

Case No:	2026-0262		Date of visit:	16/07/2026		
Additional inspector(s):			Main Inspector:			
Site No:	FS0671	Site Name:	Outer Bay (Loch Droighniche)			
Business No:	FB0398	Business Name:	Loch Duart Plc			
Case Types:	1 REG	2 REP	3 WEL	4	5	6
Water Temp (°C):	13.6	Thermometer No:	T307	FHI 045 completed	N/A	
Observations:	Region:	HI	Water type:	S	CoGP MA:	M-7
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.				
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:

The site was inspected following reports of elevated mortality from the company and third party communication. The visit was conducted alongside APHA who carried out a welfare inspection.

The salmon were transferred to the site in January 2026 from Clashnessie Bay (FS0933). The salmon were transferred alongside wrasse, however further cleanerfish were also introduced in June 2026. The site staff believes that the wrasse may be targeting not only the sea lice but also occasionally the eyes of the salmon, causing blindness in a small percentage of the stock. Feed blocks are available for the wrasse to supplement feeding. Furunculosis was diagnosed in March, and an in-feed antibiotic treatment was administered.

The site has been reporting mortalities above 1%/week between weeks 21 and 27 2026. These have been attributed to a series of causes including seal predation, treatment handling and gill health. A Salmosan treatment was carried out in week 22. The site staff also expressed current challenges with early maturation in the broodstock and appetite reduction. Harvest has been planned for the fish that haven't been selected as broodstock, while the broodstock is expected to be transferred off site by the end of August/early September.

During the visit, every pen was inspected and visibility was very clear. The main population appeared in good condition and exhibited normal swimming behaviour. A small number of lethargic fish could be observed in the pens, these were smaller than the average population and presented eye lesions and snout damage. Sea lice could also be observed on these fish although not in high numbers. One moribund was present at the time of inspection. The fish was removed from the pen for further analysis. The salmon presented bilateral eye damage and moderate gill damage. Internally, the fish was a mature female and there was no feed presence in the stomach or gut but otherwise no other internal changes were noted. Four mortalities had been removed from the site on the morning of inspection, these could be observed in the mort bin.

Partial mortality for week 29: 242 (6.97%), mostly attributed to seal predation and mostly from P3. No signs of predator damage were observed during the inspection. An outer predator net is anchored around the steel pens to prevent access to the stock. Divers are scheduled to inspect the predator net for potential issues with holes or the tensioning.

Update 21/07: divers visited 17/07 and found and repaired a hole in the bottom of the outside predator net. No damage to the production nets reported. Full mortality for week 29: 258 (7.44%). Partial mortality for week 30: 29 fish (no longer driven by P3, no predator damage observed).

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Registration/Authorisation Details

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

Site Details (include cleaner fish for all sections)

Total No facilities	8	Facilities stocked	6	No facilities inspected	8
Species	Atlantic salmon	Wrasse			
Age group	24S1	Wild			
No Fish	3,164	1,185			
Mean Fish Wt	8.8kg	Mix			
Next Fallow Date (Site)	September 2026		Next Input Date (Site)	October 2026	
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?			Y	Any escapes (since last visit)?	N
If yes, detail:	CGD				

Movement Records

1. Movement records for all species held available for inspection?	Y
2. Date of last inspection:	30/04/2025
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)?	
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:	Whole fish taken in skips to Badcall shorebase by DK waste, then collected by Gray Composting.
3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered?	Y
4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks):	SAL Week 28: 243 (6.55%), Week 27: 194 (4.88%), Week 26: 188 (4.3%), Week 25: 176 (3.76%). WRA Week 28: 15 (1.25%), Week 27: 3 (0.25%), Week 26: 0, Week 25: 0.
5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities?	Y
If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason:	
P3 high seal predation (about 30 fish a day in the last week).	
6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked?	Y
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.	Y

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?	
2. Has the manner and frequency of mortality removal, recording and safe disposal been considered?	
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?	
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?	
5. Has the health status of aquaculture animals being stocked on the farm site been covered (equal or higher health status, certification if required)?	
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.)?	
7. Is documentation available regarding the measures in place to maintain the physical containment of aquaculture animals held on site?	
8. Have the biosecurity procedures been adequately implemented on site?	
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).	PCR positive for PMCV and SAV	

Records checked between:	30/04/2025 - 16/06/2026
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Fish Health Inspectorate visit report

Summary for information of site operator

Business no:	FB0398	Date of visit:	16/07/2026
Site no:	FS0671	Site name:	Outer Bay (Loch Droighniche)
Case no:	20260262	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, following reports of increased mortality.

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 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.

Mortality levels had exceeded the reporting criteria since the last inspection and had been reported to the Fish Health Inspectorate as required.

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.

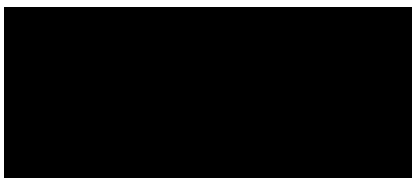
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Inspection under the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015

Medicine records were inspected and found to be adequately maintained.

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

Signed:



Date: 20/07/2026

Fish Health Inspector

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