

**Department of Agriculture and Rural Development*****Application for a Fish Culture Licence for a  
freshwater inland based fish farm*****Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (As amended)**

**Please read the accompanying booklet carefully before completing this form.**

**Applicant/Site details**

The following information should be submitted in support of your application:

- an ordnance survey map indicating the exact location and size of the site,
- confirmation of ownership or lease of the site, or letters of intent of sale or lease from owner,
- where appropriate, planning permission,
- a copy of the consent to discharge effluent granted by the Environment and Heritage Service, Water Management Unit, or written confirmation that you have applied for such consent under the Water Order (Northern Ireland) 1999.
- a business plan (see paragraph 11) in support of your proposed operation.

1. Name(s) of applicant(s)

2. Business address  
(Including Post Code)

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

E-mail address

3. Company/Business name  
licence to be granted in:

4. Legal status

(e.g. individual, partnership, private  
company, public company, co-operative, etc)

5 (a) Address or location (including post code) of fish farm (if different from 2 above)

(b) Irish Grid Ref.

**Proposed production details**

6. Do you intend to include a hatchery on the site? Yes  No

7. For each species of fish you intend to cultivate, specify:

(a) Name of species

(b) Estimated annual production (tonnes)

8. Give details of proposed source(s) of fish to be introduced to the farm

9. When do you intend to start construction work or install equipment on the site?

Month

Year

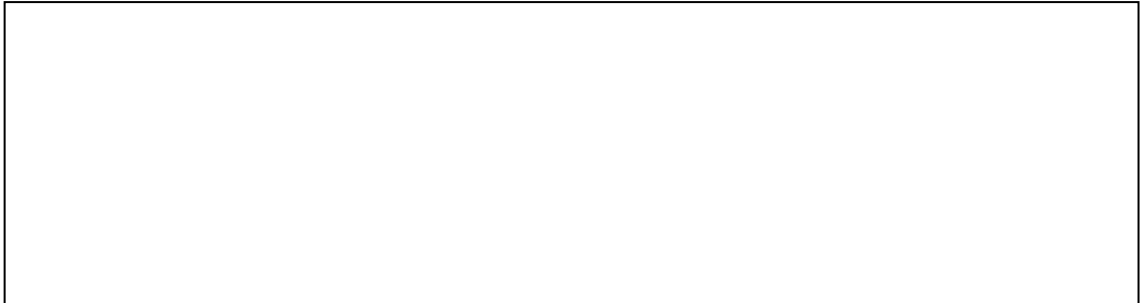
10. How many new jobs will the business create?

Full-time

Part-time

Casual

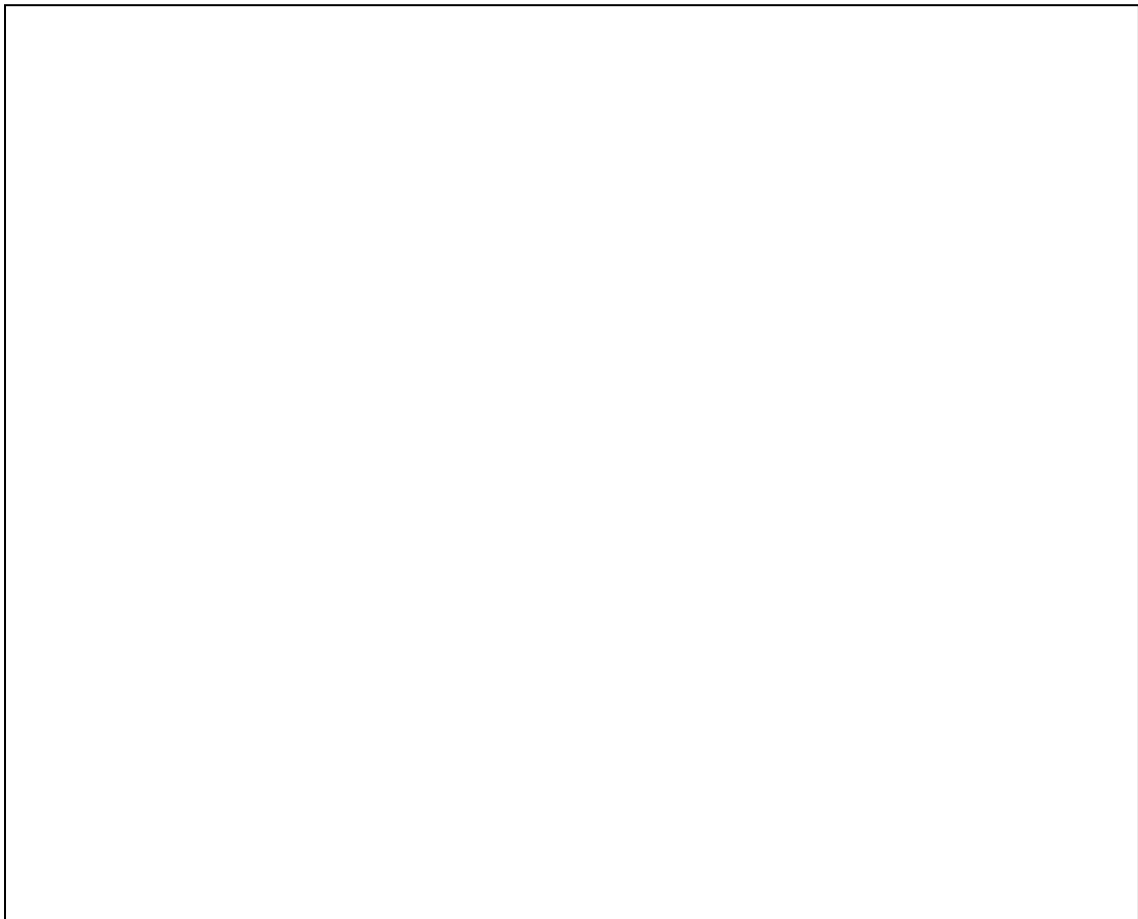
11. Please enclose a business plan in support of your application including a marketing strategy for your product, and details of any contracts you may have entered into.
12. Please detail any professional qualifications or your experience/history in fish farming.



