

Case No: 2025-0439 Date of visit: 18/11/2025

Additional inspector(s): Main Inspector:

Site No: FS0537 Site Name: Nith Valley Trout

Business No: FB0593 Business Name: Nith Valley Trout

Case Types: 1 ECI 2 CNI 3 4 5 6

Water Temp (°C): 6.02 Thermometer No: T307 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? 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:

Site is stocked with rainbow and brown trout and predominantly supplies fisheries for put and take. Ova are imported from Spain and site manager is very satisfied with the quality of the stock. Site had imports of ova from Spain on 14/02/2025 - rainbow ova 216000 and 18/11/2024 - rainbow ova 396000.

The site is currently in the process of installing predator nets and fencing around the ponds outside.

Site had experienced increased mortalities during September and October 2025 in 3 ponds. Site conducted their own health checks and observed PKD only in the 3 ponds. Prior to the increased mortality, the mortalities were at 0.05% per month back to the last inspection. Site stated mortalities have decreased and fish have improved.

During the inspection the general population of all stocks appeared to be in good condition and were shoaling well. They were observed to have a good feed and stimulus response. 1 moribund fish with a lesion on its head was observed. Average of 3 old morts were observed in each pond. The 3 ponds that had PKD were shoaling and feeding well and appeared to be in good condition, no moribunds observed. In the 3 ponds average of 20 old morts were observed on the screens in each pond. After stock had been inspected site collected the mortalities.

Following discussions with APB, advice was provided for improvements to the records being held by the APB, which have been implemented. - 20/01/2026. [REDACTED]

Movement records appeared to be correct at the time of the visit but subsequent analysis of import data, following the visit, gave rise to question this. This was investigated further with the site operator confirming that there were inaccuracies within the movement record which was presented at the time of the visit. Advice has been provided to the APB and APB has been requested to amended movement records accordingly. - 05/02/2026 [REDACTED] Records received from APB and were found to be satisfactory 10/02/2025 - [REDACTED].

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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	51	Facilities stocked	9 raceways in hatchery - 12 ponds	No facilities inspected	51	
Species	Brown trout and sea trout	Rainbow trout	Rainbow trout	Rainbow trout		
Age group	2024	2021	2023	2024	2025	
No Fish	10,000	1,000	3,000	118,500	150,000	
Mean Fish Wt	40g	1000g	1000g	200-500g	1g	
Next Fallow Date (Site)	Never fallow			Next Input Date (Site)	November - December 2025	
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?				Y	Any escapes (since last visit)?	N
If yes, detail:	PKD					

Movement Records

- 1. Movement records for **all species** held available for inspection? Y
- 2. Date of last inspection: **22/10/2024**
- 3. Are records complete and correctly entered? N
- 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

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? **Other (detail)**
- If other detail: **Stored in sealed bins on site before uplift by Oakbank, Dumfries for further processing.**
- 3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered? N
- 4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks): **01/11/2025 to 14/11/2025 - 5000 (1.1%)**
- 5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities? Y
- If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason:
- 3 earth ponds (site described these ponds to be a part of the hatchery) of 2024 input have observed to have PKD. October 2025 6% mortalities - pond at average 500g - 100, hatchery at average 40g 15000. Weekly average 1.1% in October mortalities were 1.1%.**
- 6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked? Y
- If yes, detail: **September 2025 7% mortalities - pond at average 500g -1400, hatchery at average 40g - 6000.**
- 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
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 <i>increased (unexplained)</i> 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 <i>how</i> and <i>when</i> 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?									N
3. Any significant results?									Y
If yes, detail (if not detailed under recent disease problems).	PKD								

Records checked between:	22/10/2024 - 18/11/2025
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Date of Visit	18/11/2025	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 British Islands (non-GB).	0	5	10	14	0
	Frequency of movements on from a third country	0	9	18	26	9
	Number of suppliers	0	5	10	14	5
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		0
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					38	HIGH

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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) followed 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 weekly average adult female sea lice counts at or above the intervention level been reported accurately?
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)
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

Site inside

If other, detail below:

Part of the site is located indoors. The site are currently in the process of installing predator nets and fencing around the ponds outside. There are screens at at the outlets of the raceways and ponds.

