

Case No:	2025-0031	Date of visit:	12/02/2025			
Time spent on site:	1 hr 15 mins	Main Inspector:				
Site No:	FS0189	Site Name:	Ae Fishery			
Business No:	FB0336	Business Name:	Brow Well Fisheries Ltd			
Case Types:	1 ECI	2 CNI	3	4	5	6
Water Temp (°C):	4.3	Thermometer No:	T306	FHI 045 completed	N/A	
Observations:	Region:	DG	Water type:	F	CoGP MA	
Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present?	Y	If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.				
Clinical signs of disease observed?	Y	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:

Inspection lead by [REDACTED], supervised by [REDACTED].

Facilities are fed from water of Ae; the source and exit of the water is screened and each individual earth pond is screened as well.

No treatments have taken place since September 2024.

The site was stocking and moving fish extensively in preparation for the trout fishing season opening. Fish on site generally appeared in good condition, feeding and swimming as expected. One earth pond had 3 lethargic fish, 1 of which was observed with physical damage and fin erosion. This fish had a good swim response and was unable to be caught.

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Inspector(s):

Registration/Authorisation Details

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

Y

2. Changes made to details?

Y

Site Details (include cleaner fish for all sections)

		31 tanks + 1 hatchery	Facilities stocked		31 tanks + 1 hatchery	No facilities inspected		31 tanks + 1 hatchery
Total No facilities								
Species	RTR	BCH	TRO	TTR	RTR			
Age group	Mixed	2024	2024	Mixed	Ova			
No Fish	67,509	1,692	5,921	681	5,000			
Mean Fish Wt	50 g - 1.695 kg	31 g	20 g	1.914 kg	< 1 g			
Next Fallow Date (Site)	Never fallow			Next Input Date (Site)		Feb 2025		
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?				N		Any escapes (since last visit)?		N
If yes, detail:								

Movement Records

1. Movement records available for inspection?

Y

2. Date of last inspection:

22/02/2023

3. Are records complete and correctly entered?

Y

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

Y

5. Are records complete and correctly entered?

Y

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

N/A

Transport Records

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

Y

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

Y

Mortality Records

1. Mortality records available for inspection?

Y

2. How are mortalities disposed of?

Other (detail)

If other detail: Mortalities are stored in bins and collected by Oak Bank Waste for incineration.

3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered?

Y

4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks): Total mortality across the site; wk 3 - 0.21 % (154 fish); wk 4 - 0.107 % (87 fish); wk 5 - 0.207 % (157 fish); wk 6 - 0.163 % (129 fish); wk 7 - 0.169 % (140 fish).

5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities?

N

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

6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked?

N

If yes, detail:

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

N/A

If yes, detail action:

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

N

Treatments and Medicines Records

1. Recent treatments (see comment)?

N

If yes, detail:

If other, detail:

2. Medicines records available for inspection?

Y

3. Are records complete and correctly entered?

Y

4. Are fish in a withdrawal period?

N

5. If yes, what treatment(s)?

If other, detail:

6. Are medicines stored appropriately?

Y

Biosecurity Records

1. Biosecurity records available for inspection?

Y

2. Has the manner and frequency of mortality removal, recording and safe disposal been considered?

Y

3. Has the manner and period in which the APB will notify Scottish Ministers or veterinary professional of any *increased (unexplained)* mortality at the site been included?

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 *how* and *when* that will be notified to Scottish Ministers?

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)?

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.)?

Y

7. Is documentation available regarding the measures in place to maintain the physical containment of aquaculture animals held on site?

Y

8. Have the biosecurity procedures been adequately implemented on site?

Y

If no, detail:

Results of Surveillance

1. Has any animal health surveillance been carried out by, or on behalf of, the business?

N

2. If yes, are results available for inspection?

3. Any significant results?

If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems).

Records checked between:

22/02/2023-12/02/2025

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Date of Visit	12/02/2025	No of movements/supp./dest.			Score	
Live fish movements		0	1-5	6-10	>10	
Movements on (from out with GB) of susceptible species	Frequency of movements on from equivalent MS	0	5	10	14	0
	Frequency of movements on from equivalent zone or compartment including third country	0	9	18	26	0
	Number of suppliers	0	5	10	14	0
Movements off	Frequency of movements off	0	3	6	10	10
	Number of destinations	0	3	6	10	10
Exposure via water	Site contacts	0	1-5	6-10		
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		
Management practices	None	Secure	Unsecure			
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				
Biosecurity	Number of sites	1	2 or 3	≥ 4		
Contacts with other sites	Sites operating from single shorebase	0	1	2		0
	Sites sharing staff and equipment	0	1	2		1
Disinfection of equipment between sites, use of footbaths etc	Yes	0				0
	No	1				
CoGP/Regulator						
Practices in accordance with regulator or industry code of practice	Yes	0				
	No	3				3
Platform access to cages	Yes	0				0
	No	2				
Total Rank					25	MEDIUM

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Sea Lice Inspection (Seawater Sites Only)

