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**Licence application form – piscivorous birds** |

**The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)**

If you need assistance filling in this form please contact the SNH Licensing Team:

Email: licensing@nature.scot Telephone: 01463 725364

Please answer all relevant questions fully and do not defer to other attached documents.

Who should use this application form

Anyone who wishes to kill piscivorous birds in order to prevent serious damage to fisheries.

This form must be used for all new and renewal applications. For renewals you must have submitted a licence return before the renewal can be processed.

All licence applications will be sent to SASA and MSS as part of our assessment.

For stocked fisheries applications will not be processed unless a valid Stocking Licence from Marine Scotland has been issued.

Amendments

If you wish to amend a current licence please email SNH Licensing Team with the licence reference number, the details you wish to change and the reasons for this change.

**Help with filling in this form**

Guidance notes for providing supporting information for fish-eating bird licence applications can be found on our [website](https://www.nature.scot/birds-licence-forms-and-guidance-documents-preventing-serious-damage-preserving-public-health-and).

Section A: Licence holder details

Please provide the name and address of the licence holder, this person will be legally responsible for ensuring that all licence conditions are met and for submitting a return to SNH Licensing at the end of the licence period.

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| **Title**  |       |
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| **Address** |       |
| **Postcode** |       |
| **Contact telephone number(s)** |       |
| **Name of Fishery or District Salmon Fishery Board** |       |

**Section B: Licence details**

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| **Is this a new application or a renewal?** | **[ ]  New****[ ]  Renewal – previous licence number**       |
| **Name and location of proposal**(this is how your proposed works will be referred to in all future correspondence)  |       |
| **Six figure grid reference of location** *(e.g. NX100200)* |       |
| **Proposed start date** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Proposed end date** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Is the area covered by a nature conservation designation?** *(e.g. Site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Area, Special Area of Conservation etc. –* [*see our website for site locations and information*](http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/sitelink/index.jsp)*)*  |       |

**Section C: Activities to be licensed**

You must enclose a location map showing the boundary of the fishery or fish farm and the area within which shooting is to take place.

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| **Bird species** | **Location of shooting** | **Number to be killed** |
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**Section D: Licence purpose**

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| **Provide details of the feeding activities of each bird species** i.e. where birds are thought to be causing most damage (bottlenecks), when and how often they are observed – either over the year or throughout the day (efforts should be focussed at times when you anticipate most damage).      |
| **Provide details of your fishery i.e., information on health/trend of fish populations, Please include stocking regime where appropriate.**      |
| **Please provide a brief assessment of the damage attributed to fish eating birds to the fishery over the last year *(****e.g. economic or other).*      |

**Section E: Piscivorous Bird Management Plan**

**Piscivorous Bird Management Plan for:       Responsible person:       Year:**

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| **Action**(Please name and detail all non-lethal methods tried to reduce damage) | **Proposed/On-going** | **Months over which scaring carried out?**(e.g. during the smolt run) | **Frequency and Schedule?**(e.g. daily (am/pm), weekly, alternating) | **Record of actions**(Dates and actions carried out) | **Effectiveness and limitations of method**  |
| **Start** | **Finish** |
| **Disturbance 1** | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Disturbance 2** | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Visual Deterrent 1** | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Visual Deterrent 2** | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Audio Scarer 1** | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Audio Scarer 2** | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Habitat Management 1**  | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Habitat Management 2** | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other** | Choose an item. |  |  |  |  |  |

**Section F: Required documents checklist**

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| **Confirm by ticking the boxes below that all the information we require to assess your licence has been submitted with your application.****[ ]  A location map showing the boundary of the fishery or fish farm and the area within which shooting is to take place.****[ ]  A completed Piscivorous Bird Management Plan****[ ]  Bird count data for the last year, with summaries of previous years where available (please see** [**guidance note**](https://www.nature.scot/birds-licence-forms-and-guidance-documents-preventing-serious-damage-preserving-public-health-and) **for more information)** |

**Section G: Declaration**

* I understand that it is an offence under Section 17 of The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to knowingly or recklessly provide false information in order to obtain a licence, and I declare that the particulars given in this application and any accompanying documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.
* I understand that failure to comply with any conditions included on any licence granted in respect of this application may constitute an offence.

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| **Date**: Click here to enter a date. | **Print name:**      **Electronic signature:**  |

**Submitting your application form**

This application **should be submitted by email by the licence holder** as named on this licence application. If this application is not submitted by the licence holder, the electronic signature of the licence holder must be inserted above, and they must be copied in to the submission email. Please email the completed application form, together with all supporting information, to:**licensing@nature.scot**

Once we have received your application, you will receive an automated email acknowledging this. Please quote the reference number given in the email if you need to contact us in relation to your application.

If you do not have access to email, you can print out and send your application and supporting information to the postal address below. Please note if you apply by post you will not receive confirmation that your application has been received.

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