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30 October 2025

Sent by email to: environment@mowi.com

Dear Sir / Madam

Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (As Amended)

Location: Ardgour (Linnhe) Marine Pen Fish Farm, Loch Linnhe

Permit Reference: CAR/L/1009970

Subject: Assessment of Compliance with Permit Conditions

I am writing with reference to the self-monitoring benthic survey of the Ardgour (Linnhe) marine pen fish farm site carried out on 24 April 2025 to assess compliance against the conditions of the above permit

The following non-compliance with respect to the conditions of the permit was identified by the assessment of the submitted survey report. Non-compliances assessed as meeting draft major non-compliance criteria are highlighted (see Appendix 1 for further detail):

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Condition	Non-compliance	Major non-compliance
5.4.1	Notification was not received prior to any sampling being carried out	No

What you should do now

The onus is on you to rectify the non-compliance detailed in this letter and recover compliance as swiftly as possible. You should reply to this correspondence to confirm why the non-compliance has occurred and what actions you intend to take to ensure the non-compliance is not repeated.

Although SEPA continues to assess compliance with permit conditions, we have ceased to apply our Compliance Assessment Scheme (CAS). The last year for which site level compliance was provided under this scheme was 2019. Information on our proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme can be viewed at [Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme | Scottish Environment Protection Agency \(SEPA\)](#). Further information in Appendix 1.

If you require any further information regarding the content of this letter or wish to discuss its content, please do not hesitate to contact myself on Redacted or email Redacted [@sepa.org.uk](mailto:Redacted@sepa.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

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Encs: Copy of Benthic Monitoring Report N5341

Appendix 1: Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme

Cc: manager.linnhe@mowi.com

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How does this affect you now?

Since April 2023 SEPA has been using draft [major non compliance.docx](#) criteria to assess compliance. Major non-compliance represents what we consider to be the more significant type of non-compliance. These criteria will cease being used in draft status from later this year.

Both the finalised [major non-compliance criteria](#) and our new [environmental events framework](#) will start to apply later this year. This is to give regulated business the opportunity to gain experience of these before EPAS starts. Operators should look at this information now.

- [Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme \(EPAS\) - a fair way to report performance - Annex 3: Major non-compliance criteria - Scottish Environment Protection Agency - Citizen Space](#)
- [Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme \(EPAS\) - a fair way to report performance - Annex 4: Environmental events - Scottish Environment Protection Agency - Citizen Space](#)

How will you communicate with me during the year?

We will endeavour to communicate the outcome of any compliance verification work swiftly. The outcome will be categorised in the following way: compliant, non-compliant or major non-compliant. This is not the Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme outcome. This will not be introduced until after the consultation.

The exception to this is remote assessments we undertake e.g. review of reports, data returns or discharge sampling to assess water quality. In general, we will only communicate the outcome of this type of compliance verification work where our assessment highlights non-compliance.

In cases where we attend your site, we aim to communicate non-compliances verbally on the day of the inspection and will follow-up in writing within 7 days. In cases where we remotely assess data the non-compliance will commence from the date that information was submitted to us and will end on the date you provide suitable evidence that compliance has been recovered.

What should I do now?

- Continue to take all necessary steps to comply with your environmental obligations.
- If non-compliance is identified, then take all steps necessary to recover compliance as quickly as possible.

Further information, including FAQs, can be found on SEPA's website

<https://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/authorisations-and-permits/performance-assessment-scheme/>