

Case No: 2025-0208 Date of visit: 28/05/2025

Additional inspector(s): Main Inspector:

Site No: FS1062 Site Name: Ardifuir

Business No: FB0119 Business Name: Mowi Scotland Ltd

Case Types: 1 CNA 2 ECS 3 4 5 6

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

Observations: Region: ST Water type: S CoGP MA: M-40

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.
Post mortem signs 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:

Treatments - Routine tricane sedation for lice counts and 15/02/2025 they had a thermolicer treatment

Site has been fallow since 4th March 2025.

Mowi were the ones to initially install the site and as Kames does not own the site they do not have any paperwork relating to the initial buying of moorings. Kames have a mooring grid diagram. Mowi has been contacted and they do not have documentation relating to the moorings as the person who dealt with the moorings has left and Mowi do not have any documentation relating to Ardifuir moorings on file.

An escape and enhanced containment inspection was scheduled for this site after the Argyll Fisheries Trust alerted the FHI on 19th March of two Rainbow trout caught on the River Add. By the time of the inspection a further 11 Rainbow trout had been caught.

Update (10/12/2025) - Due to movements off site to neighbouring site North Moine, final numbers would only be known once harvest was complete at North Moine. Company have provided harvest and mortality figures for both sites.

Update (21/05/2026) - CNA report sent and recommendations advised. Deadline 29th June 2026.

Update (28/05/2026) - Business have provided documents which satisfy the recommendations made.

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Main Insp: [REDACTED]

Registration/Authorisation Details

- 1. Business/site details summary checked by site representative? Y
- 2. Changes made to details? N

Site Details (include cleaner fish for all sections)

Total No facilities	6	Facilities stocked	0	No facilities inspected	6
Species					
Age group					
No Fish					
Mean Fish Wt					
Next Fallow Date (Site)	Fallow since 4th March	Next Input Date (Site)	1st July 2026		
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?		N	Any escapes (since last visit)?		Y
If yes, detail:	See additional info				

Movement Records

- 1. Movement records for **all species** held available for inspection? Y
- 2. Date of last inspection: 29/01/2025
- 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. Have all introductions and imports (since last inspection) from outwith the GB health zone been recorded in the movement records? N/A

Transport Records

- 1. Are any movements carried out not using a STB (by (or on behalf of) the business)? Y
- If yes, is there a system in place for maintenance of transportation records? Y

Mortality Records

- 1. Mortality records for **all species** held available for inspection? Y
- 2. How are mortalities disposed of? Ensiled - on site
- If other detail: [REDACTED]
- 3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered? Y
- 4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks): N/A
- 5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities? N/A
- If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason: [REDACTED]
- 6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked? N
- If yes, detail: [REDACTED]
- 7. Have increased (unexplained) mortalities been reported to vet or FHI? N/A
- If yes, detail action: [REDACTED]
- 8. Have 'mortality events' been reported to FHI? If no, enter details on mortality events sheet. N/A

Treatments and Medicines Records

- 1. Recent treatments (see comment)? N/A
- If yes, detail: [REDACTED]
- If other, detail: [REDACTED]
- 2. Medicines records available for inspection? Y
- 3. Are records complete and correctly entered? Y
- 4. Are fish in a withdrawal period? N/A
- 5. If yes, what treatment(s)? [REDACTED]
- If other, detail: [REDACTED]
- 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:

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ENHANCED CONTAINMENT INSPECTION (SEAWATER)

a. Enquiry relating to i) escape incidents and ii) contingency procedures

1.1. Have escape incidents or events ¹ been experienced on or in the vicinity of the site since the last MSS inspection? If yes answer 1.2-1.8:	High	Y		FHI notified through fishery board that there may have been escaped fish due to RTR being caught on River Add. Re-capture was not an option due to length of time until site was aware of possible escape and wild salmon in river would have been spawning
1.2. Have appropriate reports been made to Scottish Government within 24 hours of discovery?		N/A	AAAH Regs ⁴ 31D,E	
1.3. Have these been reported to the SSPO ² and, where in existence, the local DSFB and fisheries trust?	Medium	N/A	CoGP 4.4.37, 5.4.17	
1.4. Were methods (if any) used to recover escapees? If yes give detail		N/A		
1.5 Was the decision to attempt to recapture and the method employed agreed with the local DSFB and FT?	Low	N/A	CoGP 4.4.38, 5.4.18	
1.6. Was permission sought from Marine Scotland prior to recapture?	Medium	N/A	CoGP 4.4.38, 5.4.18	
1.7 Were the gill nets deployed in accordance with the permission issued by Marine Scotland?	Low	N/A	CoGP 4.4.38, 5.4.18	
1.8. In light of the escape event, has appropriate action been taken to prevent and minimise the risk of further escapes?	High	Y		
1.9. Is there a site specific contingency plan in response to failures in containment, aimed at preventing escapes and recovering escaped fish?	High	Y	SSI, 2,9	

