

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN ESCAPE OF FISH FROM A FISH FARM

**Guidance on reporting an escape or
suspected escape under Part 4A of *the
Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland)
Regulations 2009 (as amended)***

GUIDANCE

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INTRODUCTION

Operation of an Aquaculture Production Business (APB) in Scotland requires Authorisation by the Scottish Ministers under *the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (the 2009 Regulations)*. Authorisation is subject to a number of conditions.

The relevant provisions of the 2009 Regulations which apply to an authorised APB with regard to fish farm escapes are:

31D: (1) The operator of the aquaculture production business comprising a fish farm authorised under regulation 6 must immediately notify the Scottish Ministers of the circumstances on, or in the vicinity of, the fish farm which –

- (a) are believed by that person to have caused an escape of fish; or*
- (b) gave rise to a significant risk of an escape of fish.*

(2) A notification under this regulation is referred to in this Part and in Schedule 1C as an ‘initial notification’ and must contain the information specified in the form in Schedule 1C.

31E: (1) No later than 28 days after the day a person gives an initial notification under regulation 31D(1)(a), that person must notify the Scottish Ministers of –

- (a) the number of fish that are believed by that person to have escaped from the fish farm;*
- (b) the details of any steps taken by that person to recover the fish;*
- (c) the number of fish recovered following the escape; and*
- (d) the details of the follow-up action taken by that person following the escape.*

(2) A notification under this regulation is referred to in Schedule 1D as a ‘final notification’ and must contain the information specified in the form in Schedule 1D.

Notification forms are attached as Appendices to this guidance on **pages 11 & 12**.

Note: Schedules 1C & 1D set out in the 2009 Regulations, as amended as at the date of this Guidance, state that once completed the forms should be sent to Marine Scotland, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh. Operational responsibility for fish escapes reporting now lies with Marine Scotland Science and we would be grateful for your cooperation in ensuring the forms are sent to the Duty Inspector in Marine Scotland Science, Fish Health Inspectorate. Revised contact details are set out in this guidance, and on the notification forms on pages 11 and 12 .

The reporting of all escapes of farmed fish or circumstances which gave rise to a significant risk of an escape of farmed fish is mandatory. Reports must be submitted to the Scottish Ministers through the Duty Inspector, Marine Scotland Science, Fish Health Inspectorate.

This guidance provides advice to fish farmers (and wild fishery interests) on the action to be taken when an escape has occurred or the circumstances which gave rise to a significant risk of an escape. This includes how to apply to Scottish Ministers for permission for the use of nets to recapture, where this is considered appropriate.

The 2009 Regulations and this guidance apply to all finfish farms operated by an authorised APB in Scotland, including freshwater farms.

WHY YOU MUST REPORT AN ESCAPE

It is recognised that there may be circumstances beyond your control that may lead to an escape. The Scottish Government's focus is on whether escaped fish may occupy valuable wild habitats or inter-breed with wild fish, threatening their genetic variability and natural viability. In addition, there is concern regarding the spread of fish disease and pathogens from farmed to wild populations. Marine Scotland recognises these concerns and considers risks should be reduced to a minimum.

Fish farmers should be open and informative about the facts of any incident. It is particularly important for local wild fishery interests to be aware of any escapes and, where appropriate, to assist with any recovery efforts.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the 2009 Regulations may result in service of an enforcement notice, suspension or revocation of the Authorisation to operate as an APB or proceedings for an offence. This includes failure to immediately notify Scottish Ministers of any escape of farmed fish or of the circumstances which gave rise to a significant risk of an escape of farmed fish.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

- 1. Scottish Ministers must be notified immediately it is believed that an escape of farmed fish has occurred from a fish farm or where circumstances give rise to a significant risk of an escape of farmed fish.**

In the first instance an immediate call should be made to:

**The Duty Inspector,
Fish Health Inspectorate,
Marine Scotland Science
Telephone: 0131 2443498**

You will be allocated a MARINE SCOTLAND ESCAPE INCIDENT NUMBER which you should use in all subsequent correspondence relating to the incident.

If an escape or risk of escape occurs out of normal business hours the call should be made to:

**The On Call Inspector,
Fish Health Inspectorate,
Marine Scotland Science
Telephone: 0131 2441833**

- 2. An Initial Notification Form, available on page 11 of this guidance, should then be completed and sent to the Fish Health Inspectorate mailbox at:**

ms.fishhealth@gov.scot

Where email is unavailable completed forms may be faxed to the Marine Scotland Duty Inspector on 0131 244 0944

It is also important to provide early notification to other interested bodies, including:

- the relevant District Salmon Fishery Board or Fishery Trust;
- the Scottish Environment Protection Agency at your local SEPA office (for freshwater farms only).

The relevant contacts should be listed in business' site specific escapes contingency plan.

