

EASR Permit Decision Document – Water Authorisation(s)
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Section A: General Information

Application Reference Number	APP2025-00000051
Authorisation Number	CAR/L/1012134 (link)
Type of Application	Variation - Operator Initiated
Type of Activity	Impoundment
Does Application Include Multiple Activities e.g. (Industrial Activities or Waste)	No
Are Water Permitting the lead C/O	Yes
Accelerated Determination	No
Variation Number	Format of numbering to be confirmed
Location Description	Stanley Mills Power Station
Location NGR (<i>Cage Centre NGR (Aquaculture)</i>)	NO 1174 3325
Name of affected waterbody	River Tay
Name(s) of any sensitive catchment(s)	N/A
Date Application received	19/11/2025
Date Application validated	25/11/2025
Date Statutory Determination Period Ends	19/04/2026 (extended one month)
Date of Agreed Extension	
Final Determination outcome	Select an option..
Effective Date	Date of Issue or As Specified
Additional Documents to be issued with permit (<i>eg Emamectin Benzoate re-treat sheet including effective date</i>)	Select an option..
Subject to Commercial Confidentiality claim?	No
Subject to National Security?	No
Fit & proper Person check complete	Select an option..
Other sensitive information	No
Any non-standard conditions? (<i>Must be agreed with Permit Reform and UM</i>)	No

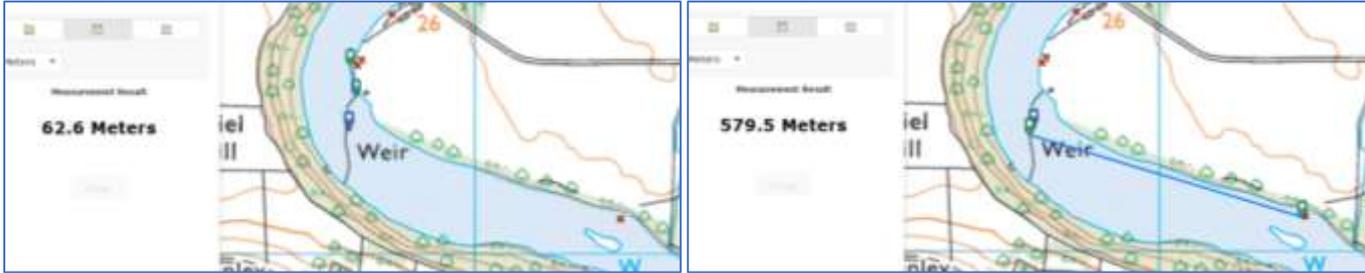
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Section B: Background, Pre-app and Mitigation Information

Application

Works to reinstate the original extent and condition of the weir will be carried out during May to July which corresponds to usual low flows. But because the extent of the repairs is greater than 70% of the weir, they were deemed not maintenance during pre-app.

The works take place during summer. There are no Salmon spawning grounds, and the works don't include blasting or pile driving.

There are lamprey habitats near that are identified to SEPA by NatureScot. These are shown below.



I assess this under the WR impoundment regime. HTG advised this reinstatement of an authorised structure does not need morphological assessment. Similarly, Hydrology advised that this abstraction is already authorised and doesn't need a new assessment.

Is this an RBMP/WEF project? or Can other RBMP/WEF measure be impacted by the proposal?	No - No RBMP/WEF implications
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Name/ID of WEF/RBMP project: 6498
 Name/ID of WEF/RBMP project impacted: na
 Additional information: Pressure is physical condition which is at scoping stage 2. There are no objectives nor measures.
 This water body is on RBMP, however there are no objectives or measures and there is no change to its footprint. HTG acknowledges it's unlikely they will consider removing this actively used weir. Passes the RBMP test.

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Section C: Conservation Test (not CRP)

Conservation Test: Not CRP Application

Refer to (new EASR conservation process and new EASR conservation procedure)													
Details of any designated areas within 500m downstream and whole catchment upstream at permit level	SAC Site Details River Tay SAC code 8366 (link) Tay Bank Section SSSI code 1521 (link)												
If designated area within screening distance (Complete consultation process)	File Ref: Qualifying interests for which the site is designated: <table border="1"> <tr> <td><i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i></td> <td>River lamprey</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Lampetra planeri</i></td> <td>Brook lamprey</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Lutra lutra</i></td> <td>Otter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the <i>Littoreifetia uniflorae</i> and/or of the <i>Isoëto-Nanojuncetia</i></td> <td>Clear-water lakes or lochs with aquatic vegetation and poor to moderate nutrient levels</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Petromyzon marinus</i></td> <td>Sea lamprey</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Salmo salar</i></td> <td>Atlantic salmon</td> </tr> </table>	<i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>	River lamprey	<i>Lampetra planeri</i>	Brook lamprey	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Otter	Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the <i>Littoreifetia uniflorae</i> and/or of the <i>Isoëto-Nanojuncetia</i>	Clear-water lakes or lochs with aquatic vegetation and poor to moderate nutrient levels	<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>	Sea lamprey	<i>Salmo salar</i>	Atlantic salmon
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For SACs and SPAs, outcome of Likely Significant Effect Test	A Likely Significant Effect is likely												
For SACs and SPAs, if a significant effect is likely, details of Nature Scot consultation (Consultation and Response file references)	NatureScot ongoing correspondence												
For SACs and SPAs, if a significant effect was identified as likely, outcome of the appropriate assessment	Select an option..												
For SSSIs – outcome of the assessment of likely damage	Damage is likely												
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Conclusions of assessment of likely significant effect or likely damage in a SAC/SPA/SSSI.													

