



Our Ref: ATIC2220

Don Staniford  
{By Email}

20 November 2020

Dear Don Staniford

### **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information relating to the inspection of salmon farms since 1 May 2020, which we received on 4 November 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please provide information relating to the inspection of salmon farms since 1 May 2020. Please include inspection reports, emails, letters, photos, videos, assessments and any other information relating to the inspection of salmon farms since 1 May 2020. This FOI request would certainly capture information in relation to Kames Fish Farming's Loch Tralaig salmon farm”.

APHA have carried out no inspections and therefore, no information is held.

APHA has advised on many previous occasions our role. To clarify:

- APHA does not conduct routine inspections of fish farms (other than ABP related inspections).
- APHA accompanies Marine Scotland in a small number of routine inspections annually.
- There is no requirement for APHA staff to routinely visit fish farms in England and Wales.
- APHA staff may be asked to provide veterinary support in response to welfare issues identified on a farm.
- APHA visit fish farms in response to welfare complaints, when appropriate.

Notifiable disease in farmed fish is the responsibility of the Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) of Marine Scotland or the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

(Cefas) in England and Wales. These bodies also monitor farmed fish welfare as part of their inspection programme.

Please refer to the Fish Health Inspectorate website for confirmation of their role as fish inspectors.

We respectively repeat our advice to you that any future requests on routine fish farm inspections should be referred to the Fish Health Inspectorate and not APHA.

We will of course consider any future requests for information based on the role APHA undertake.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our office will be closed.

Yours sincerely

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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## Annex

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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF

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