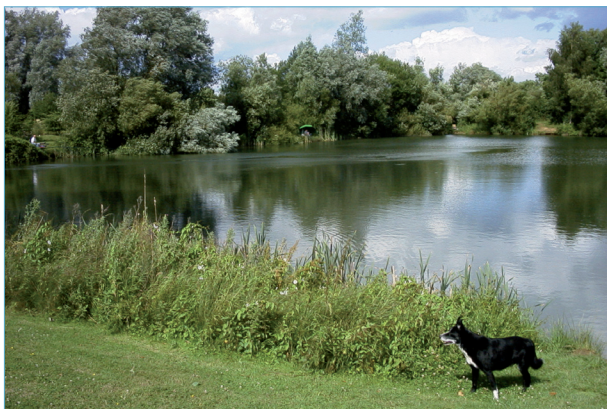


The Aquatic Animal Health (England & Wales) Regulations 2009

Fisheries, low risk cropping and
harvesting waters
(Aquatic Animal Holdings)



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The Aquatic Animal Health Directive

The UK has long-standing controls on aquatic animal diseases which contribute to the high health status of our valuable fish and shellfish resources. Legislation introduced in 1992 has been replaced with a new aquatic animal health directive, developed to reflect changes to aquaculture in the European Union. The directive has been enacted in England and Wales through the Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009.

Why register?

Under the new Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009, all aquaculture production businesses (APBs) must be authorised by the competent authority. For England and Wales this is the Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI), based at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas).

For fisheries, a derogation to register - rather than authorise - was utilised within England and Wales. Fisheries stocked for angling purposes and for low risk cropping and harvesting waters (Aquatic Animal Holdings) must be registered. Registration requires a named person - normally the owner, lease holder, operator or manager - to take responsibility for the waters. That person must report any fish mortalities and provide all reasonable help and access in the event of a fish mortality problem to the FHI.

As of the 1st August 2009, the Environment Agency no longer grant Section 30 or removal consents into or from unregistered or unauthorised waters

How to register

Registration forms, RW1 and RW2, can be obtained from the FHI or on-line at www.efishbusiness.co.uk. If you need help completing your form please call us on 01305 206700.