**Proposals for design, layout and water treatment**

Outline plans of the site, structures and equipment to illustrate layout and water flow through the fish farm, should accompany the application. Details of water abstractions/discharge should also be provided.

13. Please detail the proposed fish farming methodology, describing the equipment used, feed, husbandry and harvesting methods. Describe the production cycle from stocking to harvest.



14. Please provide details of arrangements:

(a) To aerate the abstracted water before it is returned to the watercourse.

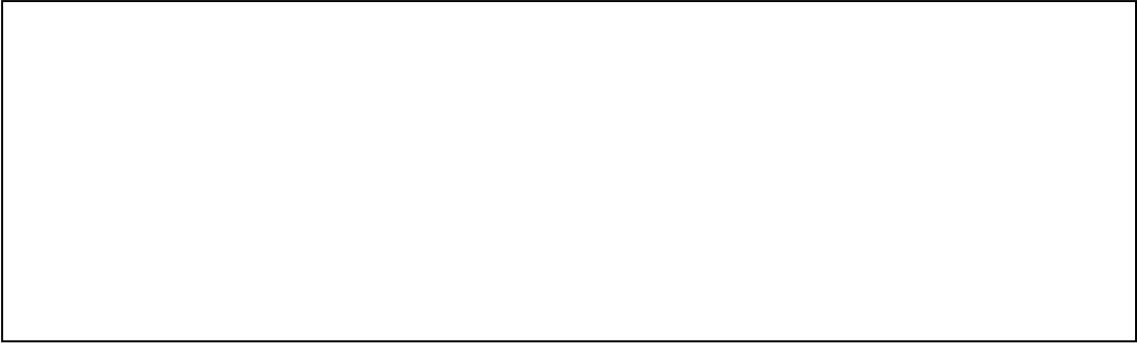
(b) To treat the water before it is returned to the watercourse and provide details of each system if more than one method is to be deployed (e.g. filter & settlement)

**Protection of wildlife**

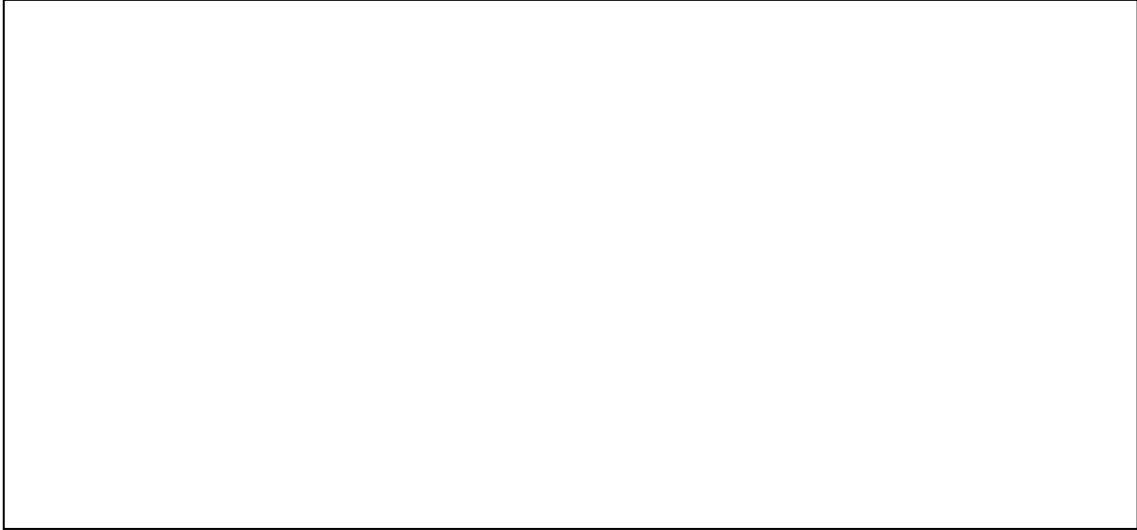
15. Where appropriate indicate the measures to be taken:

