



University of the
Highlands and Islands
Shetland

Fish Welfare

1 or 2 day taught course

OR self-study via online distance learning

Accreditation: ---

Length of course: ½ day taught course OR 4-5 hours by self-study online.

Who is this course aimed at: This course is aimed at workers in all sectors of the aquaculture industry, including marine and fresh water production, live fish transportation, harvesting and processing.

The course satisfies the training requirements of the RSPCA welfare standards for farmed Atlantic salmon (based on the 'Freedom Food' standards of the Farm Animal Welfare Committee). It also meets the compliance requirements for other certification schemes (including GLOBALG.A.P.) and codes of practice.

Entry Requirements: None. No prior knowledge of fish welfare is required.

Course Outcomes: Fish Welfare certificate

Course Description: The course covers a variety of topics relevant to the welfare of farmed fish, including:

- Legislation and codes of practice.
- Effects on fish welfare of water quality, husbandry, fish handling and harvesting.
- Disease management and Veterinary Health and Welfare Plans (VHWPs).
- Sea lice treatments and effects on fish welfare.
- Effects of fish welfare on product quality.
- Monitoring and record keeping.

The two-day taught course covers some topics in more detail and includes a practical element.

Other Information:



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The Fish Welfare course can be delivered as a 1 or 2 day course at Shetland UHI or elsewhere by arrangement. The 2-day course covers some topics in more detail and includes a practical element.

Alternatively, the course can be completed by self-study through online distance learning using the UHI's 'Brightspace' virtual learning environment.

The online course is flexible and can be undertaken as and when is convenient to the student on any computer, tablet or smartphone with internet access. The total required study time is normally about 8 to 10 hours and an online assessment must be completed to receive a course certificate. Online students have 6 months from enrolment to complete the course.

Full instructions for online study are provided at enrolment and online students can contact a Shetland UHI tutor for assistance at any stage of the course.