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**Licence No:** **S086266/1**

**Valid From:** **11<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Expiry:** **28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

### **WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)**

**Licence to release non-native or Schedule 9 species for the purpose of permitting an activity prohibited by section 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and to trap Schedule 6ZA animals for the purpose of permitting an activity prohibited by section 11(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.**

This licence, granted under Section 16(3)(b), 16(3)(c), 16(3ZA), 16(4)(c), and Section 16 (5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), by the Natural Resources Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales, hereby authorises the person named above, hereinafter referred to as the "licensee", their nominated ecologist Alicia Leow-Dyke and their accredited agents Kim Williams, Adrian Jones and Róisín Campbell-Palmer to:

1. **release** a maximum of 6 **Eurasian beaver (*Castor fiber*)** into a secure enclosure at **Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve, Derwenlas, Machynllech, Powys. SY20 8SR. Grid Reference SN 703 984**
2. **trap Eurasian beaver (*Castor fiber*)** that may escape from the secure enclosure;
3. **examine** any ring or mark including ear tags and identification chips on **Eurasian beaver (*Castor fiber*) that have been trapped;**

on and around the **Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve, Derwenlas** within the county of **Powys**.

***When undertaking any activity under this licence the most up to date guidance provided by the Welsh Government in relation to Covid-19 must be adhered to.***

This licence is valid for the period **as stated above** and is granted subject to compliance with the conditions as specified. Anything done otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the licence may constitute an offence.



Signed for and on behalf of  
**Natural Resources Wales**

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Correspondence welcomed in Welsh and English

## CONDITIONS

### Definitions

'NRW' is an abbreviation of the Natural Resources Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales

'EPS' is an abbreviation of European protected species

- 3 All the work carried out under this licence will be undertaken in accordance with:
- **the licence application:** received via email 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019,
  - **the method statement:** 'Application to Natural Resources Wales to release Eurasian beaver *Castor fiber* into a secure enclosure at Cors Dyfi Wildlife Centre – December 2018 Updated December 2019 Re-submitted via email 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020,
  - the Dyfi Wildlife Centre Beaver Project Communications Plan that accompanied the Licensees Application – dated April 2018 updated December 2019 received 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019,
  - Cors Dyfi Beaver Enclosure – Otter Survey received via email 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020,
  - Otter report supplementary info – dated July 2020 received 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020,
  - Veterinary Risk Assessment - Enclosed release Cors Dyfi Eurasian Beaver 29-5-20 received 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020,
  - Exit strategy dated January 2021 received via email 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021,
  - Escape, Recapture and Fence Maintenance Strategy dated January 2021 received via email 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- 11 Within four weeks after the expiry of this licence the Licensee or Nominated Ecologist shall submit to NRW details of the activities and operations undertaken by virtue of this licence. Evidence to demonstrate how the activity has complied with the method statement, including photographs, will be included in the end of licence report form.
- 13 Monitoring of the released beavers and the enclosure as referred to in Section 10 of 'Application to Natural Resources Wales to release Eurasian beaver *Casor fiber* into a secure enclosure at Cors Dyfi Wildlife Centre' and in the Escape, Recapture and Fence Maintenance Strategy – January 2021' is to be undertaken from the date hereof to February 2026. An annual report must be submitted to NRW by the 31 March of each year. This report must include:
- Details of the beaver's condition, activity and any evidence of breeding;
  - Condition of the enclosure fencing and otter passage infrastructure;
  - A detailed log of any repairs made to the enclosure fencing;
  - A detailed log of any otter passage repairs;
  - A detailed log of any escapes and action taken;
  - Details of the ecological monitoring undertaken on aquatic invertebrates, bats and bryophytes;
  - Details of any visual changes to habitat using the fixed-point photography method;
  - Water level measurements using the installed dip-wells.
- 100 All beavers to be released must be the Eurasian beaver (*Castor fiber*) and must be UK born either captive bred or sourced from wild caught stock in Scotland.
- 101 The Licensee must inform NRW at [specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) 14 days in advance of the release date of beavers into the enclosure.
- 102 Prior to the release of any beavers the enclosure fence must be inspected and approved by an independent expert with evidence of such approval provided to NRW in writing before the beavers are released. The Licensee must ensure that the enclosure into which the beavers are released is securely fenced at all times so as to prevent beavers escaping.
- 103 Prior to their release, all beavers must be screened for Salmonella, Leptospirosis, *Cryptosporidium parvum* and *Giardia lambia* and certified as healthy and fit for release by a qualified veterinary surgeon.