- 3. If recapture of escaped fish is considered appropriate, the subsequent strategy should be agreed between the fish farmer and local wild fish interests. If this includes the proposed deployment of gill nets, permission must be obtained from Marine Scotland.**

Guidance on how to obtain permission for the use of gill nets to recapture escaped fish can be found on page 8.

It is recognised that initial information supplied may not be entirely accurate and that the full facts of an incident may emerge subsequently. It is therefore necessary for the initial notification to be followed by a Final notification which should include final figures and other information regarding the escape.

4. Within 28 days of submitting the Initial Notification Form, a Final Notification Form, available on page 12 of this Guidance, should be completed and sent to the Fish Health Inspectorate mailbox at:

ms.fishhealth@gov.scot

If the number of fish lost is unknown at this point, an additional final notification form should be submitted as soon as possible after the losses have been established.

Initial and Final Notification forms can be found at Appendices 1 & 2 of this document on pages 11 & 12.

The forms along with this guidance are also available on the Marine Scotland website at:

www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/FHI/Escape

PUBLICATION OF ESCAPES INFORMATION

Marine Scotland may be required to release some of the information provided on the reporting forms, e.g. site location, health status, number of fish lost etc. to third parties on request, under the requirements of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Reported escapes are published on the Scotland's Aquaculture website:

www.aquaculture.scotland.gov.uk

GUIDANCE ON COMPLETION OF FORMS

INITIAL NOTIFICATION FORM: Schedule 1C to the 2009

Regulations:

Section 1: Please provide details of the Aquaculture Production Business (APB) that operates the site. The contact name given should be that of the person who would liaise with Marine Scotland during any follow-up action.

Section 2: Please supply details regarding the fish which have escaped. *Species of fish* - where more than one species is involved, please provide a separate form for each.

Growth stage – stage for salmon should be defined as one of the following: ‘brood fish’, ‘eggs (green or eyed)’, ‘grower fish’ or ‘fresh water stages’. The stage for other species should be defined as ‘Fish weighing more than 5 grams’ or ‘Fish weighing up to 5 grams’

If the fish have been suffering from any disease (notifiable or other) this information should be included. Please also consider if the fish may be acting as carriers of fish pathogens and specify these.

An indication of the maximum mortality rate (weekly % mortality) should be given.

Section 3: Please provide a detailed description of the escape or suspected escape and its cause. This should include the suspected *primary reason* for the escape (or potential escape) as well as the *underlying (secondary) reason*.

Examples of **Primary** cause include:

hole in net; net or mooring failure; net under water; tank failure (freshwater sites); flooding (freshwater sites); fish handling error; screen failure; human error; vandalism; extreme weather conditions; transfer pipe failure; helicopter bucket failure.

Examples of **Underlying** (secondary) cause include:

predator; chafe/snag; inappropriate equipment; inappropriate use of equipment; equipment damage; equipment wear and tear; poor servicing of equipment; floatation tube failure; well-boat/boat collision; fire; propeller damage; collision with floating/submerged object (other than boats); rodent damage.

FINAL NOTIFICATION FORM: Schedule 1D to the 2009 Regulations:

The Final Notification Form must be submitted **within 28 days** of submission of the Initial Notification. It should provide information on any recapture efforts and detail assessment of the scale of the loss.

Section 1: Details as per those supplied in the Initial Notification Form.

Section 2: *Action taken by business* – i.e. monitoring, deployment of gill net or other means of recovery. The information supplied on the recovery methods should include an assessment of the effectiveness of the methods used, or where it was deemed inappropriate to recapture, the reasons for not doing so.

Section 3: The fish farmer is asked to re-evaluate their site specific contingency plan and highlight the areas that led to the escape and how these could be improved so as to minimise the risk of a similar incident in the future or on other farms owned by the business.

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO USE NETS TO RECAPTURE ESCAPED FISH*

* Permission to use otherwise unlawful methods of fishing to take or to fish for salmon or freshwater fish.

Methods used for recapture of escaped fish will necessarily vary, depending on the location of the farm site and the local topography, the size of the fish involved, and implications for other wildlife (such as wild salmon and other fish species, birds and marine mammals). In some instances the appropriate recapture method would involve rapid deployment of gill nets of appropriate mesh size.

In almost all cases, action will require permission from the local District Salmon Fishery Board or from the Scottish Ministers to “use otherwise unlawful methods of fishing to take salmon or freshwater fish”.

1. **Deploying gill nets could impact on wild fisheries. Fish farmers should agree their proposed course of action with local wild fishery interests before seeking permission to deploy.**

It is acknowledged that nets must be deployed quickly to ensure effective recapture. **Therefore fish farmers are advised to consult local wild fishery interests and Marine Scotland Freshwater Licensing when developing their recapture strategies as part of their contingency plans prior to requiring consent to use gill nets.** This will ensure any consideration of the application can be dealt with in as short a timeframe as possible.

