



APHA ref:

## Welfare Incident Record and Veterinary Risk Assessment

### Information provided

To be completed in all cases by the person taking the call.

Report taken by: <input type="text"/>	Report type: Complaint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <input type="text" value="02/11/2020"/>	Media	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time: <input type="text" value="08:30"/>	Referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Referral type:	Select referral type
	Third party ref:	<input type="text"/>
	Previously reported	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Previous APHA ref:	<input type="text"/>

### Nature of complaint and information provided:

(Number of animals, species, breed, needs (feed, water, shelter, bedding etc), whether or not animal suffering has been witnessed (injury, distress, etc), duration of incident and other relevant information. Paste emails containing photos etc here)

### Welfare Category:

- Farm
- Market
- Slaughter
- Transport

Email received in APHA Scotland inbox: **From:**

**Sent:** 31 October 2020 08:12

**To:**  [@apha.gov.uk](mailto:apha.gov.uk)

**Cc:**  >

**Subject:** Urgent animal welfare issue

To whom it may concern,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Please keep this report confidential and do not share my name or my organisation's name with the farm, company or other parties.

Please advise me on the next steps and the outcome of this investigation as soon as possible.

**Reported location of animal(s):**  
(Details must be sufficient to determine an OS Map Reference)

Loch Crenan

[OS Map Ref.](#) determined from the informant:

[Redacted]

APHA Delivery Team for this location:

Choose an item.

**If the complainant is aware this issue has been reported to other organisations, please record details here:**

[Redacted]

Note: Informant details are only used by inspectors to gather further information or to clarify location details

Informant name: [Redacted]

Tel No. (1): [Redacted]

Tel No. (2): [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

## Veterinary Risk Assessment (VRA)

To be completed in all cases by an APHA Veterinarian.

Likely owner/keeper name and address (include postcode):

Scottish Sea Farms  
Loch Creran site B  
The Location is not available on SAM.

Likely CPH:

Tel No. (1):

Tel No. (2):

SBI/CRN/BRN:

XC claimant? Yes  No

On [current XC selection](#)? Yes  No

Ongoing complex case? Yes  No

Last Sam welfare inspection date:

Listed on [hazard database](#)? Yes  No

### Comments and recommended local actions based on available information:

(Consider number of animals, breed, age, environmental conditions etc. Include risks and mitigating factors in a reasoned assessment of whether animal needs were/are now being met and if animal suffering was/is now occurring. Refer to the Guidance for Completing the Welfare Incident Record and Veterinary Risk Assessment Form ([WF114](#)))

Discussed with Marine Scotland Fish Health Duty Inspector [REDACTED]: The site currently populated in Loch Creran is site B. This site had an algal bloom in late August/early September which led to damage on gills of fish. This meant that lice treatments could not be applied when required. In March the lice burden was of 4 female lice /fish average. Mortalities have gone up on this location over the last 3 months: 8%; 6%; 4% ( reportable to marine Scotland as above threshold)- the management indicate this is because of the algal bloom. On 12 October as mortalities were coming down a thermolicer treatment was applied and a second treatment has just been completed ( no date given). The premises is applying lice treatments, removing and culling damaged fish, and harvesting affected pens. The site will be left fallow by March 2021 ( this was communicated at the last fish inspectorate inspection in March 2020) for a cycle, while sire A on the loch will be used for the next cycle. In terms of health the farm management have advised they are doing what they are supposed to.

There are photographs taken 23/10, after the first thermolicer treatment, that show damaged fish and heavy lice burdens. The fish do look like they are near harvesting size.

**Risk Assessment:** The VRA indicates that animal needs were not being met- as demonstrated by the damaged fish in photographs and above threshold mortality over the last 3 months. Discussion with farm managers indicates that they are following guidance and have applied lice treatments as soon as possible after the effects of the algal bloom. For this reason I have assigned it a 2A Medium risk with a visit required by 09/11/2020. This should be reassessed in conjunction with Marine Scotland in order to arrange a joint visit, and also bearing in mind the weather at this time of the year

### VRA visit outcome: (select one option only)

1A - High Immediate, same day <input type="checkbox"/>	2A - Medium Within seven calendar days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Low Within 14 calendar days <input type="checkbox"/>
1B - High (Food Standards Scotland (FSS)/Food Standards Agency (FSA)) Urgent, within 24 hours <input type="checkbox"/>	2B - Medium (FSA/FSS) Within seven calendar days <input type="checkbox"/>	4 - Negligible No visit <input type="checkbox"/>
1C - High Urgent, within 24 hours <input type="checkbox"/>	2C - High/Medium (FSA/FSS) Delayed for up to eight weeks <input type="checkbox"/>	

Date visit required by: 09/11/2020 N/A

Vet completing VRA: [REDACTED]

VRA Date: 02/11/2020

VRA Time:

## Local Assessment

To be completed by the local field team.

Are farm details in above VRA considered correct? (If not, amend below) Yes  No

Amended owner/keeper name and address (include postcode):

Amended CPH:

Tel No. (1):

Tel No. (2):

SBI/CRN/BRN:

XC claimant? Yes  No

On [current XC selection](#)? Yes  No

Ongoing complex case? Yes  No

Last Sam welfare inspection date:

Listed on [hazard database](#)? Yes  No

### Local knowledge and further information:

(Include risks and/or mitigating factors not recorded above to be considered in the assessment of whether animal needs were/are now being met and if animal suffering was/now is occurring. Refer to the Guidance for Completing the Welfare Incident Record and Veterinary Risk Assessment Form ([WF114](#)))

### Outcome of discussion with Local Authority (LA) about this case:

Name of LA:

Name of person contacted:

### Local Assessment visit outcome: (select one option only)

1A - High Immediate, same day <input type="checkbox"/>	2A - Medium Within seven calendar days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Low Within 14 calendar days <input type="checkbox"/>
1B - High (FSS/FSA) Urgent, within 24 hours <input type="checkbox"/>	2B - Medium (FSA/FSS) Within seven calendar days <input type="checkbox"/>	4 - Negligible No visit <input type="checkbox"/>
1C - High Urgent, within 24 hours <input type="checkbox"/>	2C - High/Medium (FSA/FSS) Delayed for up to eight weeks <input type="checkbox"/>	

### Provide justification if the Local Assessment outcome has been altered from the VRA outcome:

Risk assessment was done correctly but the visit was finally completed on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 instead on 09<sup>th</sup> November due to technical issues to arrange the visit with Marine Scotland. Records were checked on Friday 06<sup>th</sup> November by telecom, where the mortality records confirmed the situation was improving and the actions taken from the first issue with the algae bloom started were right.

Date visit required by:  N/A

**England and Wales** - Organisation(s) attending: APHA only

LA only

APHA and LA

N/A

**Scotland** - Name of organisation(s) attending:  N/A

Name of APHA representative attending:  N/A

Role:  N/A

Person completing Local Assessment:

Role:

Local Assessment date:

Local Assessment time:

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