1. Has the site experienced sea lice problems in the previous 4 years? ☐
2. Is the CoGP Farm Management Area (or equivalent) fallowed synchronously on a single year class basis? ☐
3. Does the site have access to a range of licenced in-feed and bath sea lice medications (including deltamethrin, azamethiphos and emamectin benzoate) as well as access to suitable biological and/or mechanical control measures, and can these be deployed in a reasonable period of time? ☐
4. Is there a signed documented farm management agreement or statement relevant to the site and CoGP Farm Management Area (or equivalent)? ☐
5. Are sea lice count records available for inspection? (Legal SSI, CoGP Annex 6) ☐
6. Do records adequately reflect the required standard specified in the SSI and the CoGP? (Legal SSI, CoGP Annex 6) ☐
7. Are sea lice (*L. salmonis*) record levels below the suggested criteria for treatment in the CoGP during the period that records are inspected? (CoGP Annex 6) ☐
8. Have average adult female sea lice (*L. salmonis*) numbers per fish been at a level of 3 or above (prior to w/b 10/6/19) or 2 or above (from w/b 10/6/19) during the period that records are inspected? ☐
- If yes, have these been reported to the Fish Health Inspectorate? If no, FHI see comment. ☐
9. Is *C. elongatus* infestation at a level which is considered to cause significant welfare problems? (CoGP 4.3.81, 5.3.50) ☐
10. Have therapeutic treatments been administered or other actions taken when *L. salmonis* levels have exceeded the suggested criteria for treatment or where *C. elongatus* is considered to have welfare implications? (CoGP 4.3.82, 5.3.51) ☐
11. Has any other action been taken (where applicable)? ☐
12. Have therapeutic treatments or the actions taken had a significant impact upon the lice levels recorded? ☐
13. Are treatments, where conducted, carried out in cooperation between participating farms? ☐
14. Is there a harvesting strategy for the site, where fewer populations or part populations are held without treatment for sea lice? ☐
15. Is there a site specific written lice management procedure with waypoints describing set actions to deal with recognised scenarios during the escalation of a sea lice infestation? ☐
16. Do the sea lice levels observed on stocks reflect sea lice count data? If no please detail reasons. ☐

Containment Inspection


1. Has the site experienced equipment damage due to predators in the current or previous production cycles? ☐ N
2. Are measures in place to mitigate against the predation experienced on site? (Detail below) ☐ Y
- Top nets are present.
- If other, detail below:
3. Have escape incidents or events been experienced on or in the vicinity of the site since the last FHI inspection? ☐ N
- If Yes proceed with questions 4 – 9. If No skip to question 10
4. Have these been reported to Scottish Ministers? ☐
5. Have these been reported to local DSFB forthwith (where they exist)? (CoGP – 4.4.37, 5.4.17) ☐
6. Have these been reported to the SSPO and local fisheries trusts forthwith (where they exist)? (CoGP – 4.4.37, 5.4.17) ☐
7. Were methods (if any) used to recover escapees? If yes give detail ☐
8. If gill nets were deployed was this action agreed with local wild fish interests and was permission given by Scottish Ministers? (Legal, CoGP – 4.4.38, 5.4.18) ☐
9. What action was taken to prevent and minimise the risk of further escapes? (Not covered in code but could be considered under satisfactory measures of the Act) ☐
10. Is the site inspected as satisfactory with regards to containment? If no, please detail reason(s) ☐ Y

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Start date:	End date: (if applicable)	Size of fish:	Average weight of affected population:	Species:	Yearclass (SW SAL only):	Timescale	Mortality rate recorded(%):	Explained/unexplained:	If explained, select reason(s):
12/06/23	18/06/2023	≥750g	N/A	TRO			2.86		Water quality onsite decreased, associated with agricultural run off.
19/06/23	25/06/2023	≥750g	N/A	TRO			4.14		Water quality onsite decreased, associated with agricultural run off.
20/05/24	26/05/2024	≥750g	N/A	TRO			10.29		Temperature spike with low rain fall.
27/05/24	02/06/2024	≥750g	N/A	TRO			7.13		Temperature spike with low rain fall.
									AGD

If unexplained, select observations:	Total mortality during event (if available):	Additional information (e.g. action taken by company):	Action taken by FHI (include case no where applicable):	Yearclass Year
	1832		Historic data, collected during site inspection. FHR (2025-0031) includes a reminder to the business of the agreement in relation to mortality reporting as detailed in A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture.	
	2381		Historic data, collected during site inspection. FHR (2025-0031) includes a reminder to the business of the agreement in relation to mortality reporting as detailed in A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture.	
	6716	Oxygen was put on in tanks, limited staff access to site and stopped deliveries to customers to reduce handling/spooking of stock.	Historic data, collected during site inspection. FHR (2025-0031) includes a reminder to the business of the agreement in relation to mortality reporting as detailed in A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture.	
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Inspector: [REDACTED]

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FISH HEALTH INSPECTORATE VISIT REPORT

SUMMARY FOR INFORMATION OF SITE OPERATOR

BUSINESS No	FB0336	DATE OF VISIT	12/02/2025
SITE No	FS0189	SITE NAME	Ae Fishery
CASE No	20250031	INSPECTOR	

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.

Records in relation to aquaculture animals transported by the business were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

Mortality levels had exceeded the reporting criteria since the last inspection and had not been reported to the Fish Health Inspectorate. I would like to remind you of the industry agreement in relation to mortality reporting as detailed in A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture.

No animal health surveillance had been carried out on behalf of the business and/or Marine Directorate since the last Marine Directorate 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

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Medicine records were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

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.

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

Signed:



Date: 28/02/2025

Fish Health Inspector

The Fish Health Inspectorate Service Charter detailing standards of service is available on the Scottish Government website at [Fish Health Inspectorate Service Charter - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/publications/2022/02/fish-health-inspectorate-service-charter/)