2. **To notify intention to seek permission to deploy in the event of an escape of farmed fish, a call should be made to:**

**Freshwater Licensing Officer
Marine Scotland Science
Telephone: 0131 2442900**

3. **Full written permission to deploy nets should be sought as soon as possible by completing an 'Application for consent to catch salmon or other freshwater fish during the close season and / or using otherwise unlawful methods.'** The form should be emailed or faxed to Marine Scotland Science, Freshwater Licensing and include reference to the **Marine Scotland escape incident number.**

Fax: 01796 473523
Email: MSSFFLicensing@gov.scot

The application form and associated guidance[†] for permission to catch salmon or other freshwater fish during the close season and / or using otherwise unlawful methods can be found at the following internet link or at Appendices 3 & 4 of this guidance:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/Licensing/fishintros/methods

[†] for persons wishing to use electro-fishing equipment, nets, traps or other illegal devices to catch salmon or freshwater fish for scientific purposes or to protect, improve or develop stocks of fish.

FURTHER INFORMATION OR ADVICE ON WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN ESCAPE

Further information or assistance can be obtained from:

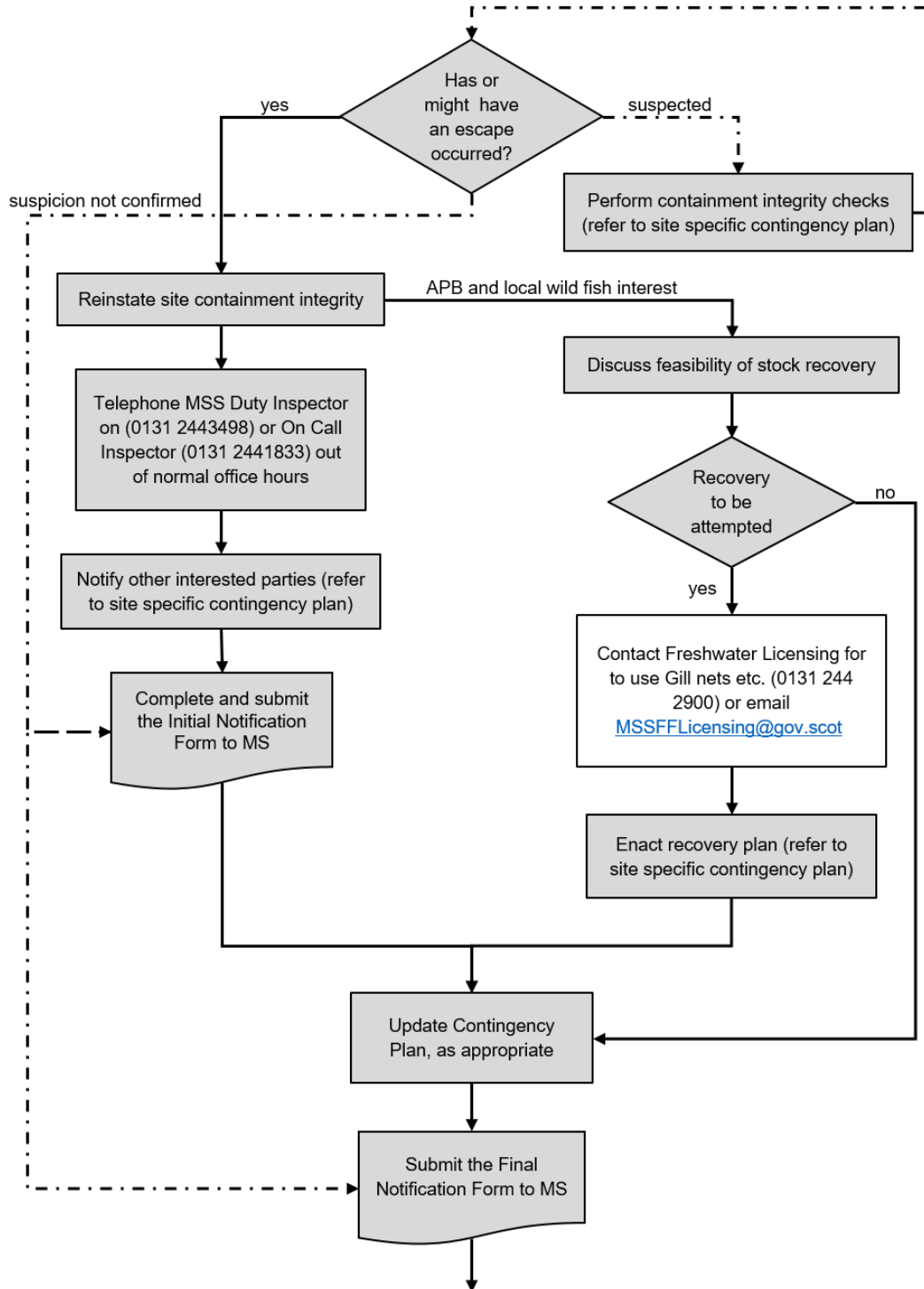
MARINE SCOTLAND SCIENCE FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE

