

To whom it may concern
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**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland)
Regulations 2017**

22/02263/SCOPE

**Scoping Request for the proposed development of a semi-closed containment
salmon farm and supporting shore base**

North Of Lurignish Farm Appin Argyll and Bute PA38 4BN

Thank you for your consultation which was received by SEPA on 14 November 2022 in relation to the above application. We understand the reason for consultation is EIA and Aquaculture.

Advice for the planning authority

We are pleased to note that the applicant's scoping document appears to show a good understanding of the information we consider should be provide as part of the EIA and application process.

SEPA would require, in particular, the following information in support of this application (see the CAR pre-app process on our website ([Pre-application | Scottish Environment Protection Agency \(SEPA\)](#)):

- Baseline surveys to show the location is not unsuitable:
 - Visual survey carried out Sept/Oct.2021 (referred to as Appendix C of scoping request, but not provided)
 - Benthic grab sampling to assess the infaunal seabed communities. As there are a number of fish farms already in Loch Linnhe, if the operator intends to apply for in-feed sealice medicine, including residues among the determinands is advised.
- Modelling:
 - Marine modelling will be required for nutrients (as waste capture site)
 - As this is a novel semi enclosed farm, CFD modelling is to be undertaken to assess proportion of waste expected to be captured
 - NewDepomod modelling to show compliance with SEPA's area standards
- An ECE calculation to determine potential for nutrient enrichment.



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The shore base outlet pipe will need to be assessed using initial dilution calculations, as consistent with point source applications, but should also be included in any marine modelling of this site.

Advice for the applicant

Details of regulatory requirements and good practice advice, for example in relation to private drainage, can be found on the [regulations section](#) of our website. If you are unable to find the advice you need for a specific regulatory matter, please contact a member of the local compliance team at: ahsh@sepa.org.uk

If you have queries relating to this letter, please contact us at the email above including our reference number in the email subject.

Yours faithfully

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