b(i). Inspection of records relating to equipment, facilities and the site

General records			CoGP: 4.4.9, 4.4.14, SSI 2,1	
2.1 With regard to each facility, net, screen and mooring at each site, a record should be maintained of:-				
		Facilities	Moorings	Nets

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a) The name of the manufacturer	Low	Y	N	Y	Pens 5 & 6 are new and HDPE. The other 4 are HDPE with steel stantions
b) Any special adaptations	Low	N/A	N	N/A	Old pens 2008, new ones 2024. All current nets have been retired and will be replaced with seal pro HDPE nets for the next cycle.
c) The name of the supplier	Low	Y	N	Y	
d) The date of purchase	Low	Y	N	Y	
e) Each inspection including					
i) the name of the person conducting the inspection	Low	Y	Y	Y	
ii) the date of each inspection	Medium	Y	Y	Y	
iii) the place of each inspection	Low	Y	Y	Y	
iv) the outcome of each inspection	High	Y	Y	Y	
f) the date and result of each repair, equipment test and antifouling treatment carried out	High	Y	Y	Y	
2.2. In relation to each net a record of:					
i) The mesh size	Medium	Y	SSI, 2,2		
ii) The code which appears on the identification tag	Medium	Y			
iii) The place of use, storage and disposal	Medium	Y			
iv) The depth of water between the bottom of the net and the seabed as measured at the mean low water spring	Low	Y			
2.3. In relation to each facility a record of:					
i) The date of construction	Low	Y	SSI, 2,3		
ii) The material used in construction	Low	Y			
iii) Its dimensions	Low	Y			
2.4. In relation to each mooring a record of-					
i) The date of installation	Low	N	SSI, 2,4		
ii) The design and weight of the anchors	Low	Y			
iii) The length of the mooring ropes or chains	Low	Y			
2.5. A record of any navigation markers deployed at each site at which fish are farmed	Low	Y	SSI, 2,5		

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2.6 In respect of sites at which fish are farmed in inland waters ³ a) The type, method of and date of construction of any flood prevention or flood defence measures in place	Low	N/A	SSI, 2,6	
b) The date of and results of any tests conducted on any such measures c) The date of any incident where the site was flood d) The water course height during any such flood incident	Low	N/A		
2.7 A record of- a) The date of any severe weather event which caused damage to any facility, net or mooring b) Any action taken to rectify any such damage	Medium	N/A	SSI, 2,7 SSI, 2,11 (a) SSI, 2,11 (b)	Never had any damage due to severe weather events
Pen and mooring systems				
2.8 Are there documented procedures maintained regarding the selection and installation of pens and moorings?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.8, 4.4.13	
2.9 Can the site demonstrate evidence that the design specification of pens and moorings are suitable for purpose and correctly installed?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.9, 4.4.14	
2.10 Do pen systems meet the manufacturers guidelines?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.10	
2.11 Are pen systems inspected and approved by suitably qualified / experienced person(s)?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.11	
2.12 Is there evidence of the competence of personnel involved in the design, installation and maintenance of pen and mooring systems?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.12, 4.4.15	25+ years of experience installing and maintaining pens/moorings on site.
2.13 Are pen and mooring components inspected with a) a documented SOP b) a documented inspection plan based on a risk assessment	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.16	
2.14 Do all nets used on site meet industry standards?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.17	
2.15 Can the site demonstrate an awareness of the minimum fish size in relation to net size?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.19	