Tel: 0131 244 3498
Fax: 0131 244 0944
e-mail: ms.fishhealth@gov.scot

MARINE SCOTLAND AQUACULTURE UNIT

Tel: 0300 2444000
e-mail: marinescotland@gov.scot

ACTION IN THE EVENT OF AN ESCAPE



Contacts Details:

Duty Inspector, Fish Health Inspectorate, Marine Scotland Science **0131 2443498**
 On Call Inspector, FHI, Marine Scotland Science **0131 2441833** (Outwith Office Hours)

Initial and Final Notification Forms to be sent to: ms.fishhealth@gov.scot or faxed to Duty Inspector or On call Inspector on: **0131 2440944**

Copies of Forms at: www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/FHI/Escape/Notification

Application for deploying Gill Nets Contact: Marine Scotland Science, Freshwater Licensing, Freshwater Laboratory, Faskally, Pitlochry PH16 5LB, Tel: 0131 2442900, Fax: 01796 473523, email: MSSFFLicensing@gov.scot

Copies of Forms at: www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/Licensing/fishintros/methods

APPENDIX 1

FARMED FISH ESCAPES – INITIAL NOTIFICATION

This form is to be submitted immediately following **any circumstance** which caused or might have caused an escape of fish from a fish farm site.

Please refer to “WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN ESCAPE OF FISH FROM A FISH FARM” for further guidance on how to complete this form: www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Fisheries/Fish-Shellfish

1. Please supply details of the authorised aquaculture production business (APB) and farm site:

Site Name:		Site No:	
APB Name:		APB No:	
Contact Name:		Telephone No:	
Fax No:		Email Address:	

2. Please supply the following details regarding the fish escape:

Date & time of incident (nearest estimate)		OS grid reference:	
Site location:		Estimated number of fish lost:	
Species:		Average weight:	
Age in months:		Growth stage:	
Please supply details of any treatments administered for which the fish are in withdrawal:			
Please confirm whether the fish were healthy at the time of the escape, or the nature of any disease:			
Please confirm mortality rates on site and the reasons for mortality:			

3. Please provide details of the circumstances surrounding the fish escape or potential escape (if necessary continue on a separate sheet):

Circumstances Surrounding the Escape or potential Escape Consider: Human error, predation, suspected foul play, failure or wear and tear of equipment (mooring, ropes, netting, cages or pens, boats), weather conditions (wave height, wind speed and tidal strength):		
Suspected Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape		
Suspected Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or potential Escape(if applicable)		
Completed by:		The form should be sent to:
Position in Organisation:		The Duty Inspector Fish Health Inspectorate Marine Scotland Science PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB Email: ms.fishhealth@gov.scot
Date:		Tel: 0131 2443498 Fax: 0131 2440944

APPENDIX 2

FARMED FISH ESCAPES – FINAL NOTIFICATION

This form is to be submitted **not later than 28 days** following the submission of the initial notification of circumstances which caused or might have caused the escape of fish from a fish farm site.

Please refer to “WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN ESCAPE OF FISH FROM A FISH FARM” for further guidance on how to complete this form: www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Fisheries/Fish-Shellfish

1. Please supply details of the business and the site:

Site Name:		Site No:	
APB Name:		APB No:	
Contact Name:		Telephone No:	
FAX No:		Email Address:	

2. Please provide final details of the escape or Potential escape:

Date of initial notification:		Total number of fish lost (if none please specify “none”)*:	
Marine Scotland incident reference:		Number of fish recovered (if none please specify “none”):	
Action taken by business to recover fish:		Have site movement records been updated:	
Confirmed Primary Reason for Escape or potential Escape			
Confirmed Underlying Cause of Reason for Escape or potential Escape (if applicable)			

3. Follow-up action:

What preventative measures have or will be taken to minimise the risk of a similar incident occurring on this or any of the business’ other sites (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	
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Completed by:		The form should be sent to: The Duty Inspector Tel: 0131 2443498 Fish Health Inspectorate Fax: 0131 2440944 Marine Scotland Science PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB Email: ms.fishhealth@gov.scot
Position in Organisation:		
Date:		

* If the number of fish lost is unknown at this point please submit a further final notification form once the losses have been established.

