

APPLICATION FOR MARINE FISH FARM PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Acts

Please refer to the accompanying Guidance Notes when completing this application.
Limited space is available on the form, provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Applicant's Details		2. Agent's Details (if any)	
Title	Ms	Title	
Forename	Inese	Forename	
Surname	Martukane	Surname	
Company Name	Loch Duart Plc.	Company Name	
Building No./Name		Building No./Name	
Address	Badcall Salmon House Scourie Sutherland	Address	
Postcode	IV27 4TH	Postcode	
Telephone		Telephone	
Mobile		Mobile	
Fax		Fax	
Email		Email	

3. Location of Proposed Development (please identify/describe the location of the site/s):			
Tarenish, Bàgh nam Faoileann, South Uist			
Grid Reference (at mid-point of site):			
Easting:	NF 84689	Northing:	43903
OS Grid References of Site Position (at external corners or edges):			
Mooring Containment Area 84427.8077E 844117.1708N 84478.6155E 844165.3223N 84650.0881E 844155.6561N 84945.7767E 843857.3820N 84950.3098E 843689.5032N 84899.5023E 843641.3514N 84720.7719E 843644.1383N 84425.0822E 843942.4137N			

4. Type of Application			
What is the application for? Please select one of the following:			
New Site			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Change of Use of Existing Site (including species change)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Alterations/Extension to the Existing Site			<input type="checkbox"/>
Variation or Removal of Condition			<input type="checkbox"/>
*If there has been previous planning permissions on this site please provide the reference number of the most recent one			
Reference Number:		n/a	
Date of Decision:		n/a	
Please provide details of any other consent for the site (i.e. Crown Estate, Scottish Ministers)			
4a. Species (if mixed use please indicate)			
Fin Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Species	<i>Salmo salar</i>
Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Species	
Other (Please Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Species	

5. Description of the Proposal
Please describe the proposal including any change of use:
<p>This proposal aims to consolidate LD activity in the Loch Carnan area. At present, five sites are consented within the Loch Carnan production area with a maximum standing biomass of 2783.5 T. Only one of the five consented sites is operational (Loch Carnan, Gashernish East – 13/00176) due to a range of environmental considerations.</p> <p>If the Tarenish development proceeds, LD operational activities will focus on two sites: the existing Loch Carnan (Gashernish East) location and the proposed Tarenish site. All remaining consents will be relinquished. The total standing biomass for the area will be reduced to 2300 T across the two operational sites, and the development will ensure the long-term viability of LD activities in the Loch Carnan area. Developing a new aquaculture site will also provide a range of socio-economic benefits, including creating new jobs by developing skilled vocations within this rural and remote community.</p>

Please tick the relevant boxes for the type(s) of equipment which will be involved (see notes for full explanation)					
Circular Cages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Square/rectangular cages	<input type="checkbox"/>	Longlines	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grids	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moorings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feed barges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Feed pipes to shore	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pontoons	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raft(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accommodation of the marine installation(s)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (please specify)					
Have the works already been started?					
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please state date and, if completion, the completion date:					
Date Started:				Date Completed:	
If yes, please explain why the work has already taken place in advance of making this application					

Not applicable				
6. Development Area				
Please state the dimensions of the site in metres and the total site area in both square metres and hectares:				
	Site dimensions		Total site area	
	Length (m)	Width (m)	(sq.m)	(hectares)
Existing equipment surface area:				
Proposed equipment surface area:			7,377.22 m ²	0.7ha
Existing moorings area:				
Proposed moorings area:	670m	310m	170000 m ²	17ha
Proposed planning area (if different from mooring area above e.g. access/feed-pipe corridor):				
Is the surface area of the site equipment two hectares or above?				
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
If yes please include with your application a pre application consultations report along with a design statement.				

