

Case No: 2021-0253 Date of visit: 03/08/2021

Time spent on site: 30mins Main Inspector: [Redacted]

Site No: FS0869 Site Name: BAHL Marine Research Facility Ardtoe  
Business No: FB0576 Business Name: Benchmark Animal Health Ltd

Case Types: 1 REG 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ] 6 [ ]

Water Temp (°C): [ ] Thermometer No: [ ] FHI 045 completed [ ]

Observations: Region: HI Water type: S CoGP MA M-32

Dead/weak/abnormally behaving fish present? [ ] If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.  
Clinical signs of disease observed? [ ] If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.  
Gross pathology observed? [ ] If yes, see additional information/clinical score sheet.  
Diagnostic samples taken? [ ]

UNI/REG only - if unable to carry out intended visit detail reason below:  
[ ]

**Additional Case Information:**

Site was inspected to be made inactive. Fish farm equipment was still on site, but water supplies was disconnected and no stock was seen on site. Site was reported to be fallow since late 2019, therefore mortality records were not checked. The site had been refurbished with recirculating farming and research equipment, however, has not been used. Potential interest in seaweed or oyster hatchery in the future.

Movement records were not available at the time of the inspection. These will be requested through the Fish Health Report issued on the 16/08/2021.

Warning letter was issued as the deadline in the Fish Health Report, to receive the requested records, had passed.

Movement records received and supplied by business correspondent on 30/11/2021.

The records supplied meet the requirements of the warning letter, which was sent to the business on the 25/11/2021.

Site inspection occurred on the 03/08/2021 by [REDACTED] and observed by [REDACTED]

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Inspector(s): [Redacted]

**Registration/Authorisation Details**

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

**Site Details (include cleaner fish for all sections)**

Total No facilities	Facilities stocked	No facilities inspected	Whole Site
Species	fallow		
Age group			
No Fish			
Mean Fish Wt			
Next Fallow Date (Site)	N/A	Next Input Date (Site)	N/A
Recent (last 4 wks) disease problems?		Any escapes (since last visit)?	N
If yes, detail:			

**Movement Records**

- 1. Movement records available for inspection? N
- 2. Date of last inspection: 11/09/2018
- 3. Are records complete and correctly entered? N/A
- 4. Are movement records available for dead fish and waste? N/A
- 5. Are records complete and correctly entered? N/A
- 6. Are health certificates for introductions (outwith GB) available? N/A

**Transport Records**

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

**Mortality Records**

- 1. Mortality records available for inspection? N/A
- 2. How are mortalities disposed of?
- If other detail:
- 3. Mortality records complete and correctly entered? N/A
- 4. Recent mortality (last 4 wks):
- 5. Evidence of recent increased/atypical mortalities? N/A
- If yes, facility nos/no mortality per facility/no stock per facility/reason:
- 6. Any other peaks in mortality during period checked? N/A
- 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. N/A

**Treatments and Medicines Records**

1. Recent treatments (see comment)?	
If yes, detail:	
If other, detail:	
2. Medicines records available for inspection?	
3. Are records complete and correctly entered?	
4. Are fish in a withdrawal period?	
5. If yes, what treatment(s)?	
If other, detail:	
6. Are medicines stored appropriately?	

**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?	
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:	11/09/2018-03/08/2021
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<b>CASE No</b>	20210253	<b>INSPECTOR</b>	[REDACTED]

The above site was inspected in accordance with the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

On this occasion, the site was found to be fallow.

#### Records

Records in relation to aquaculture animals transported by the business were not available for inspection. To ensure the conditions of authorisation for your Aquaculture Production Business (APB) are being met and to allow the site to be made inactive, records should be sent to the Fish Health Inspectorate (contact details below) within 30 days of the date this report was issued.

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

Signed:

[REDACTED]

Fish Health Inspector

Date: 16/08/2021

The Fish Health Inspectorate Service Charter detailing standards of service is available on the Marine Scotland website at [www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/FHI/charter](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/FHI/charter)



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#### Case completion report

Recommendations in relation to the above case were made for implementation by 25 December 2021. Following submission of the required documentation, evidence has now been provided to Marine Scotland 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:

[REDACTED]

Fish Health Inspector

Date: 03/12/2021

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