

BAKKAFROST SCOTLAND

Our aim is to be the leading, most sustainable salmon producer in Scotland.

Our values

PROVENANCE

Committed to provenance

PASSION

Passion of our people

RESPECT

Respect for our natural environment and our communities

Our Healthy Living pillars

We prioritise absolute quality and integrity from loch to plate with sustainability at the heart. Our Healthy Living Plan sets out our commitment to sustainability across our 5 pillars.



HEALTHY BUSINESS

Responsible growth



HEALTHY SALMON

Exceeding leading standards



HEALTHY PEOPLE

Preferred employer



HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Committed to environmental stewardship



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Create shared value



Our Value Chain

We are engaged in all stages of the value chain ensuring total value chain integrity and full traceability.



BROODSTOCK



FRESHWATER



MARINE



HARVESTING



PROCESSING

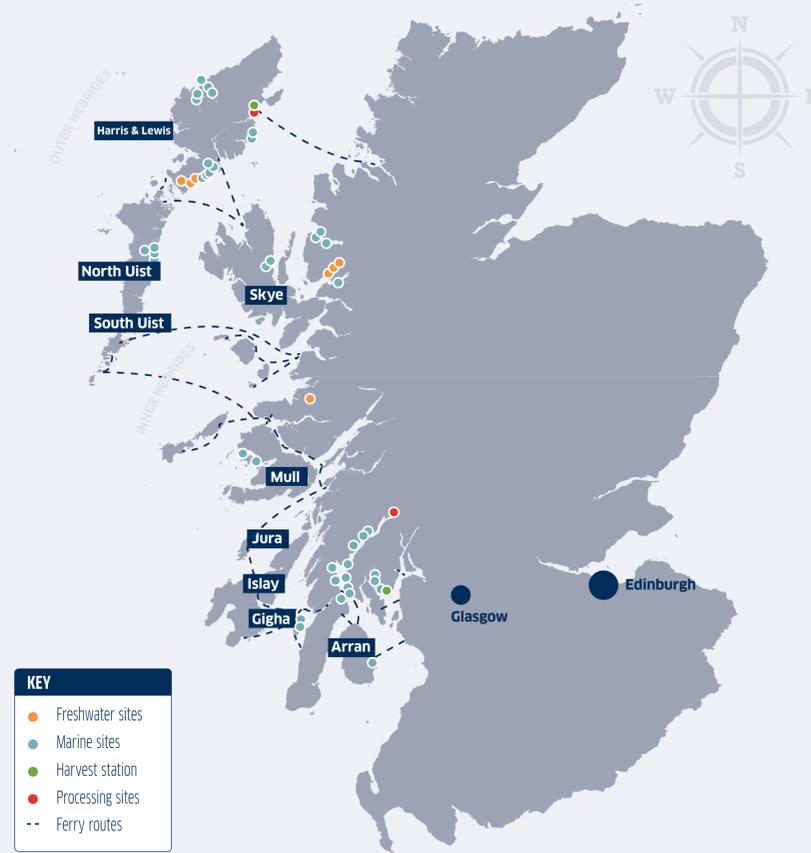


SERVED WITH PRIDE



FEED

OUR LOCATIONS



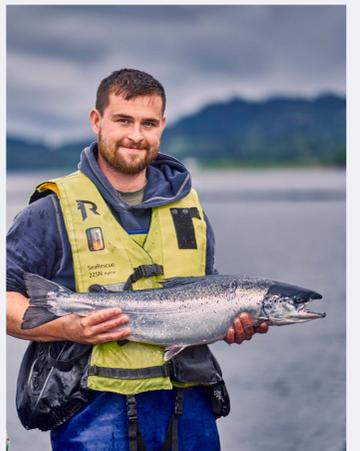
60 SITES

600 EMPLOYEES

Recent awards



HEALTH & WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Accreditations & certifications

