Case No: 2025-0418 Date of visit: 06/11/2025

Additional inspector(s): Main Inspector: [redacted]

Site No: FS0993 Site Name: Chalmers Hope
Business No: FB0095 Business Name: Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd

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

Water Temp (°C): 12 Thermometer No: T148 FHI 045 completed N/A

Observations: Region: OR Water type: S CoGP MA: O-3

Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present?	Y	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:

Risk assessment inspected for CoGP management area not fallowing synchronously on a single year class basis.

The current stock was transferred in August 2025 from Fara West (FS1017) in freshwater with FLS treatment giving high sea lice clearance. Sea lice numbers have since began to increase and freshwater with FLS treatment commenced in week 40. Treatment of the remaining 3 pens is due to be completed by tomorrow (07/11/2025).

Generally the stock on site appeared healthy and shoaling well. Approximately three to five lethargic fish were observed in each pen but all had a good startle response. Two exhibited physical damaged, attributed to the recent FLS treatment, but seemed to be healing. Sea lice levels observed on stocks reflected the sea lice count data. Some settlement damage around the caudal fin area of the fish sampled for VMD was noted but otherwise it appeared healthy externally and internally.

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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)

Total No facilities	12	Facilities stocked		12	No facilities inspected		12
Species	Atlantic salmon						
Age group	2024 S0						
No Fish	568,166						
Mean Fish Wt	4.13 kg						
Next Fallow Date (Site)	June/July 2026		Next Input Date (Site)		August 2026		
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?			Y	Any escapes (since last visit)?			N
If yes, detail:	Mild AGD						

Movement Records

1. Movement records for **all species** held available for inspection?	Y
2. Date of last inspection:	20/08/2024
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 the movement records?	N/A

Transport Records

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

Mortality Records

1. Mortality records for **all species** held available for inspection?	Y
2. How are mortalities disposed of?	Other (detail)
If other detail:	Waste is transferred in mortality bins to Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Ltd's mortality yard in Dounby, collected in Gogar Services bulkers and transferred to either Keenan Recycling Aberdeenshire, Gask Farm Aberdeenshire or Dundas Chemicals Dumfries.
3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered?	Y
4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks):	Week 45 (partial): 0.13 % (716 fish), week 44: 0.05 % (277 fish), week 43: 0.06 % (320 fish), week 42: 0.05 % (290 fish), week 41: 0.06 % (347 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?	Y
If yes, detail:	week 23 to 27 2025 - total site mortality 0.86 %, 0.97 %, 0.98 %, 0.95 % and 0.93 % retrospectively. Mortality attributed to seal predation and CMS, site fallow by week 28.
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/A

Treatments and Medicines Records

1. Recent treatments (see comment)?	Y
If yes, detail: T.M.S.	
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?	Y
5. If yes, what treatment(s)? T.M.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?	Y
2. If yes, are results available for inspection?	Y
3. Any significant results?	Y
If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems).	

Records checked between: 08/05/2024-06/11/2025

Case no:	2025-0418	Site No:	FS0993	Date of visit/ Sampling:	06/11/2025	06/1							
Priority samples:	VI	BA	PA	MG	HI								
Time sampling starts/ends:	10:15:00	10:30:00	Main Insp:		VMD No.	7							
Environmental conditions:	1 Dry	2 Cloudy	3 Calm	4	5								
Summary samples	HIST	BA	MG	VI	PA	Total Samples							

Add Fish/Pools - click button

	Pool/Fish No												
	Fish nos	1											
	Pool Group												
Stock Details	Species	SAL											
	Average weight	4.1300											
	Sex	N/A											
	Water Type	SW											
	Stock Origin	Fara West (FS1017)											
	Facility No	10											

11/2025	Additional Sample Information:
	Fish dispatched by a percussive blow to the head.

0	Total Tests assigned	0	

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		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 British Islands (non-GB).	0	5	10	14	0
	Frequency of movements on from a 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	0
	Number of destinations	0	3	6	10	0
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		2
	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				
	Processing own fish (re-cycling risk)	1				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				
	Common processes with other farms	3				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		1
	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				0
	No	3				
Platform access to cages	Yes	0				0
	No	2				

Total	**8**
Rank	**LOW**

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Sea Lice Inspection (Seawater Sites Only)

