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By email only to: [centralvalidationteam@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:centralvalidationteam@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Dear Sir/Madam

**The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**  
**Screening/Scoping consultation**  
**Screening and Scoping Opinion for proposed marine fin fish farm**  
**Proposed Fish Farm to the East of Hawk's Nib, Off the South East Coast of the Island Of Bute Argyll and Bute**

Thank you for consulting SEPA on the screening and scoping opinion for the above development proposal by way of your email which we received on 8 February 2019. The application is for a new marine cage fish farm development at South Bute in the Firth of Clyde. The applicant proposes to install 10 x 120m sea pens held inside a mooring grid 75m x 75m, to hold a maximum biomass of 2,500t of Rainbow Trout.

**Screening opinion**

Based on the information submitted to us we consider that, with respect to interests relevant to our remit, the proposed development will be likely to have a significant effect (in the context of the Regulations) on the environment by virtue of its nature, size or location and therefore an **EIA is required**.

**Scoping opinion**

Please refer to the response in Appendix below detailing the information required. Please see the summarised version of this below.

- Nutrient enhancement calculations, appropriate to the receiving water.
- Hydrodynamic modelling of the proposed sites.



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We confirm that we have received an application under The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (As amended) (CAR) for a new marine cage fish farm at this location.

As this is an application for a new site, an EIA is required and all of the information is needed in accordance with Appendix 3 of LUPS-GU17. SEPA has already received some of this information (submitted in support of the CAR application), but are still awaiting the information (as listed above).

If you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me by telephone on 01224 266604 or e-mail at [planning.sw@sepa.org.uk](mailto:planning.sw@sepa.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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