(a) To prevent the escape of fish from the farm. Describe all installations noting that preventative measures should be deployed to upstream and downstream movement.

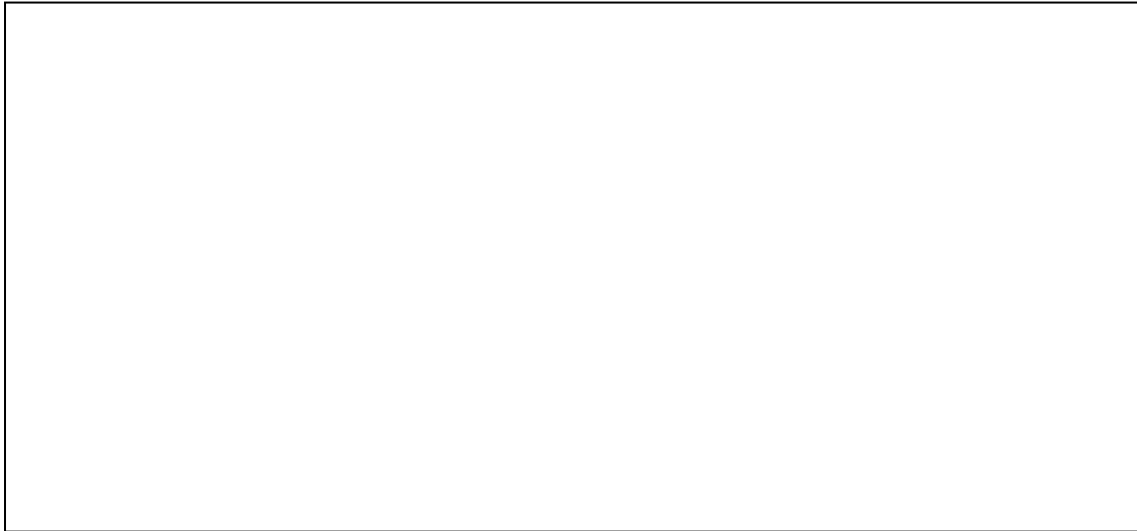
(b) To recover escaped fish.



(c) To prevent wild fish entering the farm.  
**(NB Fish passes must be constructed in accordance with plans submitted to and approved by the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure)**



(d) To deter and prevent predators gaining access to the farm.



**Declaration**

16. I hereby apply for a fish culture licence, and declare that:

- (a) the details provided in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief;
- (b) if the Department is minded to grant the licence, I understand that it shall advertise notice of this application in at least 2 newspapers circulating in the area of the proposed site, and that I will be required to reimburse the Department for the cost of the advertisements;
- (c) I have no objections to the disclosure of any information contained in or accompanying this application. Where I do have any objections these are specified at 17 below;
- (d) I understand that I may be required to provide further information; and
- (e) I understand that the licence(s) may be granted, refused, or granted subject to conditions, either, with or without the holding of a local public inquiry by the Water Appeals Commission for Northern Ireland to consider objections to this application.

Signature

Date

Status

(e.g., sole owner, partner, company secretary, chairman, etc.)

## 17. DATA PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ISSUES

The Department takes data protection and freedom of information issues seriously. It takes care to ensure that any personal information supplied to it is dealt with in a way which complies with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. This means that any personal information you supply will be processed principally for the purpose for which it has been provided. However, the Department may also use it for other legitimate purposes in line with the Data Protection Act 1998 and Freedom of Information legislation. These include:

- Administration of the Common Agricultural Policy and other aid schemes;
- The production and safety of food;
- Management of land and other environmental controls;
- Animal health and welfare;
- Occupational health and welfare;
- Compilation of statistics;
- Disclosure to other organisations when required to do so; and
- Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 where such disclosure is in the public interest.

However, notwithstanding the above, if you have any objections to the disclosure of any information contained in or accompanying your application, please indicate the information you do not wish to be disclosed, giving your general reasons.

The completed application, along with the supporting documentation, which has been requested on this form, should be returned to:

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