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Section D: Consultation – Public and Public Body

Refer to (refer to new consultation process – Guidance / Process (EASR))	
Public Consultation required	No Date: 06/03/2026
Reason for Public Consultation Decision <i>(eg Environmental standards breached/not breached or Increased Environmental Impact (Aquaculture Only), Third party interests or Other)</i>	It's an existing structure that it is being refurbished. The repairs do not breach any standards (morphology or hydrology) and do not increase its impact.
Details of Response to Public Consultation <i>(No. of representees, issues raised etc)</i>	na
Third party interests affected <i>(Enter details)</i>	Sporting organisations use the weir
Other Public Body/Bodies Consultation required	Yes Date: 16/03/2026
Details of Other Public Body/Bodies consulted	Other - provide details below Details if required: NatureScot and Tay Fisheries Board
Reason for Other Public Body/Bodies Consultation Decision <i>(eg Environmental standards breached/not breached or Increased Environmental Impact (Aquaculture Only), Third party interests or Other)</i>	Likely significant effect
Details of Public Body Consultation Response <i>(No. of responses, issues raised etc)</i>	

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Section E: Regime specific test (collapse regime test if not applicable)

Water Resource

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Refer to appropriate Guidance on EASR SharePoint and Website Activity Pages	
Environmental Standards Test - Abstractions <i>(Summarise the WRU report. If the proposal causes a breach of environmental standards or deterioration of status use EASR consultation process)</i>	N/A Details: There is no change to current authorised abstraction
Environmental Standards Test - Impoundments <i>(If the proposal causes a deterioration of status, use consultation process in conjunction with EASR guidance)</i>	EAT Local Standards Test: N/A
	EAT Waterbody Test: N/A
	EAT Single Activity Limit (SAL) Test: N/A
	Further assessment by HTG N/A
	Good Practice Test: N/A
Local Knowledge Test Local issues <i>(Details of any issues the local team is aware of that could be affected by proposals)</i>	Fail Local team raises potential issue for Lamprey populations
Justification Test <i>(Impoundments only)</i>	Pass
Water Efficiency Test <i>(Abstractions only)</i>	Pass
Mitigation Test <i>(Impoundments only)</i>	Pass
Mitigation - Fish <i>(Describe the screening arrangements at the intakes(s)/tailrace (hydro only) and any fish passes and plunge pools included. Refer to any fish ecology comments if they were consulted)</i>	Details: Weir provides fish passage
Mitigation - Flows <i>(Provide details of variable hands-off flow as per hydro guidance eg Q80 when upstream flows are Q30. Provide details of maximum abstraction in terms of multiple Qmean as per hydro guidance eg 1.3 x Qmean)</i>	N/A Details of Hands-off flow: na Details of Max. Abstraction: na

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Section F: Derogation Assessment

Derogation Required? <i>(Refer to Guidance)</i>	No
Referred to Derogation Support Group? <i>(Should only be referred to DSG with UM consent)</i>	N/A
Derogation Outcome	N/A

Section G: Monitoring

Inspections Required? <i>(Refer to monitoring guidance which indicates when inspections are needed)</i> <i>(>50 tonnes or <50 tonnes (Aquaculture only))</i>	Select an option..
Number of Inspections p.a. <i>(Hazard Assessment for Inspection Frequency spreadsheet)</i>	Select an option.. Select an option if required..
Sampling required? <i>(Refer to monitoring guidance which sets out the sampling requirements)</i>	Select an option..
Number of Samples p.a.	Select an option.. Select an option if required..
Tracker completed <i>(Including charging activities)</i>	Select an option..
Charging Information – Disposals to Land only <i>(Delete if not applicable)</i>	Charge category: Hydropower Scheme with large impact: with generating capacity greater than 0.5 but less than or equal to 1.0 MW, all abstractions from inland water and associated impoundments (less than or equal to 25,000 cubic metres). Subsistence £ 2617. Environmental component No. Date activity starts:
Is the permit subject to Time & Materials charging?	No
Time & Materials Agresso project code	
Project code emailed to local EP team	Select an option.

N/A

Section H: Timeline of action

Date	Action
21/03/2025	Pre-app done by EPO PG
26/03/2025	Pre-app applicant wants to do works during summer
19/11/2025	Application Received incomplete
21/11/2025	Applicant submits missing info including proof of payment £3060.40. Substantial variation of: Hydropower scheme with moderate impact: with generating capacity greater than 0.5 but less than 1.0MW, all abstractions from inland water and associated impoundments (less than or equal to 25,000 cubic metres) – 70% of full fee (£4372) applicable
02/03/2026	Applicant agrees to extend deadline by one month CO enquires about NatureScot permit and Fisheries Board communications
02/03/2026	Validation Checklist completed by CO
04/03/2026	Emails Fisheries Board and NatureScot to warn them will consult this application with them
06/03/2026	Consulted with HTG senior morphologist MB re: no need for EAT assessment and unlikely to be considered for RBMP measures Emails WRU for input
12/03/2026	Discussed assessment with WR cell re: (1) reinstatement of the weir should be assessed as new impoundment (albeit existing) and that is for the extent of the works being more than 50% of the structure; (2) emailed Hydro-morphology and Fish Ecology for input; (3) reinstatement of impoundment is not mentioned in guidance; (4) conservation test is consulted with NatureScot. Emailed Local EP for local knowledge
13/03/2026	Emails local company for information on third party users around the weir

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