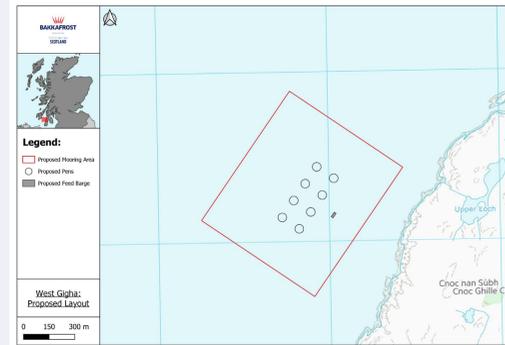


WEST GIGHA PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Project overview

The Proposed Development is located on the west coast of the Isle of Gigha (as shown). This proposal has innovation at its heart, insuring robust fish health and welfare and environmental sustainability. The Proposed Development will be located in a high energy environment and will use the latest technology to ensure minimal environmental interaction.

WEST GIGHA PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	
Total surface area	1.67ha
Pen size	160m (circumference)
Pen Number	8
Groups	1 (2 x 4 pen layout)
Feed Barge Location	A single feed barge permanently moored to the east of the pen group



ECONOMIC BENEFIT

We are committed to creating shared value in the rural communities in which we live and work.

Community charter

Our Community Charter pledges our commitment to our people, suppliers and communities.



People

Committed to creating and retaining value and long term employment in our communities.

Under the proposed development...

6
new full time jobs created
Permanent, year round employment

21
total workforce across three
Isle of Gigha fish farms
We currently have two existing fish farms in Gigha



Suppliers

Committed to sourcing locally
where possible

Over £8m total proposed investment in the development

Over £10m spend across 80 suppliers in Argyll & Bute in 2021

Over £50m spend across 500 Scottish suppliers in 2021

ECONOMIC BENEFIT

Committed to being an active and integral part of our communities.

Community fund

Offering grants of up to £10,000 for local groups, causes and projects which focus on creating a stronger community by promoting health and wellbeing, stewardship of the natural environment or economic development.

Over **120**
local community causes supported since 2017

Gigha Primary School

We supported the Children's Festival event in June 2022, which allowed the children to connect with their peers for the first time in 2 years and to be creative.



Oban Squash Team

Received funding in 2022 for a team trip away to help promote wellbeing, fitness, confidence building and team bonding.



Find out more

Find out more about our Community Fund and how you can apply by visiting bakkafrostscotland.com/communityfund or scan the QR code.



Community Fund



THE PLANNING PROCESS

Proposed Development

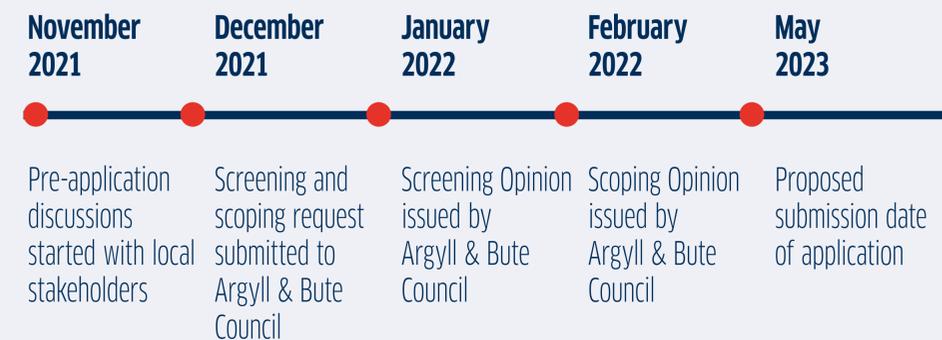
The Proposed Development will have a surface area of 1.67 ha, meaning that under the 'Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009' the Proposed Development is defined as 'Local Development'.

Under Schedule 2 of the 'Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017', the Proposed Development is required to undergo full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

THERE ARE 5 KEY STAGES TO THE EIA PROCESS

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Screening and scoping (complete)	Preparation of the EIA report (current phase)	Application Submission	Decision making	Post-decision actions

Timeline and next steps



ARGYLL & BUTE SCOPING OPINION

KEY ASPECTS REQUIRING FURTHER ASSESSMENT

Landscape and visual

The fit and scale of the West Gigha development needs to be assessed against the character of the adjacent Gigha coastline.

