

**Department of Agriculture and Rural Development*****Application for a Fish Culture Licence and a Shell-Fish Fishery  
Licence for Shell-Fish Farming in the Sea or Tidal Waters*****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:

- a chart indicating the exact co-ordinates and size of the site,
- confirmation of ownership or lease of the site, or letters of intent of sale or lease from owner, or a copy of the lease or consent in principle from the Crown Estate Commissioners or other owner of the seabed or Foreshore.
- written confirmation from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency that the proposed development will not create a navigational hazard.
- a business plan (see paragraph 12) 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. Co-ordinates of site

**Proposed production details**

6. For each species of shellfish you intend to cultivate, specify:

(a) Name of species

(b) Estimated annual  
production (tonnes)

7. Give details of proposed  
source(s) of spat or other  
shell-fish to be introduced  
to the farm

8. If appropriate, when do  
you intend to install  
equipment on the site?

Month

Year

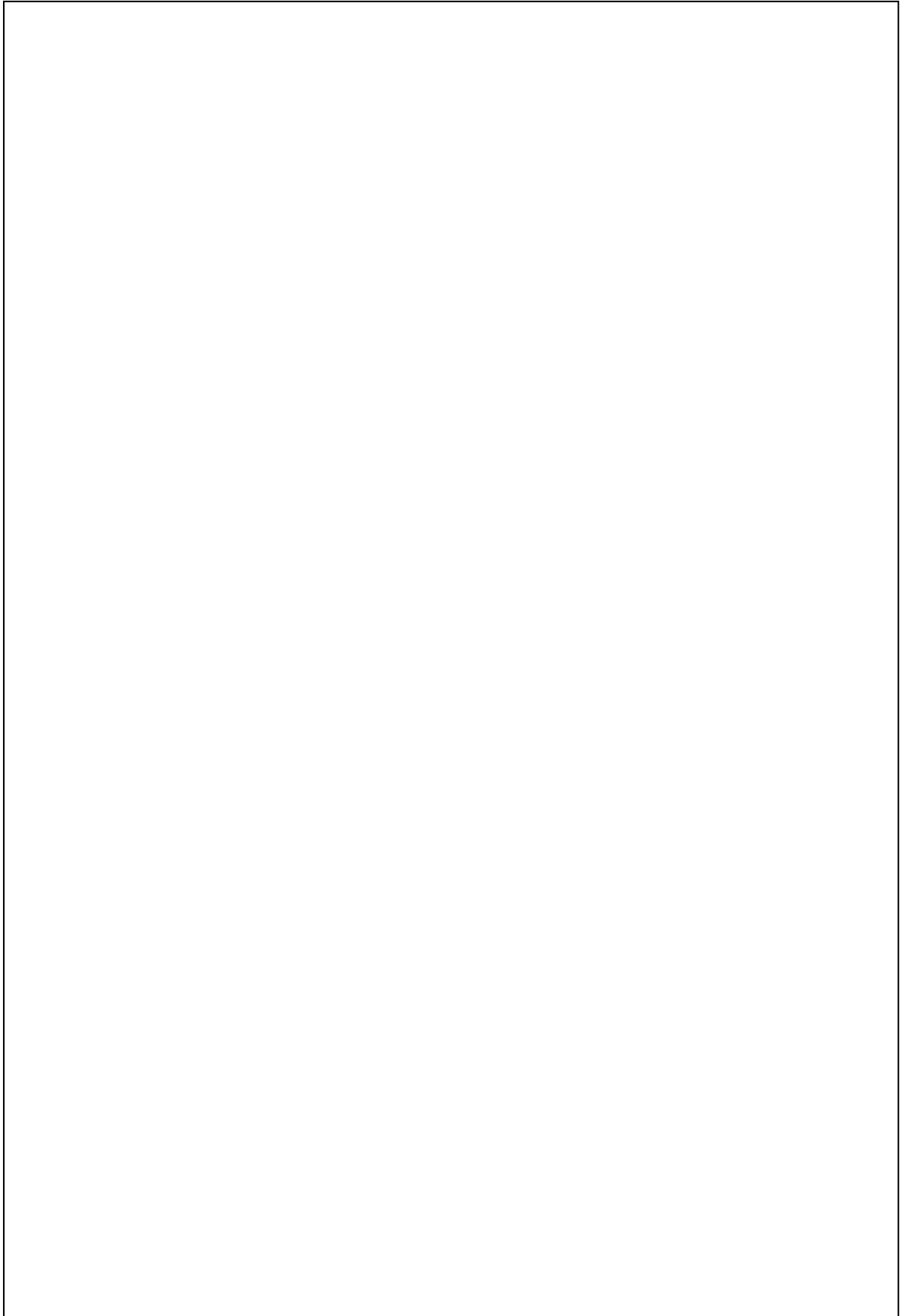
9. How many new jobs  
will this project create?

Full-time

Part-time

Casual

- 10 . Provide a description of the cultivation method, including detail of husbandry techniques used at various stages from stocking to harvest, specifying equipment used on site and any feed-stuffs, or chemicals to be administered, and detailing harvesting methods and times.

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11. How do you intend to harvest the Shell Fish (e.g. vessel, tractor etc)?

12. 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.

13. Please provide details of any professional qualifications obtained, or your experience/history in fish farming.

**Proposals for design, layout and operations**

14. Will the fish farm be sited –

(a) Completely above low water mark spring tide? Yes  No

(b) Completely below low water mark spring tide? Yes  No

(c) Partly above and partly below low water mark spring tide? Yes  No

15. Please provide details of any structures you intend to place on site and enclose plans/drawings:

Description	Number	Approximate dimensions (metres)		
		Length	Breadth/ diameter	Depth

16. (a) Does your operation involve laying or burying of shellfish on or in the seabed or foreshore?

Yes  No

(b) If yes, please give details:

17. (a) How will you service your site?  
(e.g. vessel, tractor etc)

(b) How will you access your site?

(c) If the proposed site is inter-tidal and located within an environmentally designated area (e.g. ASSI, SPA etc), have you obtained permission from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency to access the site?

Yes  No

18. (a) Are any on-shore buildings or other structures proposed to service the site?

Yes  No

(b) If yes, give details:

**Protection of wildlife**

19. Indicate the measures to be taken and fixtures to be installed to deter and prevent predators gaining access to the fish farm

**Declaration**

20. I hereby –

(a) apply for –

- (i) a fish culture licence and
- (ii) a shell-fish fishery licence;

(b) declare that:-

- (i) the details provided in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief;
- (ii) if the Department is minded to grant the licence(s), I understand that it shall advertise notice of this application in at least 2 newspapers circulating in the area of the proposed site, and in the case of a shell-fish fishery licence in the Belfast Gazette, and that I will be required to reimburse the Department for the cost of the advertisements;
- (iii) 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 21 below;
- (iv) I understand that I may be required to provide further information; and
- (v) 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

(eg, sole owner, partner, company secretary, chairman, etc.)

## 21. 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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