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Our reference: DAERA/26-79
Date: 27 February 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 – EIR 26-79

Thank you for your email received by us on 05th February 2026 where you requested information listed below.

1. The total number of individual wrasse (all species, including but not limited to Ballan, Goldsinny, Corkwing and Cuckoo wrasse) recorded on Export Health Certificates (EHCs) or equivalent documentation for transport from Northern Ireland to Scotland for the calendar years 2023 and 2025.
2. Where held, a breakdown of these figures by port or location of departure (for example, Killyleagh, Strangford, Larne).
3. The total number of Export Health Certificates issued during this period that relate specifically to live wrasse and/or cleaner fish destined for use in aquaculture.
4. Confirmation of whether any Electronic Data Monitoring (EDM), tracking logs, transport records, or equivalent monitoring data are held by the Department in relation to these movements.

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I can confirm that the Department holds some of the information requested and has released the information which we do hold attached in Annex A
Points 2 and 4 have been answered in the Annex as normal business requests.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady, BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

Point 1.

Year	Species					Total Wrasse
	BALLAN	CORKWING	ROCK COOK	GOLDSINNY	CUCKOO	
2023	62126	56266	9216	6660	1888	136156
2024	58348	53277	9643	9076	1812	132156
2025	74286	63280	8843	5516	0	156924*

*5000 individuals of species are not recorded but are included in 2025 total

Point 2. There is a single approved establishment handling wrasse in Northern Ireland and is based in Ballymoney, the operator is listed on the Departments public register of establishments available here: [Public Register of Approved Aquaculture Establishments | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.](#)

Point 3. There have been 55 Health certificates issued in the period 2023-2025.

Point 4. We can confirm that the department holds transport records provided by the operator for these movements.

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