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MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 : PART 6 - CONSERVATION OF SEALS

Application for a Licence to Shoot Seals to Prevent Serious Damage to Fisheries in Scotland

September 2015

Before completing this application, please read the associated Marine Scotland Guidance Notes.

If you need further help completing this form please contact Marine Scotland for advice 01224 295579 or ms.marinelicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Marine Scotland will not be able to assist with actual information gathering required to complete the application.

Information supplied on this application may be subject to disclosure as required by the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 or the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. (Please see Section 10 of the Guidance Notes)

Marine Scotland will consult the Sea Mammal Research Unit, Scottish Natural Heritage and Marine Scotland Science about each licence application received.

Note: Marine Scotland may revoke or vary a licence at any time.

Please note that failure to fully complete any relevant section of the form or failure to provide supporting documentation could result in delays in processing or refusal of the application.

IF THE APPLICATION IS REFUSED YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY UNTIL THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Please use BLOCK Capitals and consider typing if possible.

1. Name of Licence Applicant

(Seal Management Group, District Salmon Fishery Board, Netting Station, Other)

Please provide details of a contact person who can deal with any queries concerning the licence application and its contents in **ANNEX A**.

2. Name(s) of District Salmon Fishery Board / Fishery / Netting Station(s) covered by this application

A seal licence cannot be issued for sites or locations in more than one [seal management area](#). Please apply for licences in different seal management areas on separate application forms. Failure to identify sites in different seal management areas may delay the licence application process.

3. Previous licence number (if applicable)

4. Nature of Fishery to be protected *(please tick all that apply)*

Fixed Engines

Net and Coble

Rod and line

Other *(please specify below)*

5. Fishing Seasons

5.1 Please indicate dates when fishery is active.

5.2 If shooting is to take place out with season(s) stated above please provide dates and relevant justification for this.

6. Location of Fishery

A 1:50,000 Ordnance Survey map **must** accompany each application, **Applications will not be accepted without a map**, regardless of whether the site has been previously licenced. The map should be marked with:

- i) The boundary of the fishery
- ii) The location of any fixed nets

7. Survey on Seals

To allow Marine Scotland to make an informed decision on your seal licence application you are required to complete the online seal survey in addition to this application form. You will be provided with a link to this survey by the Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team.

If you have any difficulties completing the survey please advise Marine Scotland as soon as possible.

Questions should be answered as accurately and fully as possible to provide evidence of the extent of seal predation on the fishery.

I confirm that I have/will complete the Survey on Seals

Note: If you do not complete the survey it is likely that your licence application will be delayed or refused.

8. Maximum Number of Seals

8.1 Indicate the maximum number of each species of seal you are applying for permission to shoot in the next licence year:

| Species | Number |
|------------------|--------|
| Grey | |
| Harbour (Common) | |

8.2 Explain the reason for these numbers.

Note: In its consideration of licence applications Marine Scotland will compare the maximum numbers submitted for each seal management area against the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) figure for each area.

Note: Even where a licence is granted, shooting of seals should only be undertaken as a last resort.

It is an offence under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 to exceed the maximum number specified on your licence.

9. Reporting

From 01 February 2016 a notification should be submitted to Marine Scotland within 48 hours of shooting a seal.

A quarterly report on all seals shot should also be submitted, within 10 days of the end of each quarter. This should include nil returns where applicable. The following information will be required:

- Location
- Species of seal
- Date & time
- Whether the seal carcase was recovered, reported to, and collected by Scottish Agricultural College

Further details of the new reporting format will be made available prior to the new licensing year.

10. Data Protection and Freedom of Information

Under Data Protection and Freedom of Information disclosure requirements, the information provided in this application form may be required to be disclosed. Personal information of a sensitive nature is likely to be exempt from disclosure and has therefore been included in separate Annexes A and B.

11. Declaration

DECLARATION

I have read the relevant Marine Scotland Guidance notes and I declare that the particulars are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.

I understand that any false declaration may lead to having my licence revoked.

I agree to provide a report within 48 hours of shooting a seal and a summary report on a quarterly basis to Marine Scotland in the format requested.

I confirm that I have read the Scottish Seal Management Code of Practice

Signature of applicant..... Date.....

Name in block capitals.....

Status*.....

Address.....

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Daytime telephone number.....

Email address.....

*Owner/occupier or other position held in relation to fishery or seal management group

Completed applications for a licence should be sent to:

Licensing Operations Team
Marine Scotland
Marine Laboratory
375, Victoria Road
Aberdeen
AB11 9DB

Tel No: 01224 295579
E-mail: seal.licensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

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SEAL LICENCE APPLICATION – ANNEX A

Under Data Protection and Freedom of Information disclosure requirements, the personal information contained in Annex A is likely to be exempt from disclosure.

Nominated Contact Person

Please give details of an individual who can deal with any correspondence concerning this application (or any licence which may subsequently be issued).

This person must be in a position to effectively answer any queries that the Marine Scotland Licensing Team may have on the application including details of equipment, setup and non-lethal measures being used.

Name

Address

Position

Telephone number

Mobile number

E-mail address

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SEAL LICENCE APPLICATION – ANNEX B

Under Data Protection and Freedom of Information disclosure requirements, the personal information contained in Annex B is likely to be exempt from disclosure.

Nominated Marksman details

Please give details below of person or persons you wish to authorise under the licence to shoot seals. This section must be completed in full regardless of whether a licence has been issued previously.

Marksman 1

Name

Address

Type and calibre of firearm

Firearms Certificate Number

Issued by

Has the nominated marksman listed completed either of the following:

- PDA in Seal Management**
Moray Firth Marksman Course

For new marksmen please provide appropriate evidence of the above (certificate or letter from College or Marine Scotland)

Marine Scotland must not grant a seal licence unless it is satisfied that any nominated marksman has adequate skills and experience.

Marksman 2

Name

Address

Type and calibre of firearm

Firearms Certificate Number

Issued by

Has the nominated marksman listed completed either of the following:

PDA in Seal Management

Moray Firth Marksman Course

For new marksmen please provide appropriate evidence of the above (certificate or letter from College or Marine Scotland)

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Marksman 3

Name

Address

Type and calibre of firearm

Firearms Certificate Number

Issued by

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If you wish to nominate additional marksmen please photocopy additional pages.