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

Amended Fish Health Inspectorate visit report

Summary for information of site operator

Business no:	FB0593	Date of visit:	18/11/2025
Site no:	FS0537	Site name:	Nith Valley Trout
Case no:	20250439	Inspector:	██████████

Inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009

This report replaces the fish health report R04 issued on 24/11/2025 by ██████████. The previous report should be discarded. Further analysis post inspection identified movements of rainbow trout ova had not been recorded in movement records. This report has been updated accordingly to address these issues.

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 high. An inspection under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 will be conducted annually. 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:

Analysis post inspection identified that aquaculture animal and aquaculture animal product movement records were inadequately maintained.

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

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Mortality records were inspected and found to be inadequately maintained.

Due to the mortality records being inadequately maintained, mortality levels exceeding the reporting criteria could not be determined.

Reports detailing the results of animal health surveillance carried out by or on behalf of the business and/or Marine Directorate were not available for inspection.

The biosecurity measures plan for the site was inspected and found to be adequately maintained and implemented.

The following points were raised with the site representative during the inspection:

1. Mortality records were available for inspection but did not meet the requirements of section 6(2)(a)(ii) of The Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009, as stated in the Aquaculture Production Business letter of authorisation. Mortality records are to be updated to meet the requirements of section 6(2)(a)(ii) of The Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 dated back to the last inspection (22/10/2024) and to be submitted to the Fish Health Inspectorate. This has been addressed following the report issued on 24/11/2025, no further action required.
2. Records of health surveillance were not available for inspection. Records detailing health surveillance are to be submitted to the Fish Health Inspectorate. This has been addressed following the report issued on 24/11/2025, no further action required.
3. The movement records did not include details of rainbow trout ova movements onto and off the site. In accordance with regulation 6(2)(a)(i) of the 2009 Regulations, the operator of the Aquaculture Production Business (APB) must maintain and make available for inspection upon request by an inspector, a record of the movement of any aquaculture animal or any aquaculture animal product into or out of every farm site operated by the APB. The record must be updated within 24 hours of any aquaculture animal or aquaculture animal product movement, and the record must be retained for a period of four years from the date of the movement. Movement records must contain the information specified in paragraphs (a) to (j) of Appendix 2 your Authorisation and may be in the format specified in Appendix 2 or such other format as the APB determines.

Please amend the movement records accordingly and provide evidence that this has been completed by 27/02/2026.

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These must be addressed to ensure the conditions of authorisation for your Aquaculture Production Business (APB) are being met. Records or documentation demonstrating that these points have been addressed should be sent to the Fish Health Inspectorate (contact details below) by the suggested deadline from the date this report was issued.

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.

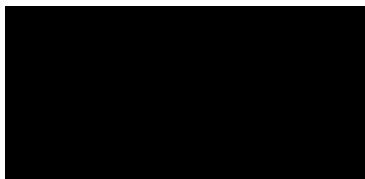
Inspection under the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

The site was also inspected in accordance with the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 with respect to section 5 regarding containment and escapes.

On this occasion the site was found to be satisfactory.

Please contact myself or the duty inspector should you require any assistance or clarification in implementing any requirement or recommendation detailed in this report.

Signed:



Date: 09/02/2026

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 \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

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Fish Health Inspectorate visit report

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Case completion report

This report replaces the case completion report R23 issued on 21/01/2026 by ██████████. The previous report should be discarded. Further analysis post inspection identified movements of rainbow trout ova had not been recorded in movement records. This report has been updated accordingly to address these issues.

Recommendations in relation to the above case were made for implementation by 27/02/2026. Following submission of the required documentation, evidence has now been provided to the Fish Health Inspectorate to demonstrate that the recommendations have been implemented.

Advice was provided for improvements to the records being held by the APB, which have been implemented.

This case is considered closed and the site will be subject to continued routine animal health surveillance which may result in additional 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: 11/02/2026

Fish Health Inspector

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