Water environment

The assessment should address the consequences of the Proposed Development in terms of hydrological, waste management and pollution control considerations.

Noise

Sensitive receptors (particularly occupied properties) should be identified along with an assessment of on-site noise sources and physical or management practices to limit the propagation of noise nuisance.

Economic considerations

The assessment should identify direct and indirect benefits associated with the procurement, construction and operation of the Proposed Development, including consequences for the viability of the business and the maintenance of employment and the creation of new job opportunities.

Nature conservation

An assessment should be made of potential impacts on;

- Benthic habitats and species;
- Wild salmonid populations;
- Sound of Gigha SPA; and
- Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC

Operational measures

Details of stocking, fallowing, working procedures and practices and contingencies should be provided to demonstrate how effects upon the receiving environment will be minimised.

Conflict with other marine users

The assessment should consider potential conflict with established marine users and should detail the outcome of consultation with representative bodies.

YOUR OPINION

We value your feedback



We are committed to engaging with and listening to you during the process and would encourage you to discuss our proposals with us and provide feedback.

Please speak to a member of the team or you can get in touch with us by emailing: communities@bakkafrost.com or visit bakkafrostscotland.com

The opportunity to provide formal feedback to Argyll and Bute Council on the Proposed Development will be available after the application has been submitted.



View from the Twin Beaches, Gigha

NATURE CONSERVATION

Potential impacts on benthic habitats and species

KEY ASPECTS

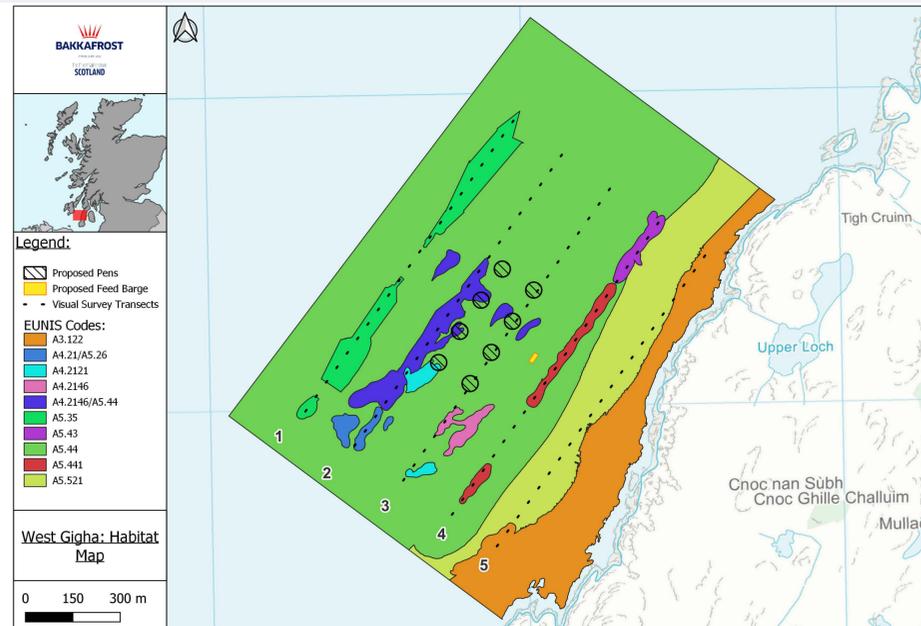
Remote operated vehicle (ROV) and grab sample surveys have been completed to assess the benthic environment.

Detailed benthic habitat maps of the development area prepared.

The following habitats have been identified as being of conservation interest:

- Kelp and seaweed communities on sublittoral sediment (Priority Marine Feature (PMF)) (A5.521 (light green)); and
- Annex I (92/43/EEC) Bedrock Reef habitats (A4.21/A5.26 (dark blue), A4.2121 (light blue), A4.2146 (pink), and A4.2146/A5.44 (dark purple)).

