

Argyll and Bute Council
Development and Infrastructure Services

Delegated or Committee Planning Application Report and Report of handling as required by Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 relative to applications for Planning Permission or Planning Permission in Principle

Reference No:	17/02897/PPP
Planning Hierarchy:	Local
Applicant:	The Fynest Caviar Company Ltd
Proposal:	Site for the erection of a closed containment aquaculture facility for the production of sturgeon
Site Address:	Ardkinglas Sawmill, Cairndow

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT NO. 2

1.0 BACKGROUND

The purpose of this supplementary report is to update Members on responses received from the Animal and Plant Agency (APHA) and the Marine Fish Inspectors.

2.0 DETAIL

In terms of responsibility for fish welfare at the time of slaughter, APHA has advised that this is covered by the welfare at time of slaughter legislation and have provided a link to a guide by the Humane Slaughter Association on the Humane Harvesting of fish.

The Marine Fish Inspectors have advised that their responsibilities relate to ensuring that the premises will have adequate biosecurity and containment to meet the conditions of their authorisation as an Aquaculture Production Business

The Council's Animal Health Officers would investigate any substantiated claim of fish cruelty or welfare issues under separate legislation. In addition it would be the intention of the planning service to consult the Animal Health Officers at the subsequent Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions (AMSC) stage to ensure that what is being considered would be fit for purpose in terms Animal Welfare issues.

3.0 COMMENT

This is an application for planning permission in principle and the plans at this stage are only indicative. In addition, the consent would not be species specific and if approved could be used for another type of freshwater fish. The proposed AMSC conditions allow for variations in the layout and design which may be required for reasons of fish welfare, health and biosecurity in accord with legislation associated with these issues. It is not

therefore considered that any fish health and welfare issues as they relate to the use of land in terms of the layout of the site would represent anything other than a very minor material consideration in the determination of this planning application. The Council's Animal Health Officers will be consulted at the detailed AMSC stage to ensure that what is proposed will be suitable for the welfare of fish. It is, therefore, the view of officers that this carries little weight insufficient to overturn the recommendation in the main report on handling and supplementary report no.1.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION:

This information does not alter the recommendations given the main report on handling and the supplementary report no.1, namely that planning permission in principle be approved subject to the conditions and notes to applicant detailed in the report on handling and supplementary report no.1.

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