APPENDIX 3

Guidance notes on applying to the Scottish Ministers for consent to catch salmon or other freshwater fish during the close season and using otherwise unlawful methods



The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

Please read these guidance notes carefully before you start to fill in form FL01v2.
If you need any advice or clarification, please
get in touch with Marine Scotland Science Freshwater Laboratory on 0131 244 2900

Background

Under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 licences can be issued for scientific or fisheries management purposes for methods of fishing for salmon, which includes sea trout, or freshwater fish, which would be otherwise illegal. For salmon the relevant enabling section of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 is Section 27 & 29 and section 48 & 50 of The Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006. For other freshwater fish the relevant sections are 28 and 49 of the respective acts.

In the case of salmon and sea trout district salmon fishery boards are able to issue licences under section 27 for operations taking place within their districts except where they take place during the close times or when other freshwater species may be caught; in which case District Boards must apply to the Scottish Ministers for a licence.

The following are common fishing methods that often require licences:

- Electro fishing
- Fishing using nets
- Fishing using traps
- Fishing by rod and line during the close time

Also requiring licences are:

- Operations which will disturb salmon redds
- Operations using poisons e.g. rotenone, or explosives

Risks and Issues:

The use of many of the above methods of capture is likely to entail the by-catch of species other than the target species. Improper use of methods could lead to impact at a population level on species at site of deployment through removal, or accidental mortality. Deployment of the above methods could lead to disturbance of local targeted populations and species other than the target species.

Making an application

Applications should be made by post to Marine Scotland Science, Freshwater Laboratory, Faskally, Pitlochry PH16 5LB or by email to MSSFFLicencing@gov.scot using Form FL01v.

- You should send in your application at least 30 working days before the planned operational start date.
- There is ordinarily no need to apply more than 10 weeks in advance.

There is no application charge, although you may incur costs providing any additional information we may require.

Completing the form

Please refer to this Guidance when you are filling in the form. If you need any advice, please contact Marine Scotland Science, Freshwater Laboratory on 0131 244 2900. Indelible black or blue ink should be used to complete the form.

Note 1 Applicant

Please provide the information requested. This individual is responsible for completing the form and ensuring that the operations are as described. If the application is made by an organisation, an individual should apply for a licence on behalf of that organisation.

Note 2 Name of person or persons to which the licence will apply.

We can only issue a licence to persons named by the applicant. The named person must be someone in charge of, or responsible for performing the licensable activity and must be present at the time e.g. an electrofishing team leader.

Note 3 Location of the waters in which the fishing will take place

The name of the salmon fishery district is requested. If the licence is to cover more than one please add the additional districts in the box provided at the end of the form 'Additional supporting information' (box 14). Information on DSFB areas is available at: <http://fms.scot/dsfb-contacts/>. Details of the catchment and the location on the river or loch system should be supplied. If multiple sites are required please describe the extent within the catchment that fishing will occur. The National Grid Reference can be obtained online at various mapping sites. Alternatively, a map of the area can be provided and should be clearly marked to show the site(s) in relation to the nearest town or village, major roads and any other waterbodies or watercourses. If the application is for permission to fish in areas throughout Scotland please indicate this and state the nature of your business that requires such a licence. Please note that operations within or affecting any part of a designated Natura 2000 site will not be covered by any licence issued. Natura sites are given legal protection by the [Habitats Regulations](#) (as amended). Further information can be obtained by contacting Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) <https://www.snh.scot/>. Separate application in respect of proposed operations in these areas can be made as required.

Note 4 Period for which permission is required

Applications may be made either for a single date or for a period normally up to a calendar year. If the application is to cover a specific project i.e. PhD, Fish rescue operations etc. durations of more than one year may be issued.

Note 5 List of Species

Please estimate to the best of your ability the species you are likely to catch and tick the appropriate box to indicate if it is a target species or not

Note 6 Purpose for which permission is required

Please provide full details of the intended purpose of the project(s) within which the licence is required. This should include the aims of the project and the reasoning behind it's instigation. If the application is for the purpose of Broodstock collection full details of the maximum number of fish to be taken and the locations to which any progeny are to be stocked must be provided.

Note 7 What will happen to the fish

Tick the appropriate box. The 'returned to the water' box should only be used if the fish are returned to the site during the same visit as the time of capture. If the fish are to be returned during a subsequent period and / or they are held in water other than that from which they were taken written consent will be required for the introduction of fish to Scottish inland waters.

Note 8 Type of equipment to be used

Please provide details of the equipment that will be used in the capture of fish species. i.e. types of net (including mesh size), type of trap, rod and line etc. If electro-fishing: Please supply full equipment specification (AC or DC, pulsed, unpulsed, voltage, source of power, manufacturer's name)

Guidance notes on Applying to Scottish Government for Consent

Note 9 Experience / Qualifications

Please provide the information requested. Include details of all qualifications held in relation to the methods and operation of any equipment applied for or provide an attestation by a referee as to the experience held by anyone named in the application in the methods and operation of the equipment. For example a referee could be a Fisheries Trust Biologist or a current or previous employer. Any attestation should clearly state the nature and extent of experience held by the named person.