- 104 Prior to their release, all beavers must be marked with ear tags (if >18 months old) and digital identification chips. All beavers born within the enclosure must be caught and chipped as soon as reasonably possible after emergence and ear tagged when they have reached the age of 18 months. Beaver identification numbers must be provided to NRW within 28 days after marking.
- 105 Prior to the release of any beavers, the Licensee must ensure that all people acting under this licence are appropriately trained and experienced, and fully aware of the licence terms and conditions.
- 106 Beavers released at the location specified in this licence, **or their offspring**, must not be moved to any other location unless NRW has provided its prior written approval including a separate licence if required. This does not apply where a beaver is removed for veterinary treatment and is re-released into the original enclosure or euthanised.
- 107 The Licensee or Nominated Ecologist must put in place adequate resources and trained personnel to ensure the prompt recovery of any beaver that escape from the enclosure.
- 108 If any animals die whilst in transit in Wales or following release into the enclosure their carcass must be submitted to the Animal and Plant Health Agency for post-mortem examination with a copy of the report provided to NRW. This condition does not apply if any beaver dies underground in their lodge or burrow which means that carcass removal is not possible.
- 109 The security of the enclosure must be checked daily between spring and early autumn and monitored with CCTV and camera traps. From late autumn and throughout winter the enclosure must be inspected at least twice a week. Any damage to the enclosure fencing must be secured immediately and repaired to the approved standard within 24 hours of the defect being discovered. Within 48 hours of the completion of any repairs to the enclosure fencing, the Licensee must notify NRW in writing as to the nature of the damage and the works carried out.
- 110 Prior to carrying out any alterations (other than emergency works to repair a breach) to the secure enclosure in which the beavers are kept, the proposed alterations must be approved by an independent expert. The Licensee must also provide NRW with evidence of such approval along with 28 days' notice in writing of when the proposed alterations will begin.
- 111 All otter passages must be maintained as noted in the documents Cors Dyfi Beaver Enclosure – Otter Survey received via email 2nd April 2020 and Otter report supplementary info – dated July 2020 received 24th July 2020. If any passages require repairing / reinstating they must be reinstated to their original condition within 14 days of the date when the damage was reported.
- 112 Only the named Nominated Ecologist will supervise trained staff and co-ordinate and supervise any trapping of beavers in the event of an escape of beaver from the enclosure, such trapping to be in accordance with this licence and the relevant provisions of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.
- 113 The Licensee must immediately notify NRW via [specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) and [CeredigionEnvironmentTeam@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:CeredigionEnvironmentTeam@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) of any escape of beaver from the secure enclosure and in any event within 24 hours of the escape being discovered.
- 114 Any recapture of escaped beavers must be undertaken in accordance with the Escape, Recapture and Fence Maintenance Strategy.
- 115 The Licensee must notify NRW if a beaver is caught in the locality of the release site and is of unknown origin such notification to be provided within 14 days of the capture.
- 116 If the Nominated Ecologist captures any beaver of unknown origin, it must not be re-released into the wild as a re-release without an appropriate licence is an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

- 117 The Escape, Re-capture and Fence Maintenance Strategy dated January 2021 must be reviewed annually and updated if necessary. Any amendments must be approved by NRW.
- 118 If as a result of exercising this licence, an incident occurs which is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Licensee must notify the local Police Force within 24 hours of the incident being discovered.
- 200 While engaged in activities under this licence the Licensee shall carry a copy of the licence and must produce it to any police constable or employee of NRW, or other person authorised in writing by NRW, on demand.
- 201 If any actions are required that deviate from the documents submitted to NRW as part of the licence application, these may not progress until the changes have been agreed with NRW and/or an amended licence has been received.
- 202 The activities hereby licensed are restricted to the Licensee, nominated ecologist, accredited agents and assistants as specified on this licence (see Condition 206).
- 203 No nominated ecologist or accredited agent of the Licensee shall act under this licence unless they are in possession of a letter appointing them as the duly nominated ecologist or accredited agent of the licensee for the purpose of this licence. The nominated ecologist and accredited agent shall carry with them the said letter and a copy of this licence and shall produce them to any police constable or employee of NRW, or other person authorised in writing by the NRW, on demand.
- 204 Any assistants employed under this licence, whether employed to operate machinery or give advice, shall remain under the personal supervision of the Licensee or any accredited agent at all times.
- 205 The nominated ecologist must assume full responsibility for the conduct of any assistants and accredited agents employed under this licence.
- 206 The activities and operations hereby covered are restricted to only those specified on this licence.
- 208 Unless specified otherwise this licence does not authorise the intentional killing, taking or injuring of any protected species.
- 209 Possession of this licence confers no rights of entry onto land. This includes open access land, where permission is required to undertake any activity under this licence. Permission to enter land or premises must be obtained from the owner or occupier. **Failure to seek permission will invalidate your licence and may result in offences being committed.** NRW will not accept responsibility for failure or omission by Licensees to fulfil this obligation and will consider revocation of licences if complaints from owners or occupiers on these grounds are received.
- 210 If any European protected species (EPS) are incidentally captured or killed as a result of exercising this licence then NRW's Species Licensing team will be immediately advised on [specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)
- 211 The Licensee shall advise NRW if there are any changes in their circumstances where such changes could invalidate this licence.
- 212 In all cases, any conditions listed above override or supersede the provisions of the submitted method statement.

