

## REGISTRATION OF STOCKED FISHERIES IN SCOTLAND



### Who needs to register?

Under the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009, all ponds and other installations where farmed fish are stocked for recreational fishing (either for commercial or private fishing) need to be registered with Scottish Ministers. The registration process is administered by the Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) at the Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen.

### Why register?

Registration allows the FHI to maintain the high health status of Scotland's valuable fish resources and provide:

- Diagnostic services for anyone concerned about the health of their stock;
- Effective communication and action on controlling disease outbreaks;
- Information on disease issues and protecting your fishery during a disease outbreak;

- Advice on biosecurity and maintaining a healthy stocked fishery;
- A free, one off registration.

### Who takes responsibility for registering a stocked fishery?

The registration of a fishery may be undertaken by any party operating the water, including:

- Angling clubs;
  - Angling syndicate;
  - Owners or operators of the stocked fishery;
- Owners of the water body.

The operator of a water is generally defined as the person(s) / organisation responsible for the management of fish stocks in the fishery. The operator is the main contact in the event of a disease outbreak and may be requested to provide information on fish stocks at that time.



## Registering a river fishery?

Currently, river fisheries only require to be registered where an installation (e.g. fence or other barrier) has been placed in the water in order to contain the stocked fish.

## How to register

Registration forms and guidance on their completion can be obtained on the internet at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/FHI/authorisation/fis/reg>

or by contacting the Fish Health Inspectorate directly at

Marine Scotland Science  
Fish Health Inspectorate  
Marine Laboratory  
375 Victoria Road  
Aberdeen  
AB11 9DB  
0131 244 3498  
[MS.fishhealth@gov.scot](mailto:MS.fishhealth@gov.scot)

## Consent to stock inland waters

Consent to stock inland waters, under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003, must be sought separately. The principal aim of the provisions within the act that regulates fish introductions, is to protect native biodiversity from the consequences of inappropriate introductions of fish into Scottish freshwaters. Details can be obtained in the first instance on the internet at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/Licensing/fishintros/introduction>

or by direct contact to:

Freshwater Laboratory  
Faskally  
Pitlochry  
PH16 5LB  
Tel. 0131 244 2900  
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