Note 10 Assessment of Risk

Please provide an assessment of the risks posed to native biota of the activities to be undertaken. The assessment should cover all activities and locations involved and include potential impact on target as well as incidental species. If the assessment indicates a potential for negative impact details of mitigation or overriding benefits should be provided. A simple template identifying the likely issues and risks associated with broodstock collection is available on our web page

Note 11a & b District Salmon Fishery Board consultation

You should contact any relevant District Salmon Fishery Board (DSFB) to discuss your proposed licenceable activity. A link to further information on DSFB areas is at Note 3.

Note 12 Additional Permissions

You should contact and gain the necessary permission of all relevant proprietors or riparian owners prior to commencing any licenced activity.

Note 13a&b Nature Conservation Status

Information on designated nature conservation sites may be obtained using SNH's information website <http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/sitelink>

Note 14 Additional Supporting information

Please use this space to give any additional information you feel may be supportive of your application and as extra space to provide or expand upon information requested previously.

After you fill in the form

Please check all sections are complete and the form is signed and dated before sending it to the address printed on the form. If you send in a form with information missing or incomplete, we may not be able to process it until we receive the missing information. If the application is going to take longer than 15 working days to process we will contact you giving the name of the person processing your application. We aim to process applications received less than 10 weeks in advance within 30 working days plus any time it takes for the applicant to provide missing information. In some cases it may take longer, for example if we require to make a site visit, or if the nature conservation status of the receiving water obliges us to consult externally.

Issuing our decision

If your application is approved, we will send you a Licence. If we cannot give you permission we will write and tell you why.

Once you have received a licence you must not change any of the details registered with us, whether shown on the licence or not, without our agreement.

If you do wish to change any of the details you should contact Marine Scotland Science, Freshwater Laboratory as soon as possible. In some circumstances you may need to submit a new application. For each time you use the method or fish in the close season you must have the licence with you.

Please keep records of all occasions on which the licence was required for a suggested five years. We may ask you to provide us with details.

Bio-security

We strongly recommend that you ensure any equipment used is subject to strict biosecurity measures and does not carry the risk of introducing disease into the visited waters. Information about preventing the spread of fish diseases can be found online in the Marine Scotland leaflet 'Notifiable Diseases in Fish' <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/295194/0108200.pdf>

For further information on any aspects of fish health contact should be made with the Duty Inspector, Marine Scotland Science, Marine Laboratory, Fish Health Inspectorate, PO Box 101, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB (Tel: 0131 244 2500, email: ms.fishhealth@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

In addition, passenger species such as North American signal crayfish or Argulus may be transferred inadvertently. It is very important that transfer of equipment between sites does not result in introductions of non native species.

It is an offence to be in the possession of or to release North American Signal Crayfish into Scottish fresh waters under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Further information on crayfish can be obtained at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/science/Publications/TopicSheets/SignalCrayfish> and at: <http://www.snh.org.uk/pdfs/publications/wildlife/crayfish.pdf>

Additional background material

Further information can be found at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/Licensing/methods>. There are links to additional useful background material and copies of the latest application form and guidance may be downloaded.

APPENDIX 4

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Form FL01v2 Issued 11/06/18



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

Application for consent to catch salmon or other freshwater fish during the close season and / or using otherwise unlawful methods.

1. Applicant <i>(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)</i>	
Name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Telephone no. (daytime)	<input type="text"/>
mobile	<input type="text"/>
Fax no.	<input type="text"/>
E-mail	<input type="text"/>
2. Name of person or persons to which the licence will apply (continue in box 14 or a separate sheet if necessary)	
<input type="text"/>	
3. Location of the waters in which the fishing will take place	
Name of salmon fishery district(s)	<input type="text"/>
Please specify the catchment and give details of location within a river / loch system(s) <i>(see guidance notes for more information)</i> .	
<input type="text"/>	
Ordinance survey grid references or supply a map showing the location(s).	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
(continue in box 14 or a separate sheet if necessary)	
4. Period for which permission is required	
From	<input type="text"/>
To	<input type="text"/>

5. List the fish species expected to be caught. (continue in box 14 or a separate sheet if necessary)

<input type="text"/>	Target species?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Target species?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Target species?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Target species?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Target species?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Target species?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Purpose for which permission is required

Please give full details below. If for broodstock collection full details of numbers of fish to be taken and location(s) where the progeny are intended to be stocked must be provided. (continue in box 14 or separate sheet if necessary)

