

Case No: 2023-0508 Date of visit: 02/11/2023

Time spent on site: 3 Hours Main Inspector:

Site No: FS0648 Site Name: Ardtaraig Hatchery  
Business No: FB0235 Business Name: Cooke Aquaculture (Freshwater) Ltd

Case Types: 1 ECI 2 CNI 3 VMD 4 5 6

Water Temp (°C): 6.7 Thermometer No: T309 FHI 045 completed N/A

Observations: Region: ST Water type: F CoGP MA:

Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present? N If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.  
Clinical signs of disease observed? N If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.  
Gross pathology observed? N If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.  
Diagnostic samples taken? N

UNI/REG only - if unable to carry out intended visit detail reason below:

**Additional Case Information:**

Ardtaraig Hatchery is currently made up of four units, an incubation unit (Comp Hatch), Unit A, B, C and F which are all fry/ongrowing units. Units A, C and F are currently stocked with 2024 S1 fish from Benchmark Genetics, Iceland. Fish have performed well this cycle, mortality has remained low throughout the duration of this production cycle.

From the physical inspection of the site, fish were observed as being very active and shoaling well. No clinical signs of disease were observed during the inspection.

Fish removed for VMD sampling were health both internally and externally.

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**Registration/Authorisation Details**

1. Business/site details summary checked by site representative?

2. Changes made to details?

**Site Details (include cleaner fish for all sections)**

Total No facilities	<input type="text" value="39"/>	Facilities stocked	<input type="text" value="21"/>	No facilities inspected	<input type="text" value="39"/>
Species	<input type="text" value="SAL"/>				
Age group	<input type="text" value="2024 S1"/>				
No Fish	<input type="text" value="330,406"/>				
Mean Fish Wt	<input type="text" value="40g"/>				
Next Fallow Date (Site)	<input type="text" value="Never Fallow"/>	Next Input Date (Site)	<input type="text" value="December 2024"/>		
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?	<input type="text" value="N"/>		Any escapes (since last visit)?	<input type="text" value="N"/>	
If yes, detail:	<input type="text"/>				

**Movement Records**

1. Movement records available for inspection?

2. Date of last inspection:

3. Are records complete and correctly entered?

4. Are movement records available for dead fish and waste?

5. Are records complete and correctly entered?

6. Are health certificates for introductions (outwith GB) available?

**Transport Records**

1. Are any movements carried out by (or on behalf) of the business (not using a STB)?

If yes, is there a system in place for maintenance of transportation records?

**Mortality Records**

1. Mortality records available for inspection?

2. How are mortalities disposed of?

If other detail:

3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered?

4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks):

5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities?

If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason:

6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked?

If yes, detail:

7. Have increased (unexplained) mortalities been reported to vet or FHI?

If yes, detail action:

8. Have 'mortality events' been reported to FHI? If no, enter details on mortality events sheet.

**Treatments and Medicines Records**

1. Recent treatments (see comment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
If yes, detail: <input type="text" value="Aquacen (formalin)"/>		
If other, detail: <input type="text" value="Cress"/>		
2. Medicines records available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Are records complete and correctly entered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
4. Are fish in a withdrawal period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
5. If yes, what treatment(s)?	<input type="text" value="Aquacen (Formalin)"/>	
If other, detail: <input type="text" value="Cress"/>		
6. Are medicines stored appropriately?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y

**Biosecurity Records**

1. Biosecurity records available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
2. Has the manner and frequency of mortality removal, recording and safe disposal been considered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Has the manner and period in which the APB will notify Scottish Ministers or veterinary professional of any <i>increased (unexplained)</i> mortality at the site been included?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
4. Has the action that will be taken in the event that the presence or suspicion of the presence of a listed disease is detected been included and <i>how</i> and <i>when</i> that will be notified to Scottish Ministers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
5. Has the health status of aquaculture animals being stocked on the farm site been covered (equal or higher health status, certification if required)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
6. Have the husbandry and biosecurity measures implemented between each epidemiological unit to minimise transmission of disease been covered (movement of staff, visitors, equipment, live or dead fish etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is documentation available regarding the measures in place to maintain the physical containment of aquaculture animals held on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
8. Have the biosecurity procedures been adequately implemented on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
If no, detail: <input type="text"/>		

**Results of Surveillance**

1. Has any animal health surveillance been carried out by, or on behalf of, the business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
2. If yes, are results available for inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y
3. Any significant results?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems). <input type="text"/>		

Records checked between:	<input type="text" value="02/11/2021 - 02/11/2023"/>
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Case no:  Site No:  Date of visit/  
Sampling:

Priority samples: VI  BA  PA  MG  HI

Time sampling starts/ends:   Inspector:  VMD No.

