

The Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018

Permit

Allt Beinn Ime Hydro Scheme

EAS/P/6100672



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Grant of Permit

In exercise of its powers under Regulations 22, 23 and Schedule 1 Paragraph 9 of the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (the “Regulations”), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (“SEPA”) grants to the authorised person this permit with effect from the effective date outlined in Table A. This permit authorises the authorised activities, at the corresponding authorised place(s), subject to the conditions specified.

Terms used in this permit, unless otherwise specified (including in the Interpretation of Terms in Schedule 3 of this permit), have the same meaning as in the Regulations.

Table A: General details

Field	Details
Permit reference	EAS/P/6100672
Authorised person	Beinn Ime Hydropower Limited Company number: SC835529 Auchencheyne House Moniaive Thornhill DG3 4EW
Effective date	10/07/2026
Date of this notice	10/07/2026

Table B: Authorised activity 1 details

Field	Details
Authorised activity	The abstraction of water from the water environment and the construction and operation of impounding works in inland water (other than groundwater) or wetlands, and any associated construction works, as further detailed at condition 1.1.1 of Schedule 1 of this permit.
Authorised place(s)	Beinn Ime Hydropower Rest and Be Thankful Argyll and Bute G83 7AS The locations detailed in relation to the abstraction activity at Table 1 and the construction and operation of impounding works activity at Table 4 of Schedule 1 of this permit.
Conditions to which this activity is subject	The conditions contained in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of this permit.

Enforcement

Please note that Regulation 69 of the Regulations outlines certain criminal offences, including under Regulation 69(1)(e), that it is an offence to fail to comply with or contravene a condition of a permit. SEPA may take enforcement action for any non-compliance in line with its Enforcement Policy and Guidance (copies of which are available on SEPA's website). This includes potential prosecution which is punishable on conviction by a fine or imprisonment, or both.

Please note that, directors, managers, partners and other individuals involved in a body corporate, partnership or other unincorporated association (or an individual purporting to act in any such capacity) may be held personally liable for offences under the Regulations.

Appeals

Under Regulation 55(1)(d)(i) of the Regulations you are entitled to appeal in writing to the Scottish Ministers before the expiry of the period of 2 months beginning with the date of this Notice, if you are aggrieved by the conditions attached to your permit (including the specification of standard conditions, but not the standard conditions themselves). The details on submitting an appeal are contained within Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

Any appeal should be sent to:

Planning and Environmental Appeals Division
Ground Floor
Hadrian House
Callendar Business Park
Callendar Road
Falkirk
FK1 1XR

Telephone No: 0300 244 6668

Email: DPEA@gov.scot

Any appeal documentation required to be sent to SEPA should be submitted to:

serviceonsepa@sepa.org.uk

The bringing of an appeal will not have the effect of suspending the operation of any conditions attached to this permit.

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Schedule 1 Run of River hydro scheme

Purpose: This schedule details the water activity that can be carried on. It ensures that activities are carried out in a way that reduces risk to the water environment.

Section 1: The authorised activities

1.1 Authorised activities

1.1.1 The authorised activities are the:

- (a) the abstraction of water from the water environment, detailed in Table 1 of this schedule; and
- (b) the construction and operation of impounding works, in inland water (other than groundwater) or wetlands, detailed in Table 4 of this schedule, and any associated construction works in inland surface water or wetlands;

for the operation of a run of river hydro scheme.

1.1.2 The authorised person must notify SEPA in advance of the date that the scheme becomes operational.

Section 2: Abstraction Activity

2.1 Abstraction

2.1.1 The abstraction of water detailed in Table 1 of this schedule must only be undertaken:

- (a) at the corresponding abstraction location;
- (b) during the corresponding period;
- (c) at the corresponding type of intake; and
- (d) subject to the corresponding maximum rates of abstraction;

specified in Table 1 of this schedule.

