

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045160

Permit being assessed: BP0169801

For: TAWE & TRIBS ANGLING ASSOC'N HEOL T, held by TAWE AND TRIBUTARIES ANGLING ASSOC

At: TAWE & TRIBS ANGLING ASSOCIATION, HEOL TAWE, ABERCRAVE, SWANSEA, .

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 03/09/2024, between 12:30 and 12:40.

Parts of permit assessed: Whole Permit

NRW Lead Officer: Chris Gurney.

Report sent to: Club Secretary, Permit Holder, on 13/09/2024.

1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-D1 - Water Quality - Information - Records	C3 Minor	1.2.1 (b)
WQ-D1 - Water Quality - Information - Records	Action only (X)	
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	Action only (X)	
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	Action only (X)	

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-D1	Vary permit to accurately depict discharge location	31/03/2025
WQ-D1	Vary permit to reflect correct contact information	31/03/2025
WQ-A1	Confirm details regarding Waste deposit on site.	27/09/2024
WQ-B3	Confirm volume/quantity of water abstracted daily.	27/09/2024

Action criteria codes are listed in the 'Important information' section below.

3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

You are non-compliant with your permit.

At this time, we are issuing you with a warning for the non-compliance recorded above. Warnings may influence future enforcement response for continued or further non-compliance.

This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

4. Details of our assessment

Due to the historic nature of this permit, this CAR Form has been issued to the address registered for Tawe and Tributaries Angling Association on Companies House.

I attended site on the 3 September 2024 on an unannounced inspection, the weather was showery clearing to warm sunny spells. Some heavy rain in the preceding few days had raised river levels.

On entry to the site I identified the abstraction point which appeared to direct the flow to the 5 fish rearing chambers. There was significant stands of Japanese Knotweed around the point and around the perimeter of the site. Japanese Knotweed is an Invasive Non-Native species and you need to ensure it does not spread or cause nuisance from your site or else you may be liable.

ACTION: Confirm the volume/quantity of water abstracted daily for use on site. Confirm no later than 27/09/2024.

By one of the rearing enclosures I identified a hole that had been dug and a volume of what appears to be waste deposited within - see enclosed photo.

ACTION: Please confirm the purpose of this hole, the origins and classification of this waste and if the waste has been brought onto site or transferred off site, any copies of relevant Waste Transfer Notes you have. Also confirm the final destination of the waste photographed. Confirm no later than 27/09/2024.

The 5 rearing enclosures all appeared to discharge to the same location, which was directly into the River Tawe through an old chamber that was in a state of disrepair. This is in contravention to the permit which states the discharge will be into the Unnamed Tributary of the River Tawe and consist of settled fish farm effluent – the effluent had not been through any settlement process that was visible.

Similarly there was no obvious flow monitoring; while this is not a requirement as such I would like to know if you have any indications of the typical/average discharge flow rate from the site.

ACTION: The permit needs varying to accurately reflect the discharge location. The site infrastructure may also need updating to include settlement before discharge.

On return to the office and further investigation it appears the permit may be held by a previous representative of the club which is no longer applicable, so the permit will need varying to include up-to-date contact information/ownership.

ACTION: Vary the permit to reflect current permit holder contact information.

If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.

Important information

Legal status of this report

Your permit is issued to you under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your permit and prevent pollution/harm to the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice
- review the conditions of your permit.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

Assessment result	Description
Assessed (A)	Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found
Action only (X)	Action only relating to the activity assessment
Ongoing (O)	Ongoing non-compliance, not scored

Non-compliance category	Description
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend non-compliance for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. These will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

WQ B: Operations

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

WQ C: Emissions and monitoring

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution, serving a notice on you and/or suspension or revocation of your permit. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

Data protection notice

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (e.g. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

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If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be

added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within 20 working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00), or email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

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