7. Equipment		
7a. Primary Equipment		
	Existing	Proposed
Type of units (eg cages/pens/longlines/rafts/trestles)		Pens
Number of units		6
Shape(s) of units		Circular
Cage sizes/longline length		120m circumference
Number of cage/longline/raft/trestle groups		1 (1 x 6 arrangement)
Moorings grid dimensions for each unit (circular cages)		70 x 70m

Other equipment – specify below		
7b. Ancillary Equipment		
	Existing	Proposed
Barge/feeding station type (e.g. automated feed barge)		Automated feed barge
Capacity of feed barge (tonnes)		400T
Number, type and colour of buoys		14 x Grey 1100L Buoys
Lighting (underwater & surface)		Underwater maturation lights (Nov - May)
Navigation equipment	As per NLB requirements	As per NLB requirements
Other equipment – specify below		

8. Product Information		
	Existing	Proposed
Maximum stocked biomass (tonnes)		1500T
Maximum production biomass per cycle (tonnes)		2,250T
Proposed production cycle (months)		18-21
Stocking densities		14.5 kg/m ³
Fallow Periods	Standard SEPA fallow periods (as per CAR licence specification)	

9. Operation of Facility/Landing/Servicing
How will the site be serviced?
All site servicing will be carried out by vessels from the existing Loch Duart Plc shore base facilities at Loch Carnan in conjunction with the proposed feed barge. Additional vessels may be required on site, such as during net cleaning processes or site maintenance.
Where will the site be served from? Details of the shore base location(s)
The existing Loch Duart shore-based facilities at Loch Carnan (NGR: NF 82194 43433)

Normal daily operational hours of site (feeding, deliveries etc)
Normal daily operational hours are 0800 – 1700 daily, including weekends.
Operational activities during harvesting and stocking periods (method of delivering stock etc)
The initial stocking of the site will be by well boat transfer. Harvesting is carried out on-site by wellboat, with fish transported off-site by the harvesting vessel for onward transport through Uig harbour to Loch Duart processing facilities in Dingwall.

10. Supporting Information	
Will the site be used in a rotational basis with other sites?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Are there agreements in place with other nearby fish farms and/or fishing interests?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please provide details.	
What operational and management practices are to be put in place to ensure site containment and disease control? Please provide details.	
<p>The site will continue to be operated to the Code of Good Practice (CoGP) for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture Standards, Marine Directorate requirements for sea lice and containment and SEPA requirements for sea lice under the new Sea Lice Risk Framework (SLRF).</p> <p>Containment: Site-specific equipment choice and regular inspection ensure site integrity. In the event of any suspected escapes, a sea site escape contingency plan is in place.</p> <p>Disease Control: The site is operated under authorisation from the Fish Health Inspectorate and according to the National Treatment Strategy for the Control of Sealice on Scottish Salmon Farms guidance. A management strategy will be employed, including fallow periods, synchronous stocking, biological lice control, good husbandry practises and access to medicines as required.</p>	
What methods will be used to control the impacts of predatory wildlife (e.g. top nets, anti-predator nets or Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADDs). With ADDs, provide the name of the manufacturer and the model, also the proposed pattern of use (ie continuous/scare-response/seasonal). Please provide details.	

Predator control methods will be in accordance with the CoGP requirements and the site specific wildlife interaction plan. Tensioned pen nets & top nets, and frequent removal of any fallen stock, are the primary methods used to deter predatory wildlife. Depending on the level of predatory interactions, scaled measures are available, comprising secondary sub-surface predator exclusion nets and ADDs if all necessary licensing conditions are met. No decision to deploy ADDs will be made prior to consultation with the local planning authority, Marine Directorate and NatureScot. Discussions will be initiated with the appropriate authorities to assess the requirement for a European Protected Species (EPS) licence, and if required, an application will be made to the Scottish Government (Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team) for this prior to any deployment of ADD equipment at the site. A site-specific Wildlife Interaction Plan for the proposed new Tarenish site, including anti-predation measures, will be provided with the full planning application.

Note: A site-specific strategy on predator control may be required, which takes account of conservation legislation. Data on protected species in the area may also be required. These should be provided as an attachment.

What level of local employment will be generated directly as a result of the proposal?

A total of 8 full-time site staff positions will be maintained. Other local employment includes in-company support staff (engineers, skippers, biologists & administration staff) as well as the use of local services and businesses including petrol stations, haulage companies, accommodation, specialist contractors and processing facilities.

What restoration works are proposed in the event of cessation of operations?