2.1.2 The abstraction and equipment used for the abstraction must not cause harm to fish.

2.2 Abstraction return

2.2.1 The abstracted water must be returned to the water environment at the corresponding return location specified in Table 1 of this schedule.

2.2.2 The return of abstracted water must not cause a significant impact on the water environment due to the presence of oil.

2.2.3 The return of abstracted water must not cause significant scouring of the bed or banks of any watercourse.

Table 1 Abstraction location, period, return location, intake and rates of abstraction

Abstraction Reference	Abstraction location	Period	Return location	Intake	Maximum rate of abstraction per second (litres/sec)	Maximum rate of abstraction per day (m ³ /day)	Maximum rate of abstraction per year (m ³ /year)
Main Intake (Intake A)	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2462 0875	All year	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2378 0945	Coanda screen	141 litres	12,182m ³	4,458,612 m ³
Intake B	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2458 0908	All year	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2378 0945	Coanda screen	48 litres	4,147 m ³	1,517,802 m ³
Intake C	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2465 0891	All Year	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2378 0945	Coanda Screen	7.5 litres	648 m ³	237, 168 m ³
Intake D	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2464 0895	All Year	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2378 0945	Coanda Screen	25.5 litres	2,203 m ³	806,298 m ³

2.3 Hands off flow

2.3.1 At each abstraction location in Table 2 of this schedule, there must be no abstraction during the corresponding period, when flows at this location are less than the corresponding flows in Table 2 of this schedule.

Table 2 Hands off flow

Abstraction reference	Abstraction location	Period	Flows (m ³ /second)
Main Intake (Intake A)	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2462 0875	All Year	0.019 m ³ /sec
Intake B	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2458 0908	All Year	0.006 m ³ /sec
Intake C	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2465 0891	All Year	0.002 m ³ /sec
Intake D	Allt Beinn Ime NN2464 0895	All Year	0.003 m ³ /sec

2.4 Residual flow

- 2.4.1 During the corresponding period in any year, the minimum flow downstream of each abstraction location in Table 3 of this schedule, must be delivered when the corresponding flow upstream of each abstraction location, is reached.

Table 3 Residual flow

Abstraction reference	Abstraction location	Period	Flow upstream (m ³ /second)	Flow downstream (m ³ /second)
Main Intake (Intake A)	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2462 0875	All Year	0.108 m ³ /sec	0.027 m ³ /sec
Intake B	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2458 0908	All Year	0.034 m ³ /sec	0.009 m ³ /sec
Intake C	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2465 0891	All Year	0.012 m ³ /sec	0.003 m ³ /sec
Intake D	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2464 0895	All Year	0.019 m ³ /sec	0.005 m ³ /sec

Section 3: Impoundment activities

3.1 Construction and operation of impounding works

3.1.1 The construction and operation of impounding works detailed in Table 4 of this schedule, must only be undertaken;

- (a) at the corresponding impoundment location(s); and
- (b) subject to the corresponding controls;

specified in Table 4 of this schedule.

Table 4 Impoundment description, location and controls

Impoundment description	Impoundment location	Controls
Main Intake (Intake A)	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2462 0875	The impoundment height must be no more than 2.1 metres. Any works must not be undertaken in the wetted part of the watercourse or loch when fish are likely to be spawning in the watercourse or loch, nor during the period between such spawning and the subsequent emergence of juvenile fish.

Impoundment description	Impoundment location	Controls
Intake B	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2458 0908	The impoundment height must be no more than 1.1 metres. Any works must not be undertaken in the wetted part of the watercourse or loch when fish are likely to be spawning in the watercourse or loch, nor during the period between such spawning and the subsequent emergence of juvenile fish.
Intake C	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2465 0891	The impoundment height must be no more than 0.9 metres. Any works must not be undertaken in the wetted part of the watercourse or loch when fish are likely to be spawning in the watercourse or loch, nor during the period between such spawning and the subsequent emergence of juvenile fish.

