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Aspects covered by aquaculture licensing procedures:

- Farming of alien species
- Health & safety
- Discharge into water
- Water use
- Planning/building permission
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Farming of protected species
- Animal Health

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Benefits:

- **Cross-border cooperation**
- **Fosters coordination**
- **Reduces administrative procedures**
- **Encourages cross-border development**
- **Supports applicants**

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Planned actions by Member States:

- **Increase processing capacity**
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- **Developing a one-stop-shop**
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