

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority's (NFSA) Regulatory sandbox for aquaculture for the Southern and Western region in Norway

Application form

Applicants must be able to answer “yes” to the following 5 questions:

1. The project takes the welfare and biology of the fish into consideration from the very beginning.
2. The project is in the Norwegian Food Safety Authority's management sphere and will take place in the Authority's Southern and Western region (the counties of Agder, Rogaland and Vestland).
3. The project will benefit fish health/welfare/the aquaculture industry/food safety and/or contribute to increased sustainability.
4. The technology/service/product will involve innovation or something genuinely new.
5. The project is time-limited and ready to start.

Applications (editable PDF file) and any questions should be sent to sandkasse@mattilsynet.no

About the company/companies

1. Company name and company registration number	(If there are several companies involved in the same project, they can all be listed here. Please state the name of the company which is primarily responsible for the sandbox work first.)
2. Any approvals and permits from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority	(Site approvals along with the site number if the company has such and if it is relevant for the implementation of the project.)
3. Brief description of the company/companies	(Max. 150 words: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information about the company. - The size of the company, preferably including the number of employees/customers. - Whether it is a private or public enterprise. - If the application applies to several companies, please include information about all of them.)
4. Link to a website describing the company/companies	(e.g.: virksomhet.no/about the company.)
5. Is the project located in the Norwegian Food Safety Authority's Southern and Western region?	(The sandbox only includes projects located in the Norwegian Food Safety Authority's Southern and Western region.)

6. Company contact	(All correspondence will be sent to whoever is responsible for contact. Name: Position/role : E-mail: Phone.:)
7. Company address(es)	(Please enter the company's official address.)
8. Type of company	(Please describe the type of company that applies to the applicant(s).)
9. Management	(If the project has a board of directors, please state the names and offices of all members. Please enter the names and roles of senior executives.)
10. Groups/owners	(Please enter any group affiliations and/or owners of the companies involved.)
Criteria for participation (max. 250 words per item)	
11. The project takes the welfare and biology of the fish into consideration from the very beginning.	(Please describe how this criterion is being fulfilled?)
12. The project is in the Norwegian Food Safety Authority's management sphere and will take place in the Authority's Southern and Western region (the counties of Agder, Rogaland and Vestland).	(Please describe how this criterion is being fulfilled?.)
13. The project will benefit fish health/welfare/the aquaculture industry/food safety and/or contribute towards increased sustainability.	(Please describe how this criterion is being fulfilled?.)
14. The technology/service/product will involve innovation or something genuinely new.	(Please describe how this criterion is being fulfilled?.)
15. The project is time-limited and ready to start.	(Please describe how this criterion is being fulfilled?.)
About the project	

<p>16. Please describe the project.</p>	<p>(Please describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The product, method or service and technology involved. -The purpose of the project incl. target group. - The anticipated benefits for the aquaculture industry/fish health/fish welfare/food safety. (Examples of benefits may be health/welfare benefits for the fish, reduced risk of infection in wild fish, sustainability and innovation, etc.)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Whether or not the project is in the planning phase, the development phase, the pilot/test phase or the production phase. -What has been done, if anything, in the way of tests/trials in the past.)
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<p>17. What approvals and permits do you think will be required?</p>	<p>(Please describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What you think is required in the way of approvals and permits, including those issued by other agencies (e.g. County Governor, FiDir, Norwegian Environment Agency, County Council, etc.) -How this project challenges current regulations or management practices in the Norwegian Food Safety Authority's management sphere.)
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<p>18. Why do you think the sandbox is important for the project?</p>	<p>(Please describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What you would like to achieve by participating in the sandbox. - What issues you would like the sandbox to address. If there are several, please place them in order of priority and feel free to select the most important one. For example, legality, ethics, fish welfare, fish health, circular economy, consideration of wild fish, food safety, etc. - Please provide your own assessment of your level of ambition for the project. For example, "basic clarifications for testing new equipment, etc. - What plans you have for the project after participating in the sandbox.)
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<p>19. In what way will you ensure that fish welfare is safeguarded and measured on the basis of objective criteria?</p>	<p>(Please describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What measurements you think might be relevant at the different stages of the project and why. - Please state the name of a dedicated person who will be dealing with fish welfare)
<p>20. What resources and how many (internal and external) people will be involved in the project?</p>	<p>(Please describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The expertise (especially biological, technical and welfare expertise) the company will bring into the project. - Other relevant professional expertise connected to the project. -Any affiliation with knowledge clusters or research institutions, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Who is responsible for the progress of the project and how much time/many resources have been set aside for project management. -How many resources (people/working weeks/etc.) do you plan on using during the sandbox part of the project.)
<p>21. Please describe the timeframe that you assume you will need for the sandbox venture.</p>	<p>(Please describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When you are ready to start work in the regulatory sandbox. -How long will it be necessary to work in the sandbox?)