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2.16 Does the net design, quality and standard of manufacture take into account the conditions that are likely to be experienced on site and include adequate safety margins?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.20	5/6 Nets from the last cycle had anti-fouling
2.17 Are nets treated with a UV inhibitor?	Low	N	CoGP 4.4.21	
2.18 Are nets tested at a pre-determined frequency?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.22	
2.19 Is the method of test procedure based upon the manufacturers advice?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.22	Daily containment checks. Diver checks
2.20 Are frequent net inspections conducted to look for damage?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.23	
2.21 Are net inspection records maintained?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.23	
2.22 Is the system by which nets are attached to the pen and weighted inspected frequently?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.24	
2.23 Where damage to nets and/or associated fittings has occurred, or the potential for damage exists, has remedial action been taken?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.25	
b(ii). Inspection of records relating to training				
3.1 Are training programmes and plans relevant to the various onsite activities documented?	High	Y	CoGP 7.1.8	Personal training plans, courses and certificates for all staff members are held.
3.2 Is there a satisfactory record of all training and qualifications for each person working at the site in relation to any boat operations? (This excludes well boat operations)	High	Y	SSI 2,6,a	
3.5 With respect to any transfer of or handling of fish is there a record of all training of each person working on site in relation to containment and prevention of escape of fish, and recovery of escaped fish?	High	Y	SSI 2,7,a	
b(iii). Inspection of records relating to procedures and risk assessments				
4.1 Are procedures which could increase the risk of fish escaping considered to be carefully planned and supervised to minimise risk?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.29, 5.4.12	
4.2 Before procedures are conducted on site, are the following in place:			CoGP 4.4.30, 5.4.13 SSI 2,7, b , SSI 2, 8, c	
a) a documented risk assessments	High	Y		
b) standard operating procedures	High	Y		

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c) contingency plan 4.3 In relation to any boat operations at each site at which fish are farmed is there a record of: -The type and size of each boat used for operations on the site	High Low	Y Y	SSI 2,6,b	
- The type and size of any propeller guard fitted to each boat used on the site 4.4 Does the site suffer from regular or heavy predation? 4.5 Are there records of site specific risk assessments ascertaining the risk of predator attack? 4.6 Are there risk assessments undertaken on a pre-determined frequency? 4.7 A record of any anti-predator measures undertaken at each site at which fish are farmed including: The type and location of each net, fence and scarer deployed - The use of lethal means by any person involved in operations on the site 4.8 Where predator nets are deployed is the advice of Annex 7 considered?	Low Medium Low Medium Low Low	N/A N Y Y Y N/A Y	SSI 2,6,c CoGP 4.4.26 CoGP 4.4.26 SSI, 2,8,a SSI, 2,8,b CoGP 4.4.27	No propeller guards Nets had predator bases
c. Inspection of site and site equipment				
5.1 Are there any obvious containment issues on the site? 5.2 Is the net mesh size considered to be capable of containing all fish sizes present on site? 5.3 Do nets carry numbered ID tags? Look at a percentage of nets on site - Does the net location meet the inventory? 5.4 Are nets stored away from direct sunlight? 5.6 Are appropriate measures in place to mitigate predation on site? (Provide detail if necessary) 5.7 Are boat operations conducted in such a manner which prevents damage to nets and pens?	High High Low Low Low High	N/A Y Y N/A Y Y Y	CoGP 4.4.18 SSI 2,2 ii CoGP 4.4.21 CoGP 4.4.28	Site fallow with no nets on site. Nets did have ID tags No nets are on site - have been removed when site fallowed and scrapped.

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5.8 Is there a requirement for navigation markers to be deployed?	Low	Y	MSA ⁵ 2010 P4, S21	
5.9 If yes, has this been done in accordance with the necessary requirements?	Low	Y	MS Marine licence	
5.10 If Yes to 5.8 is there a record of any navigation markers deployed?	Low	Y	SSI 2,5	

d. Inspection of site specific procedures				
6.1 Are pen nets examined for holes, tears or damage prior to and during the stocking, moving or crowding of fish?	High	Y	CoGP 4.4.31	Visual inspections done routinely and divers are brought in before stocking and before and after any large operations i.e thermolicing/harvests. Dive team also come in after net washer. This is done as close to operations as possible but not always available due to diver availability. No helicopter transfers
6.2 If helicopter transfer of fish is conducted are receiving pen(s) properly prepared:-			CoGP 4.4.32	
a) nets should be secure		N/A		
b) pens should be marked with buoys clearly visible from the air		N/A		
c) radio contact between farm staff and helicopter crew should be maintained or where this is not possible, pens receiving fish should be manned	High	N/A	CoGP 4.4.33	
Consideration should be given to all other site procedures being undertaken during the visit with respect to containment and the risk of fish farm escapes				