In the event of cessation of operations, all equipment would be removed from the site and the seabed left to recover naturally.

Nutrient enhancement calculations, benthic impact, water column and assimilative capacity, along with impacts on biodiversity, are all issues that are of interest to consultees in the planning process, and it may aid their ability to comment on the application if information on these matters is included within your application.

Please provide this information or any other relevant information below.

The proposed new Tarenish site will be subject to a SEPA Screening Modelling and Risk Identification assessment with subsequent modelling for biomass (NewDepomod), chemotherapeutants and equilibrium concentration enhancement undertaken as directed by SEPA, and an application for a CAR licence will be made in due course.

11. Discharges (not required but for shellfish developments)

Has an application been made to SEPA under The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (As amended) (car)?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes, please give the date of approval and the maximum biomass approved.

An application for a CAR licence will be made in due course

12. Water Quality

Has a water quality report been prepared?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, please attach a copy of the report with your application.
If a shellfish proposal, please indicate status of the water (e.g. is it within shellfish growing waters)

13. Environmental Assessment	
Has the development been the subject of a screening and/or scoping opinion under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2017?	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide a copy of the screening and/or scoping opinion.	
Was an Environmental Assessment required?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please submit the environmental statement along with the application.	

14. Pre-Application Discussion			
Have you received any advice from the planning authority in relation to this proposal?			
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, in what format was the advice given?			
Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone Call	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Pre-App	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Letter	

Please indicate who you discussed this proposal with (name and date)

15. Planning Service Employee/Elected Member Interest	
Are you/the applicant/the applicant's spouse or partner, a member of staff within the planning service or an elected member of the Council?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Or, are you/the applicant/the applicant's spouse or partner a close relative of a member of staff in the planning service or elected member of the planning authority?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you have answered yes please provide details:	

16. Land Ownership Certificate (includes seabed)	
(a) I hereby certify that 21 days before the date of the application: (tick one box only)	
1. No person (other than the applicant) was the owner of any of the land, including the seabed, to which the application relates, or an agricultural tenant.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or	
2. The applicant does not own all the land involved, including the seabed, in the application site, but has given a copy of the requisite notice under Regulation 15(1) to the owner(s) or agricultural tenants of any of the application site. They are:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name of Owner	Crown Estate Scotland
Address Where Notification Sent	Quatermile Two, 2nd Floor, 2 Lister Square, Edinburgh, EH3 9GL

Date Notified	n/a
(b) I further certify that 21 days before the date of the application: (tick one box only)	
1. None of the land formed part of an agricultural holding.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Or	
2. The applicant has given notice to every person who was a tenant of an agricultural holding, any part of which formed part of the application site. These persons are:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Owner	
Address Where Notification Sent	
Date Notified	

Checklist

Please complete the following checklist to make sure you have provided all the necessary information in support of your application. Failure to submit all this information may result in your application being deemed invalid. Check out the guidance note for further details: https://www.hIGHLAND.gov.uk/info/1225/countryside_farming_and_wildlife/62/fisheries_and_aquaculture

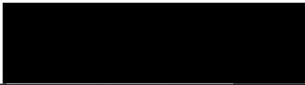
A. Appropriate fee (please refer to the guidance notes or Scale of Fees)	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Location plan including north point and scale (Site boundary shown in red)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Admiralty chart showing the application site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site plan or block plan (showing the layout of the site, equipment and grid references)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plans and sections of the cages/cultivation equipment, including all ancillary equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C. Photographs and/or photomontages (where these have been specified as necessary by the planning authority or to support your application)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide copies of the following documents if applicable:	
D. Environmental statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Landscape and visual impact assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Design statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Water quality report	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Pre-application consultation report (required when sites with an equipment surface area of 2 hectares or above)	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Signed and dated land ownership certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Signed and dated declaration (section 17 below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Other, please specify:	

17. Declaration

I, the applicant/agent certify that this is an application for planning permission. The accompanying plans/drawings and additional information are provided as part of this application.

I, the applicant/agent hereby certify that the attached Land Ownership Certificate has been completed.

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Signature:	
Name:	Inese Martukane
Date:	07/04/2025
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 1998 Data Protection Act.	