7. What will happen to the fish?

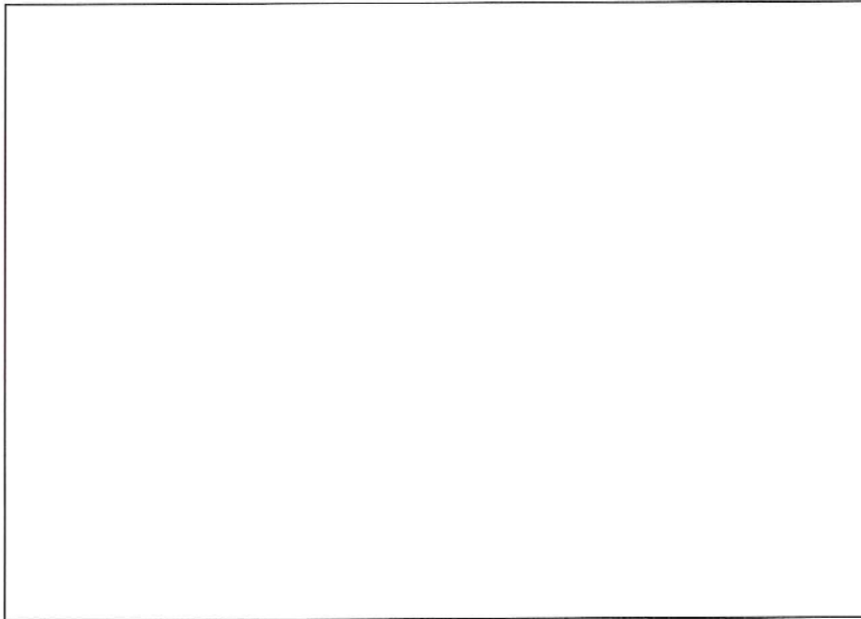
(Please tick appropriate box)

Further information can be provided in box 14

Returned to the water Retained alive Killed

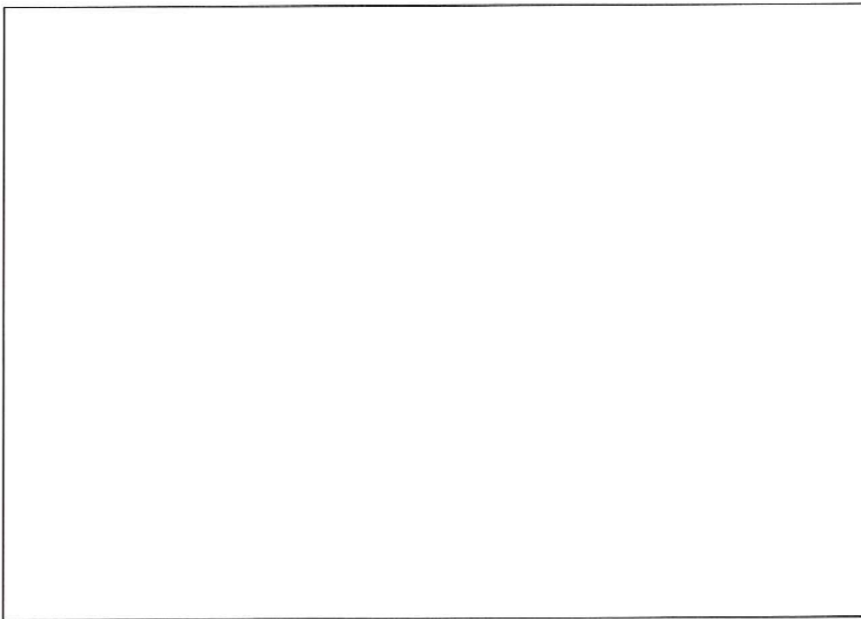
8. Type of equipment to be used

Type of net, type of trap, electrofishing etc. *If electro-fishing: Please supply full equipment specification [AC or DC, pulsed, unpulsed, voltage, source of power, manufacturer's name] (continue in box 14 or a separate sheet if necessary)*



9. Experience / Qualifications

Please provide details of any experience and or qualifications held by the person(s) listed in 2 above relating to the methods and equipment to be used. Include details of any qualifications in the use of the equipment or an attestation by a referee (e.g. Fisheries Trust biologist, previous or current employer etc). *(continue in box 14 or a separate sheet if necessary)*



10. Assessment of Risk

Please provide an assessment of the risk to native biota of the activities to be undertaken. The assessment should cover all activities and locations involved and include potential impact on target as well as incidental species. If the assessment indicates a potential for negative impact details of mitigation should also be provided. *(continue in box 14 or a separate sheet if necessary)*

11(a) Have you discussed your proposal(s) with the relevant District Salmon Fishery Board(s)? *(Please tick appropriate box)*

YES NO No board in existence

11(b) Has a Board objected to your proposal(s)? If yes please attach relevant correspondence. *(Please tick appropriate box)*

YES NO No board in existence

12. Have you obtained or intend to obtain the written permission of all affected proprietors and tenants of fishing rights, including riparian owners? *(Please tick appropriate box)*