The potential impacts of the Proposed Development on these habitats as well as the general benthic environment will be assessed in the EIA to determine the significance of the effect in relation to the EIA regulations.



NATURE CONSERVATION

Potential impacts on wild salmonid populations

KEY ASPECTS

We have consulted with the Argyll District Salmon Fisheries Board (ADSFB) to inform our understanding of the wild salmonid populations in the wider area.

Detailed sea lice dispersal modelling will be undertaken for the Proposed Development to assess potential effects.

The Proposed Development may interact with local wild salmonids through; potential for sea lice transfer, potential for disease transfer and potential for genetic introgression.

These interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.



Potential impacts on the Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC

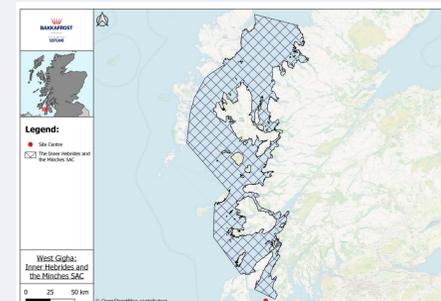
KEY ASPECTS

We have developed an understanding of the baseline environment and of harbour porpoise utilisation of the immediate and wider marine environment.

Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADDs) will not be deployed as standard practice at the Proposed Development. Instead, the site will use proactive, passive predator control measures.

The Proposed Development may interact with harbour porpoise through; marine vessel activity, underwater noise and entanglement.

These interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.



NATURE CONSERVATION

Potential impacts on the Sound of Gigha SPA

KEY ASPECTS

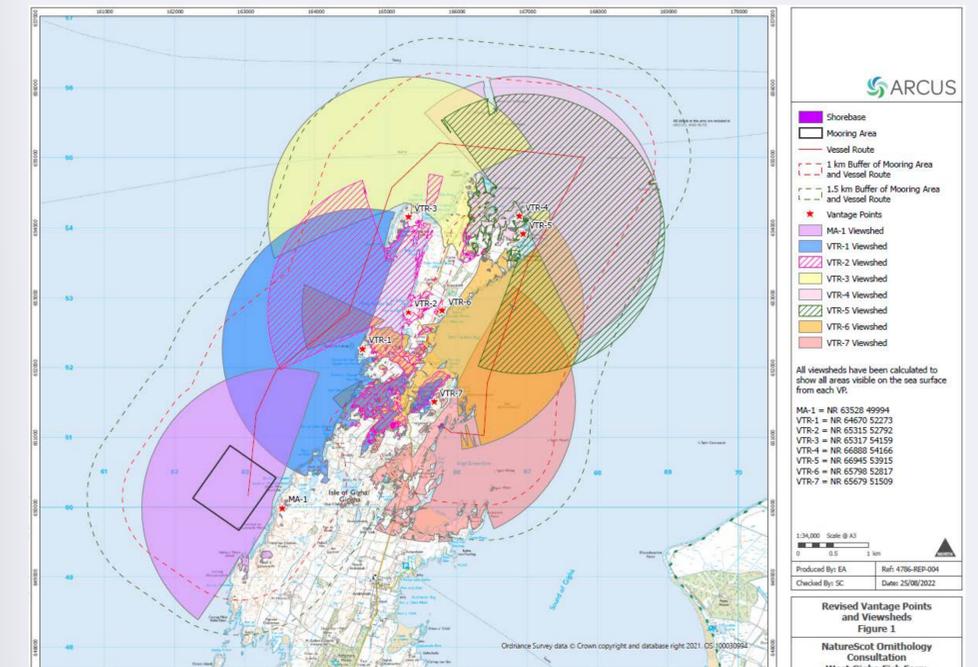
We have consulted with NatureScot and agreed to carry out a full winter season bird survey to inform our understanding of how SPA qualifying features use the area surrounding the Proposed Development.

The survey is being carried out by a specialist, independent consultancy.