## NOTES

- N2. The Licensee is reminded that, in relation to conditions relating to Nationally Protected Species, anything done that is not under and in accordance with the terms of this licence may result in a criminal offence being committed under sections 1, 5, 6 (3), 7, 8, 9 (1 – 2), 9 (4 – 4A), 11 (1 – 2) and 13 (1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- N3. This licence may be modified or revoked at any time by NRW.
- N4. Nothing in this licence confers any exemption from any legal provision contained in any Act, other than the Act(s) under which this licence is issued. Where appropriate licences should be obtained from the Home Office to fulfil the requirements of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.
- N6. The personal information on this licence will be kept and used by us in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We may discuss licence content with selected third parties. Other than stated above, we will not make the personal data on this licence available to third parties unless there is an overriding public interest. The GDPR gives you the right to know what data we hold about you, how we use it, to which third parties it is disclosed, and that it is accurate. To exercise this right please contact the Data Protection Officer at NRW.
- N7. We have your permission to store, copy, use, and release or publish any biodiversity records associated with the issue of this licence. Where our policy on public access to data states that the information is sensitive, publication and access will be restricted in accordance with both the Environmental Information Regulations (2004) and our guidance on access to data on sensitive biodiversity features. We may share the biodiversity records supplied with conservation organisations selected by us. Where our policy on public access to data states that the information is sensitive any such release will be under restrictive licence conditions in accordance with our guidance on access to data on sensitive biodiversity features. Please note that an inadequate return will prejudice future licence applications.
- N8. Biodiversity records associated with the issue of this licence must be as reliable and accurate possible and collected with all necessary permissions.
- N9. We acknowledge that biological records collected in relation to this licence, unless collected under a contract (with alternate provisions relating to Intellectual Property Rights) for us or a Third Party, remain the intellectual property of the licence holder. In all cases we will seek to acknowledge intellectual property and not use any biological records collected under licence beyond the purposes stated above.
- N10. Any work undertaken must take account of biosecurity risks, and measures must be put in place to ensure that you don't introduce or spread invasive non-native species (INNS), pests or disease. This [biosecurity risk assessment](#) should help you to understand and mitigate the risks on your site, and those posed by your activities.

Information and data on INNS and biosecurity can be found on the [GBNNS website](#). You can access information about the location of invasive non-native species (INNS) by using the [NBN Atlas Wales INNS Portal](#) (a [guide](#) on how to use the portal is available).

Information and data on plant and tree specific pests and diseases, and biosecurity is available on [our website](#), the [Defra website](#) or at [Forest Research](#).

Free eLearning is available from the [GBNNS](#), [University of Leeds](#), and [Forestry Commission](#).

Amphibian workers should read the [ARG-UK advice note 4: amphibian disease precautions – a guide for UK field workers](#).

**You must** ensure that all equipment (vehicles, tools, boots etc) that come to site, arrive clean, and are cleaned again before leaving site – this applies to all sites, not just those where an invasive non-native species (INNS), pest or disease has been previously identified. High risk sites should be surveyed / visited last during any programme of work.

Ensure you follow the [Check Clean Dry](#) or [Keep it Clean](#) principles.

**Check** your equipment, clothing and boots and remove any plant or animal ‘hitchhikers’.

**Clean** equipment, clothing and boots thoroughly, remove all mud, leaves and plant debris. If it is not possible to clean on site, securely bag items and clean at a suitable location where risk of transfer of diseases is minimised. Wash vehicle tyres and wheel arches if muddy, but park on hard standing if possible.

**Dry** thoroughly any equipment or PPE that has been in freshwater or the marine environment; some INNS can live on damp items for weeks.

You will need to use disinfectant if you are accessing farmland with stock; or coming into contact with known pathogens; or moving between medium / high risk sites in the same day; or you have no ability to **effectively** dry (>48hrs) equipment or during a notifiable disease outbreak situation as notified by Welsh Government. Information on disinfectants can be found on the following websites: for [tree disease](#); for [amphibians](#); for [agricultural](#); and for [fisheries](#).

If you need any further help, please feel free to contact our [INNS and Biosecurity](#) team or our [Tree Health](#) team.

- N20. If this licence covers the possession of live material then the Licensee should ensure the species are kept in line with animal welfare best practice.
- N21. If you wish to exceed the limits set by this licence then please contact NRW.
- N22. The animals should be released at a suitable time and location within the enclosure, where the risk of injury to themselves, other animals or people is minimised.