YES NO

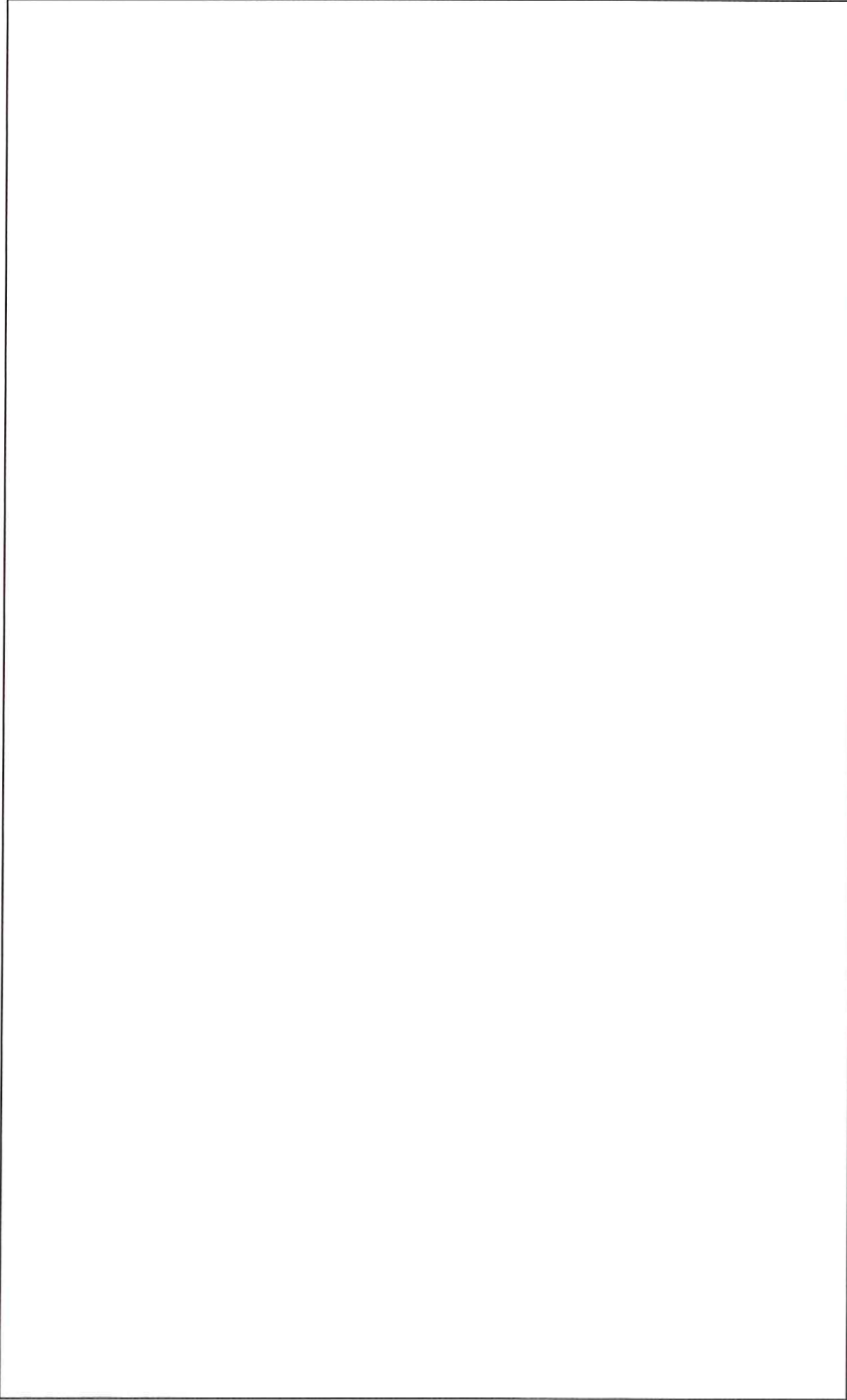
13(a) Is the site subject to a Nature Conservation Designation? *(Please tick appropriate box)*

YES NO

13(b) If yes, have you contacted SNH to discuss the proposed activity? *(Please tick appropriate box)*

YES NO

14. Additional supporting information. Please use this space to give any additional information you feel may be supportive of your application and as extra space to provide or expand upon information requested previously.



DATA PROTECTION

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Please read our data protection privacy notice at:

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DECLARATION

I have read and understood this form, the accompanying guidance and the data protection privacy notice. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given is complete and correct. I understand that Marine Scotland Science may require additional information from me at my expense to allow a decision to be made.

Tick box to confirm declaration

Signature

Date

Please post the completed form to: MSS Freshwater Laboratory, Faskally, Pitlochry, Perthshire PH16 5LB.

If you wish to submit your application by email, send it to:

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Please complete this box if you are sending your application by email:

Name of Applicant

I certify that the declaration and signature above are made in respect of the information provided at pages 1 to 5 of this form

Tick box to confirm