Environmental conditions: 1  2  3  4  5

Summary samples HIST  BA  MG  VI  PA  Total Samples

**Add Fish/ Pools - click**

Pool/Fish No												
Fish nos	1-3	4-6	7-10	11-13	14-16							
Pool Group												
Species	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL	SAL							
Average weight	40g	40g	40g	40g	40g							
Sex	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a							
Water Type	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW							
Stock Details		Benchmark Genetics, Iceland	Benchmark Genetics, Iceland	Benchmark Genetics, Iceland	Benchmark Genetics, Iceland	Benchmark Genetics, Iceland						
	Stock Origin											
Facility No	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5							

11/2023 Additional Sample Information:

Total Tests assigned

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Date of Visit	02/11/2023	No of movements/supp./dest.			Score	
<b>Live fish movements</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>&gt;10</b>	
Movements on (from out with GB) of susceptible species	Frequency of movements on from equivalent MS	0	5	10	14	5
	Frequency of movements on from equivalent zone or compartment including third country	0	9	18	26	
	Number of suppliers	0	5	10	14	5
Movements off	Frequency of movements off	0	3	6	10	10
	Number of destinations	0	3	6	10	3
<b>Exposure via water</b>	<b>Site contacts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>6-10</b>		
Water contacts with other farms (holding species susceptible to same diseases)	Farm is protected (secure water supply through disinfection or borehole)	0				
	Farm is on-line or in a coastal zone with category I farms upstream or within 1 tidal excursion	1	2	4		1
	Farm is on-line or in a coastal zone with category III farms upstream or within 1 tidal excursion	1	3	6		
	Farm is on-line or in a coastal zone with category V farms upstream or within 1 tidal excursion	1	4	8		
<b>Management practices</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>Secure</b>	<b>Unsecure</b>		
Water contacts with processors	Any processing plant discharging into adjacent waters	0	1	2		0
On farm processing within the rules of the directive	No on farm processing	0				0
	Processing own fish (re-cycling risk)	1				
	Processing fish from MS of equivalent status	2				
	Processing fish from zone or compartment of equivalent status	4				
	Processing fish from Category III farm	8				
	Processing fish from Category V farm	10				
Disposal of fish and fish by-products	Site's own waste only processed.	0				0
	Common processes with other farms	3				
	Collection point for waste from other farms	5				
Use of unpasteurised feeds	No feeding of unpasteurised feed	0				0
	Feeding unpasteurised feed	5				
<b>Biosecurity</b>	<b>Number of sites</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2 or 3</b>	<b>≥ 4</b>		
Contacts with other sites	Sites operating from single shorebase	0	1	2		0
	Sites sharing staff and equipment	0	1	2		0
Disinfection of equipment between sites, use of footbaths etc	Yes	0				0
	No	1				
<b>CoGP/Regulator</b>						
Practices in accordance with regulator or industry code of practice	Yes	0				0
	No	3				
Platform access to cages	Yes	0				0
	No	2				
<b>Total Rank</b>					<b>24</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>

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Nature of non-compliance:
Action taken (FHI):
Non-compliance relevant to (delete): VirologyMolGen/Bacteriology/Histology/Parasitology







# FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

## SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

<b>BUSINESS No</b>	FB0235	<b>DATE OF VISIT</b>	02/11/2023
<b>SITE No</b>	FS0648	<b>SITE NAME</b>	Ardtaraig Hatchery
<b>CASE No</b>	20230508	<b>INSPECTOR</b>	[REDACTED]

### Inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009

The above site was inspected in accordance with the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

All epidemiological units were inspected. On this occasion no samples were taken for disease analysis. The Inspector did not observe any clinical signs associated with the listed diseases as described in the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

#### Records

The surveillance frequency category of the site was assessed as medium. An inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 will be conducted every second year. The category of the site will be reassessed on a routine basis and updated as required.

The information required for the public record of aquaculture production businesses regarding this site was verified and where necessary updated. The following records were also inspected to ensure that the conditions of authorisation for your Aquaculture Production Business (APB) are being met:

Aquaculture animal and aquaculture animal product movement records were inspected and appeared to be adequately maintained.

Mortality records were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

No mortality levels exceeding the reporting criteria have been recorded since the last inspection.

Reports detailing the results of animal health surveillance carried out by or on behalf of the business and/or Marine Directorate were available for inspection.

The biosecurity measures plan for the site was inspected and found to be adequately maintained and implemented.

### Inspection under the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015

Medicine records were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

Samples were taken to be analysed for veterinary residues.

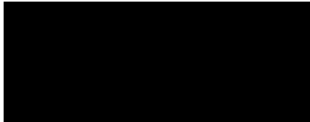
## Inspection under the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

The site was also inspected in accordance with the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 with respect to section 5 regarding containment and escapes.

On this occasion the site was found to be satisfactory.

Please contact myself or the duty inspector should you require any further information or have any queries regarding this report.

Signed:



Fish Health Inspector

Date: 06/11/2023

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