1. Has the site experienced sea lice problems in the previous 4 years?	N
2. Is the CoGP Farm Management Area (or equivalent) fallowed synchronously on a single year class basis?	N
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?	Y
4. Is there a signed documented farm management agreement or statement relevant to the site and CoGP Farm Management Area (or equivalent)?	Y
5. Are sea lice count records available for inspection? (Legal SSI, CoGP Annex 6)	Y
6. Do records adequately reflect the required standard specified in the SSI and the CoGP? (Legal SSI, CoGP Annex 6)	Y
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)	N
8. Have weekly average adult female sea lice counts at or above the intervention level been reported accurately?	N/A
If no, please detail in additional information.	
9. Is *C. elongatus* infestation at a level which is considered to cause significant welfare problems? (CoGP 4.3.81, 5.3.50)	N
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)	Y
11. Has any other action been taken (where applicable)?	N/A
12. Have therapeutic treatments or the actions taken had a significant impact upon the lice levels recorded?	Y
13. Are treatments, where conducted, carried out in cooperation between participating farms?	Y
14. Is there a harvesting strategy for the site, where fewer populations or part populations are held without treatment for sea lice?	Y
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?	Y
16. Do the sea lice levels observed on stocks reflect sea lice count data? If no please detail reasons.	Y

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

Tensioned Nets	Predator Nets (above	Predator Nets (below	Top Nets		

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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Point of Compliance

1. Is the farm under inspection located within a farm management area?	Y

If N, no further questions require completion.

Points of Compliance for Both Farm Management Agreements and Statements

2. Has a current farm management agreement or statement (FMAg/S) been prepared?	Y
3. Is the current FMAg/S available for inspection?	Y
4. Does the FMAg/S identify the relevant farm management area?	Y
5. Does the FMAg/S identify the fish farm site(s) to which it applies?	Y
6. Does the FMAg/S identify the date of commencement of the agreement or statement?	Y
7. Does the FMAg/S identify the date of review?	Y

Arrangements for Fish Health Management

8. Does the FMAg/S identify the minimum health standards for the stocks to be introduced to the area or farm?	Y
9. Does the FMAg/S identify the vaccination requirements for stocks held in the area or farm?	Y
10. Does the FMAg/S identify the species of fish which may be stocked into the area or farm?	Y
11. Does the FMAg/S identify the maximum stocking density of any pen on any farm in the area or the individual farm?	Y
12. Does the FMAg/S identify the arrangements for the storage and disposal of any dead fish from any fish farm in the area or the individual farm?	Y

Arrangements for The Management of Sea Lice

13. Does the FMAg/S identify arrangements for the sharing of data on sea lice numbers and treatments?	Y
14. Does the FMAg/S identify the availability and the use of medicines on farms covered by the agreement of statement?	Y
15. Does the FMAg/S identify any requirements for the sensitivity testing of available treatments for sea lice on farms in the area or individual farms?	Y
16. Does the FMAg/S identify the circumstances under which biological controls and cleaner fish are to be used on farms in the area or individual farms?	Y
17. Does the FMAg/S identify the arrangements for synchronous treatments on farms within the area?	Y

Live Fish Movements

18. Does the FMAg/S identify the circumstances when live fish may be introduced or removed from the area or farm?	Y
19. Does the FMAg/S identify the arrangements for the movement of live fish on and off sites in the area or individual farms?	Y

Harvesting

20. Does the FMAg/S identify acceptable harvest practices on farms in the area or individual farms?	Y

Fallowing

21. Does the FMAg/S identify the dates by which the area or individual farm will be fallow and the earliest date when a farm or area may be restocked?	Y
22. Does the FMAg/S identify whether one or more year classes may be stocked onto sites covered by the agreement or statement?	Y
23. Does the FMAg/S identify whether broodstock or potential broodstock are to be kept on any site covered by the agreement or statement?	Y

Point of Compliance for Farm Management Agreements Only

24. Does the farm management agreement include arrangements for persons to become, or cease to be, parties to the agreement?	N/A

Management and operation

25. Is the fish farm being managed and operated in accordance with the agreement or statement?	Y
26. What is the version no/date of issue of the FMAg/S?	05/11/2025

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Results Summary	Freq.	Date of Notification						
		Database	Insp	Phone	Insp	Writing	Insp	2nd Insp

Report Summary			
Case Type	Date	Insp	2nd Insp
ECI, CNI, SLI, VMD	18/11/2025		

Fish Health Inspectorate visit report

Summary for information of site operator

Business no:	FB0095	Date of visit:	06/11/2025
Site no:	FS0993	Site name:	Chalmers Hope
Case no:	20250418	Inspector:	[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 low. An inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 will be conducted every third 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.

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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, as amended, with respect to section 3 regarding parasites (sea lice), section 4A regarding fish farm management agreements and statements and section 5 regarding containment and escapes.

On this occasion the site was found to be satisfactory with regards to parasites, fish farm management agreements and statements and containment and escapes.

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

Signed: [redacted] Date: 18/11/2025

Fish Health Inspector

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