placement of additional lines (note only 1 additional line is permitted per 6 originally one site)

Replacement of existing long-line with new long line of a different size, colour or design

Placement of existing long-line in a different location

*\* Replacement of 'like for like' lines in same location does not require prior notification (unless farm fallow)*

**Description of proposal** Please include details of size, colour, design and proposed location (photos and drawings of existing lines and proposed lines should be included to accompany the description as appropriate):

Proposed longline position (both ends)

Grid ref	Lat/long		
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Number and length of longlines	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number and length of droppers per longline	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number, type and colour of buoys per line	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**4f. Mooring replacement, relocation, and installation (Class 21G) (Please confirm matter and tick the boxes which apply)**

Replacement of existing mooring with 'like for like' moorings where site in a European protected site or Nature conservation MPA

Replacement of existing mooring with new mooring of a different size, colour or design

Relocation of existing mooring

Installation of additional mooring

*\* Where a fish or shellfish farm is outwith a European protected site or nature conservation MPA, replacement of 'like for like' moorings in same location does not require prior notification*

*\*\* Changes to surface equipment are not permitted in this class and if eligible for PDR must be dealt with in another section of this form*

**Description of proposal** Please include details of size, colour, design and proposed location (drawings of existing layout and proposed layout should be included to accompany the description as appropriate)

Proposed mooring position (both ends)

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Number and length of additional moorings

**4g. Replacement of finfish pen nets (Class 21H) (Please confirm matters and tick boxes which apply)**

The existing pen net to be replaced with a net of a different colour or design

*\*Replacement of 'like for like' nets does not require prior notification*

*\*\* No changes to volume of finfish pen net are allowed under PDR*

**Description of the nets** Please describe colour, size and design (photos and scale drawings of the proposal should be included to accompany the description as appropriate):

**4h. Placing or Assembly of secondary net structures (Class 21I) (Please confirm matters and tick boxes which apply)**

**Purpose of secondary net structure** (e.g. sea lice skirts, predator nets or false bottoms):

**Description of secondary net structure** Please describe colour, size, design and proposed location (photos and scale drawings of the proposal should be included to accompany the description as appropriate):

**4i. Replacement, relocation and installation of additional shellfish trestles (Class 21J) (Please confirm matters and tick boxes which apply)**

- Replace existing trestle with a new trestle of a different colour or design in same location
- Replace existing trestle with a new trestle of a different colour or design in different location
- Replace existing trestle with a new trestle of the same colour and design in different location
- Relocate existing trestle
- Install additional trestles

If installing additional trestles,  
 I confirm that the total surface area of this farm would not as a result of this proposal be greater than 20,000 square meters

I confirm the addition of trestles does not result in more than a 10% increase in the number of trestles within the existing shellfish farm

*\*Replacement of 'like for like' trestles does not require prior notification*

Description of proposal (include colour, size and design):

Location of existing trestles to be relocated

Grid ref:

Lat/long:


Location of relocated or additional trestles

Grid ref:

Lat/long:


**5. Check List and Supporting Information**

Check list

Please ensure you have submitted the following with your application:

Location plan including north point (existing site outlined in red)

Admiralty chart showing the application site

Site plan or block plan (showing the layout of the site and equipment highlighting the new proposal)

Plans and sections of the proposed cages/cultivation equipment/feed barge/ancillary equipment

If you want to submit other information to support this prior notification, please specify:

**6. Application Fee**

An application fee of £\_\_\_\_\_ is submitted with this notification.

**DECLARATION – Prior Notification**

I/we hereby give prior notification to the planning authority that I/we intend to carry out the works described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/we certify that the proposed works are required for the purposes of aquaculture and will be designed accordingly.

I/we understand that the proposed development cannot commence until the Planning Authority issues notification that prior approval is not required or that prior approval is granted by the Planning Authority or, within 28 days of the receipt of this application, the Planning Authority fails to issue notification of their determination

Signature:  Name:  Date:

NB: Any personal data that you have been asked to provide on this form will be held and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018. Further detail on how data will be managed is available at:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/privacy/planning>