The full findings of the survey will be provided in support of the planning application.

The Proposed Development may interact with SPA features through; entanglement, disturbance, displacement and loss of prey-supporting habitats.

These interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.



LANDSCAPE & VISUAL ASSESSMENT

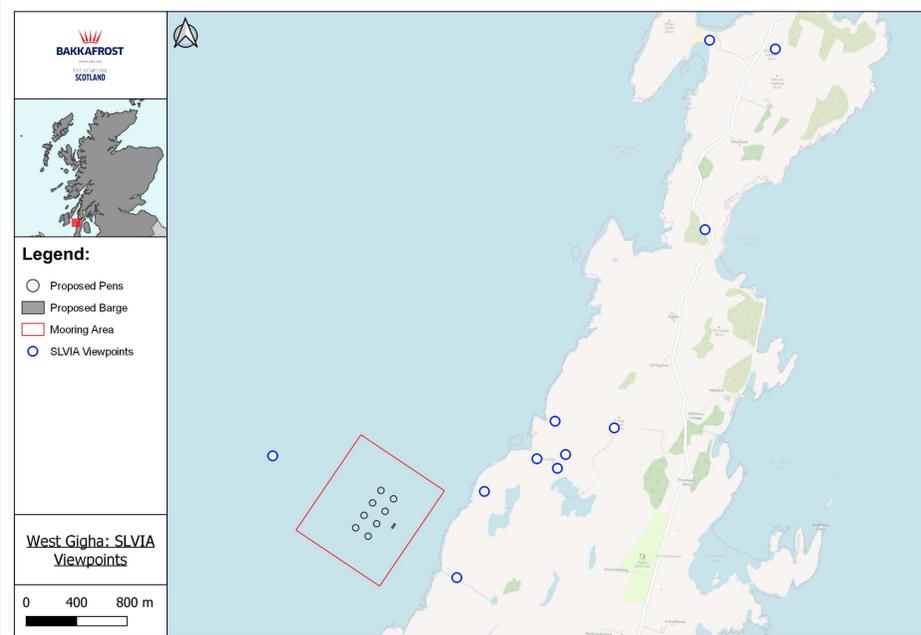


KEY ASPECTS

Specialist, independent consultancy are undertaking a full Seascape, Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA). Part of this assessment includes preparation of photomontages from selected viewpoints.

Viewpoints selected based on the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) of the Proposed Development.

The detailed findings of this assessment will be submitted in support of the planning application. The assessment will determine the significance of any effects.



WATER ENVIRONMENT & NOISE ASSESSMENT



Water environment

KEY ASPECTS

We have assessed the potential for nutrient enhancement as a result of the operation of the Proposed Development. Results indicate that enhancement will be of negligible magnitude.

SEPA will review this assessment when the planning application is submitted.

Through the EIA process the impact on the water environment will be fully assessed to determine the significance of any potential effects. This will include assessment of nutrients, chemicals and organic matter in the water environment.

Noise assessment

KEY ASPECTS

We have carried out a desk-based assessment to determine the baseline condition and identify potential noise sensitive receptors.

Three residential properties to the north of the Proposed Development (>1.3 km) have been identified as potential receptors. There is no direct line of sight between these residential properties and the Proposed Development.

A location on the 'Western Link' footpath has also been included as a potential receptor, to include recreational users who may experience noise from the Proposed Development for short periods of time.

We have identified various measures to avoid and reduce the potential impacts of noise generation.

Through the EIA process the impact of noise generation and propagation will be fully assessed to determine the significance of any potential effects.

OTHER AREAS OF ASSESSMENT



The following areas have also been considered within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report

KEY ASPECTS

Alternative Sites and Design Innovation	Marine Cultural Heritage
Traffic and Transport	Impacts on and Resilience to Climate Change
Vulnerability to Disasters and Major Accidents	Species and Habitats of Conservation Importance
Navigation, Anchorage, Commercial Fisheries and Other Non-Recreational Maritime Uses	Socio-Economic, Access, and Recreation.

