

## GUIDANCE FOR THE APPLICATION TO REGISTER A STOCKED FISHERY (FIS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2009

The Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 ('the 2009 Regulations') require all ponds or other installations, where the population is maintained only for recreational fishing by restocking with aquaculture animals, to be registered with Scottish Ministers.

A fishery, which is involved in the movement of live aquaculture animals off site for stocking of other waters and other catchments, must instead be authorised as an Aquaculture Production Business (APB). Please complete the '**Application to be authorised as an APB**' form **instead** of this form if this applies to your business.

Hatcheries (e.g. angling association restocking hatcheries) that are involved in the stocking of rivers within the same catchment (as the hatchery), must be registered as a non commercial aquaculture business (NCB). Please complete the '**Application to Register a Non Commercial Aquaculture Business**' form **instead** of this form if this applies to your business.

River fisheries are only required to be registered where an installation (e.g. fence or other barrier) has been placed in order to contain the stocked fish.

Please use the guidance below to assist in completing the application form for the registration of a fishery.

### **1 Applicant (person responsible for the fishery / fisheries):**

Please complete with the full organisation or business name (including whether the business is Ltd etc.) and the nature of the business / organisation. The applicant may be the owner of the fishery, the person operating the fishery, or the representative of the company or association operating the fishery. Full contact details should be provided for this person. Please complete with total number of fisheries this person is responsible for, owns or operates.

### **2 Fishery / water owner details**

Please complete with the name and address of the fishery and contact details for the fishery or water owner. If the owner contact details are the same as the applicant please state "as per applicant". Please detail the web site for the fishery if applicable. The location grid reference should be in the format of lat / long coordinates or a six figure Ordnance Survey map reference (e.g. NN167714) and should be taken from the mid point of the fishery / water. (where the fishery comprises a number of waters operated as one complex, the mid point of the collective waters should be used). Please also detail the grid reference as above for the water intake to the fishery complex and the water discharge.

Please include a map if possible of the fishery if possible outlining the water or waters to be registered.

### **3 Water details**

**Government Region:** Former local government region pre-1997, in which a site or unit is located, e.g. Orkney, Strathclyde (if known).

**Unitary Council Authority:** Current local government area in which a site or unit is located, e.g. Highland, Argyll and Bute.

**District Salmon Fishery Board (DSFB):** Please detail the name of the DSFB covering the area in which the fishery is located, if applicable. A list of DSFB's may be found at the [Fisheries Management Scotland website](https://www.gov.scot/policies/fish-health-inspectorate/). If this is not known please leave blank.

**Fisheries trust:** Please detail the name of the fishery trust covering the area in which the fishery is located, if applicable. A list of fishery trusts may be found at the [Fisheries Management Scotland website](#). If this is not known please leave blank.

**Conservation designation:** Please detail if the site is covered by a conservation designation, for example a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). If this information is not known, please indicate "unknown".

**Fish holding facilities:** Please detail any fish holding facilities at the fishery and the species held, type of facility (this may be tanks, cages, ponds etc.) and the number of these facilities. Fish holding facilities are any facilities containing aquaculture animals other than the fishery itself.

**Permissions to stock the fishery:** Under Section 33A of The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 as amended by the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007, it is an offence for any person to intentionally introduce any live fish or spawn of any fish into any inland water in Scotland.

Introductions of any live fish or spawn of any fish into any inland water in Scotland are regulated by the Scottish Government. All salmon or sea trout being introduced to waters in a salmon fishery district where there is a District Salmon Fishery Board in place are regulated by the District Salmon Fishery Board. In addition, any fish being introduced to waters in the Tweed District are regulated by the River Tweed Commission.

Application forms to stock fish into inland waters from Scottish Government (Form SG35), may be found at the [Freshwater Fisheries Licensing webpage](#).

Should you not have access to the internet, and require an application form from the Scottish Government, please contact:

**Marine Scotland  
Freshwater Laboratory  
Faskally  
Pitlochry  
PH16 5LB**

**Tel: +44 (0)131 244 2900  
Fax: +44 (0)1796 473523  
Email: [MSSFFIntroductions@gov.scot](mailto:MSSFFIntroductions@gov.scot)**

Please contact the relevant DSFB if you wish to stock salmon or trout into waters where there is a DSFB in place.

Application forms and guidance for introducing fish into waters in the Tweed District, may be found at the [River Tweed Commission website](#).

Should you not have access to the internet, and require an application form from River Tweed Commission contact:

**The River Tweed Commission  
The North Court,  
Drygrange Steading,  
By Melrose,  
Roxburghshire  
TD6 9DJ**

**Tel: +44(0)1896 848294  
Fax: +44(0)1896 848277**

Please detail if the relevant permissions are in place to stock the fishery in accordance with the above legislation. If permissions are in place, please detail the reference number or date of when permission was granted. Permission reference numbers issued by the Scottish Government will be in the format of FIA followed by a unique six figure reference.

**Fishery waters:** Please detail the name, size and water type of each water comprising the fishery. The size of the fishery should be given in hectares or acres where possible for still waters and miles or metres for river fisheries.

Please detail if there is any physical connection between the fishery and a water course, permanent or temporary, either via influent water or effluent water. Fisheries are also considered to be connected if they are situated within a flood plain. Examples of connected fisheries would be; river fed with or without screens, borehole fed with effluent entering a natural watercourse with or without screens, or a fishery normally unconnected but situated in a flood plain. An unconnected fishery is one which has no physical connection whatsoever with a river system either permanent or temporary. A river fishery, that is required to be registered, is a section of a natural watercourse or river where barriers are in place up and downstream to prevent the egress of stocked aquaculture animals.

Please detail if screens are in place to prevent the egress of all fish sizes stocked for both the inlet supply and outlet supply. If the inlet is supplied by means other than a natural watercourse (e.g river) please state not applicable 'N/A'. If screens are in place at the fishery, but are not considered to be capable of containing all sizes of species stocked, please detail this in section 5 (comments).

#### **4 Species present**

Please indicate all the species present in any of the fishery waters. Should any of waters comprising the fishery be stocked with any species not listed please give details of the species in the "other fish species present" box.

#### **5. Comments**

Please use this space for any additional information you deem necessary in order to assist in the registration of your fishery.

**REGULATION 12(4) AND 12(5) OF THE AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2009 MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR AN OPERATOR (OF A STOCKED FISHERY) TO FAIL TO NOTIFY SCOTTISH MINISTERS, IN WRITING, OF ANY CHANGE TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CHANGE.**

For this purpose, it is recommended that a copy of your application is retained for your records.

**REGULATION 12(6) OF THE AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2009 MAKES IT AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT IS FALSE, AND WHICH THAT PERSON KNOWS OR SUSPECTS IS FALSE.**

**Completed forms should be sent via post/ fax or e-mail to:**

**Fish Health Inspectorate,  
The Marine Directorate,  
Marine Laboratory,  
375 Victoria Road,  
Aberdeen,  
AB11 9DB**

**Tel: (0131) 2443498**

**e-mail: [MS.fishhealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.fishhealth@gov.scot)**

**Additional forms and further information can be found on the [FHI website](#)**