Impoundment description	Impoundment location	Controls
Intake D	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2464 0895	The impoundment height must be no more than 0.9 metres. Any works must not be undertaken in the wetted part of the watercourse or loch when fish are likely to be spawning in the watercourse or loch, nor during the period between such spawning and the subsequent emergence of juvenile fish.

3.2 Operation of impoundment(s)

3.2.1 The operation of the impoundment(s):

- (a) must not cause significant erosion of the bed or banks;
- (b) must not cause harm to fish; and
- (c) must not have a significant impact on the water environment as a result of:
 - (i) iridescence or sheen;
 - (ii) discolouration; or
 - (iii) deposition of solids.

3.3 Fish passage downstream

3.3.1 The impoundment(s) referenced in Table 5 of this schedule, must have a plunge pool provided;

- (a) at the corresponding location;
- (b) with a minimum corresponding width and depth; and
- (c) with no more than the corresponding vertical drop;

specified in Table 5, of this schedule.

Table 5 Plunge pool location and dimensions

Impoundment description	Location	Minimum width (metres)	Minimum depth (metres)	Maximum vertical drop (metres)
Main Intake (Intake A)	Allt Beinn Ime At a midpoint NGR of NN 2462 0875	7.5	0.7	2.1
Intake B	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2458 0908	3.35	0.37	1.1
Intake C	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2465 0891	1.75	0.3	0.9
Intake D	Allt Beinn Ime NN 2464 0895	1.75	0.3	0.9

3.3.2 The exit notch from the plunge pool(s) to the watercourse must have a minimum width of 150mm.

3.3.3 There must be a minimum water depth of 100mm through the exit notch.

3.3.4 The plunge pool(s), maintenance and operation of the plunge pool(s), must not cause harm to fish.

Section 4: Fish screens

4.1.1 The structure(s) detailed in Table 6 of this schedule, must have a screen provided;

- (a) during the corresponding period;
- (b) at the corresponding location; and
- (c) with the corresponding gap size;

specified in Table 6 of this schedule.

4.1.2 The fish screen(s), maintenance and operation of the fish screen(s), must not cause harm to fish.

Table 6 Fish screens

Structure	Period	Location	Maximum gap size (mm)	Minimum gap size (mm)
Main Intake (Intake A)	All year	Allt Beinn lme NN 2462 0875	10	N/A
Intake B	All year	Allt Beinn lme NN 2458 0908	10	N/A
Intake C	All year	Allt Beinn lme NN 2465 0891	10	N/A
Intake D	All year	Allt Beinn lme NN 2464 0895	10	N/A
Abstraction Return	All year	Allt Beinn lme NN 2378 0945	20	N/A

Section 5: Construction of impoundment and associated construction works

5.1 Construction of impoundment(s)

- 5.1.1 Where the channel, bed or banks immediately adjacent to impoundment locations in Table 4 of this schedule have been adversely impacted by any construction works, they must be reinstated at least to their previous condition immediately prior to the works, as soon as reasonably practicable.

5.2 Associated construction works

- 5.2.1 Construction works associated with the construction of impoundments in Table 4 of this schedule, must not be undertaken:
- (a) in the wetted part of any watercourse or loch unless it is impracticable to complete the works otherwise; and
 - (b) in the wetted part of any watercourse or loch when fish are likely to be spawning in the watercourse or loch, nor during the period between such spawning and the subsequent emergence of juvenile fish
- 5.2.2 Construction works on the bed or bank associated with the construction of an impoundment in Table 4 of this schedule, must be removed as soon as reasonably practicable after the completion of the impoundment.
- 5.2.3 Where the channel, bed or banks have been adversely impacted by any associated construction works, they must be reinstated at least to their condition immediately prior to the works, as soon as reasonably practicable.