Additional actions	Powers	Comments and advice given or action taken if necessary
e) Collection of samples If necessary collect samples. Indicate if samples have been taken and detail what those samples are and the purpose of their collection	Power granted under the Act – section 5 (3) (a)	
h) Enforcement Notice. If an enforcement notice has been issued then maintain a copy / duplicate and record detail	Power granted under the Act – Section 6 (2)	

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Guidance on completing the Enforcement Notice				

1 An 'escape event' can be defined as any circumstances on or in the vicinity of a fish farm which are believed to have caused an escape, or which may have given rise to a
 2 FHI interpretation – Informing the SSPO is only a requirement where the site belongs to an Authorised Production Business which is signed up to the CoGP.
 3 being waters which do not form part of the sea or any creek, bay or estuary or of any river as far as far as the tide flows
 4 The Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (as amended)
 5 The Marine Scotland Act 2010

Fish Health Inspectorate visit report

Summary for information of site operator

Business no:	FB0119	Date of visit:	28/05/2025
Site no:	FS1062	Site name:	Ardifuir
Case no:	20250208	Inspector:	

Escape investigation

The site was inspected following notification of a potential escape of 2 Rainbow trout on 19/03/2025. (Escape incident number MSe190325RTR1).

An enhanced containment inspection was conducted and a report will be issued separately.

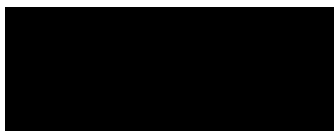
The information required for the public record of aquaculture production businesses regarding this site was verified and where necessary updated. The following records were also inspected to ensure that the conditions of authorisation for your Aquaculture Production Business (APB) are being met:

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.

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

Signed:



Date: 23/04/2026

Fish Health Inspector

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ENHANCED CONTAINMENT INSPECTION

An enhanced inspection to ascertain the risk of escape from the fish farm was conducted in accordance with the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007.

The visit consisted of an inspection of facilities, records and the provision of advice.

a) Inspection of i) escape incidents and ii) contingency procedures

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

b)i) Inspection of records relating to equipment, facilities and the site

The following recommendations are made for improvement.

To meet the requirements of schedule 2, section 1 of the Fish Farming Businesses (Record Keeping) (Scotland) Order 2008 a record of the following in relation to the moorings must be put in place:

1. (a) the name of the manufacturer;
(b) any special adaptations;
(c) the name of the supplier;
(d) the date of purchase.

Although nets were inspected for damage, the records of the inspection reports received from the dive company were not always comprehensive or legible.

It is recommended that a documented review of the net inspection schedule, reporting procedures and maintenance of records is undertaken to meet the requirements of A Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture (CoGP) Chapter 4, Point 4.23. This review should identify any improvements required to net inspection frequencies and procedures to ensure adequate and legible inspection reports are produced and maintained.

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b)ii) Inspection of records relating to training

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

b)iii) Inspection of records relating to procedures and risk assessments

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

c) Inspection of site and site equipment

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

d) Inspection of site specific procedures

The site meets the requirement of current Scottish industry best practice. No recommendations made or further action required.

Further Action

The recommendations in this report should be implemented by 29th June 2026. Documentation should be provided as evidence that the recommendations have been implemented. Enforcement action may result if the recommendations are not implemented in the necessary time frame. Records should be sent to Marine Directorate's Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) (contact details are provided below).

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

Signed:



Date: 21/05/2026

Fish Health Inspector

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Case completion report

Recommendations in relation to the above case were made for implementation by 29th June 2026. Following submission of the required documentation, evidence has now been provided to the Fish Health Inspectorate to demonstrate that the recommendations have been implemented.

This case will now be closed. This site may be subject to further audit and recommendations in the future.

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

Signed: ██████████

Date: 02/06/2026

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