5.3 Impoundment construction and associated construction works

5.3.1 The construction of impoundment(s) detailed in Table 4 of this schedule and any associated construction work:

- (a) must not have a significant impact on the water environment as a result of:
 - (i) iridescence or sheen;
 - (ii) discolouration;
 - (iii) deposition of solids; or
 - (iv) increased foaming;
- (b) must not cause significant erosion of the bed or bank;
- (c) must not cause harm to freshwater pearl mussels;
- (d) must not cause harm to fish;
- (e) must not cause the spread of invasive non-native species within the water environment;
- (f) must not prevent the passage of migratory fish;
- (g) must not have a significant adverse impact on any supply of water for human consumption; or
- (h) must not result in the introduction of any substance or heat to the water environment which may give rise to harm to the water environment.

Section 6: Record keeping and data submission

6.1 Record keeping

6.1.1 All information recorded, kept or submitted to SEPA in accordance with a condition of this authorisation must be:

- (a) true and accurate;
- (b) kept for a minimum of six years; and
- (c) provided to SEPA upon request.

6.1.2 For each abstraction location in Table 1 of this schedule, records must be kept of;

- (a) the total volume of water abstracted each day in cubic metres (m³); and
- (b) the days when there has been no abstraction of water.

6.2 Data Submission

6.2.1 The information detailed in 6.1.2 of this schedule must be submitted to SEPA annually no later than the 31st January each year.

6.2.2 The information specified in 6.1.2 of this schedule, must be submitted to SEPA via email in the 'abstraction data return form' supplied by SEPA to WRDataReturns@sepa.org.uk

Schedule 2 Environmental events

Section 1: Events notification and reporting

1.1 Notification of SEPA

1.1.1 SEPA must be notified via its pollution hotline contact telephone number as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case within 24 hours of identification of an event, of any of the following:

- (a) An event that has caused or could cause adverse impact to the environment or harm to human health;
- (b) An event that results, or could result, in an emission to the environment that is not authorised by this permit;
- (c) An event that has caused a breach of a condition of this authorisation.

In this condition, the meaning of ‘event’ is as defined in the Interpretation of terms of this authorisation.

1.2 Management of the event

1.2.1 All measures that are reasonably practicable must be taken to stop an event, as described in 1.1.1 of this schedule and to minimise its effect on the environment.

1.3 Reporting of the event

1.3.1 Within 14 days of an event as described in 1.1.1 of this schedule a report must be submitted to SEPA detailing:

- (a) The reason(s) for the event;
- (b) The action(s) taken to stop the event and minimise the impacts; and
- (c) The action(s) taken to prevent the event from recurring.

Schedule 3 Interpretation of terms

Table 1: Interpretation of terms

Term	Definition
abstraction data return form	A link to this form is on SEPAs water-data-returns webpage.
construction works	The carrying out of any building, civil engineering or engineering construction works, including the clearance or preparation of the site.
environmental harm	(a) Harm to the health of human beings or living organisms, (b) Harm to the quality of the water environment, including: (i) harm to the quality of the water environment taken as a whole, (ii) other impairment of, or interference with, the quality of aquatic ecosystems or terrestrial ecosystems directly depending on aquatic ecosystems, (c) Offence to the sense of human beings, (d) Damage to property, or (e) Impairment of, or any interference with, amenities or other legitimate uses of the water environment.
event	• any accident which has caused or could cause environmental harm; or • any malfunction, breakdown or failure of plant, infrastructure or techniques which has caused or could cause environmental harm; or • force majeure or action taken to save human life or limb.

Term	Definition
fish pass	Any structure or feature, including a ladder, fish way or lift which facilitates the passage, upstream or downstream, of fish around, over or through an obstacle to fish passage.
impoundment height	the height as measured from the lowest downstream point of the impounding works to the highest point of the impounding works.
ordnance datum (OD)	A vertical datum used by an Ordnance survey as the basis for deriving altitudes on maps.

Except where specified otherwise, any reference to an enactment or statutory instrument includes a reference to it as amended (whether before or after the date of the authorisation) and to any other enactment, which may after the date of the authorisation replace or amend it.