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The Scottish Government

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07 May 2014

Dear Sirs

GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The Scottish Ministers, having considered your application dated 08 March 2013, hereby grant planning permission under section 31A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

APPLICANT:	Scottish Sea Farms
APPLICATION No:	FFA/ORK/007
NAME / LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT:	Bring Head, Orkney Position: 58 54.037N 03 15.720W
NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT:	10 no 80m circumference cages for the cultivation of Atlantic salmon.

This is subject to the development being in accordance with the plans submitted and attached hereto as stamped and approved, and to the attached conditions.

Yours faithfully

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Bridget Kelly

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT PLANNING PERMISSION No FFA/ORK/007

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

Condition 1

Subject to Conditions 2 to 5, the equipment shall be as set out in the application and submitted plans and the site operator shall operate the development in accordance with the provisions of the application, submitted plans and all supporting information.

Reason: To ensure that the appropriate mitigation measures, strategies and procedures detailed in the application are implemented in continuing to operate this site.

Condition 2

In the event of equipment falling into disrepair or becoming damaged, adrift, stranded, abandoned or sunk in such a manner as to cause an obstruction or danger to navigation, the developer shall carry out or make a suitable arrangements for the carrying out of all measures necessary for lighting, buoying, raising, repairing, moving or destroying, the whole or any part of the equipment as agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not cause a danger to other users of the area.

Note: Northern Lighthouse Board wish to discourage the practice of marking outlying anchor points with buoys (unless specifically requested by local users) and recommend that alternative means to locate anchors are utilised. Allowing loose floating lines around site equipment is also strongly discouraged as this can cause serious safety implications for other mariners.

The UK Hydrographic Office should be notified by Scottish Sea Farms Ltd and all information regarding site positions forwarded in order that Charts BA1954 can be correctly updated.

Condition 3

At all times when equipment is on site the following navigational marks shall be provided: This site shall be marked by means of 2 lit yellow poles, flashing group four yellow every twelve seconds, (Fl(4) Y 12s) and fitted with a yellow multiplication cross topmark.

One pole should be positioned at the most Northern corner of the group of cages and the remaining pole at the most Easterly corner of the group of cages.

The poles used should be at least 75mm in diameter and not less than 1 metre in height above the site equipment hand rails, the light should be installed on the top of the pole; the visible range of the light should be two nautical miles. The poles should be positioned such that they can be clearly seen by vessels approaching from all navigable directions. The multiplication cross should measure a minimum of 50cm in length by 7.5cm in width and be installed below the light.

Reason: In the interests of navigational safety.

Condition 4

In the event that the fish cages or associated equipment approved by this permission cease to be in operational use for the growing of finfish for a period exceeding three years, they shall be wholly removed and the site restored to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority within 4 months of being notified, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the development is removed, in full, from the site once operation use has ceased ensuring the development will not adversely affect the area.

Condition 5

The development shall be constructed and implemented in accordance with the Escape 'Prevention and Recapture Strategy (Bring head and Toyness)' and the 'Predator Control Plan for Scapa flow (sites at Totness and Bring head)', and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with these strategies and plan throughout the life time of the development, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the qualifying interests of the Hoy SPA and the natural heritage and biodiversity interests in the area.

INFORMATIVE

Please be aware that although this site has planning permission you will still need to hold a Crown Estate lease and should speak to the Crown Estate if your lease is due for renewal.

Please also note that the Aquatic Animal Helath (Scotland) Regulations 2009 requires the authorisation of all Aquaculture Production Businesses (APB'S) in relation to animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals. The authorisation procedure is undertaken on behalf of the Scottish Ministers by the Fish Helath Inspectorate (FHI) at Marine Scotland Marine Laboratoy. To apply for authorisation for an APB or to amend details of an existing APB or any site that an APB is authorised to operate at, you are advised to contact the FHI as follows:
Fish Health Inspectorate
Marine Scotland Marine Laboratory
PO Box 101
375 Victoria Road
Aberdeen
AB11 9DB
Tel: 01224295525
Email: ms.fishhealth@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

An Appropriate Assessment was completed prior to granting planning permission to this site due to its potential impact on the Hoy SPA. The Appropriate Assessment concluded that the development will not adversely affect the integrity of the Hoy SPA. However some recommendations were made to ensure that impacts on the SPA are avoided.

Appropriate Assessment recommendations

Recommendation	Reason
Management practices to follow the Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture.	To ensure management follows current best practice.
Comply with the requirements / conditions of the site's CAR License for use of chemicals and disease treatments.	To ensure all chemicals are used in accordance with the regulator's requirements.

Adhere to the Biosecurity Procedure for the site, which must be in accordance with the CoGP.	To reduce the risk of spread of disease / parasites to or from the site.
Farm sites to be operated in accordance with the ISO 14001 accredited Environmental Management System (or similarly recognised accreditation system).	To ensure management follows current best practice.
Stocking to remain below maximum consented biomass (975 tonnes per year).	To control the risk of nutrient enrichment / organic waste as a result of farm operation (and potential impacts to red-throated diver and black-throated diver prey species).

Please note that these recommendations are for information only, as they cannot be conditioned for planning purposes.

I would also advise that there is an approved planning consent on this site – 09/031/MAR. For the installation of a feed barge and 4 underwater lights in each existing cage at Bring Head, North East Hoy and all conditions attached to that approval remain extant.

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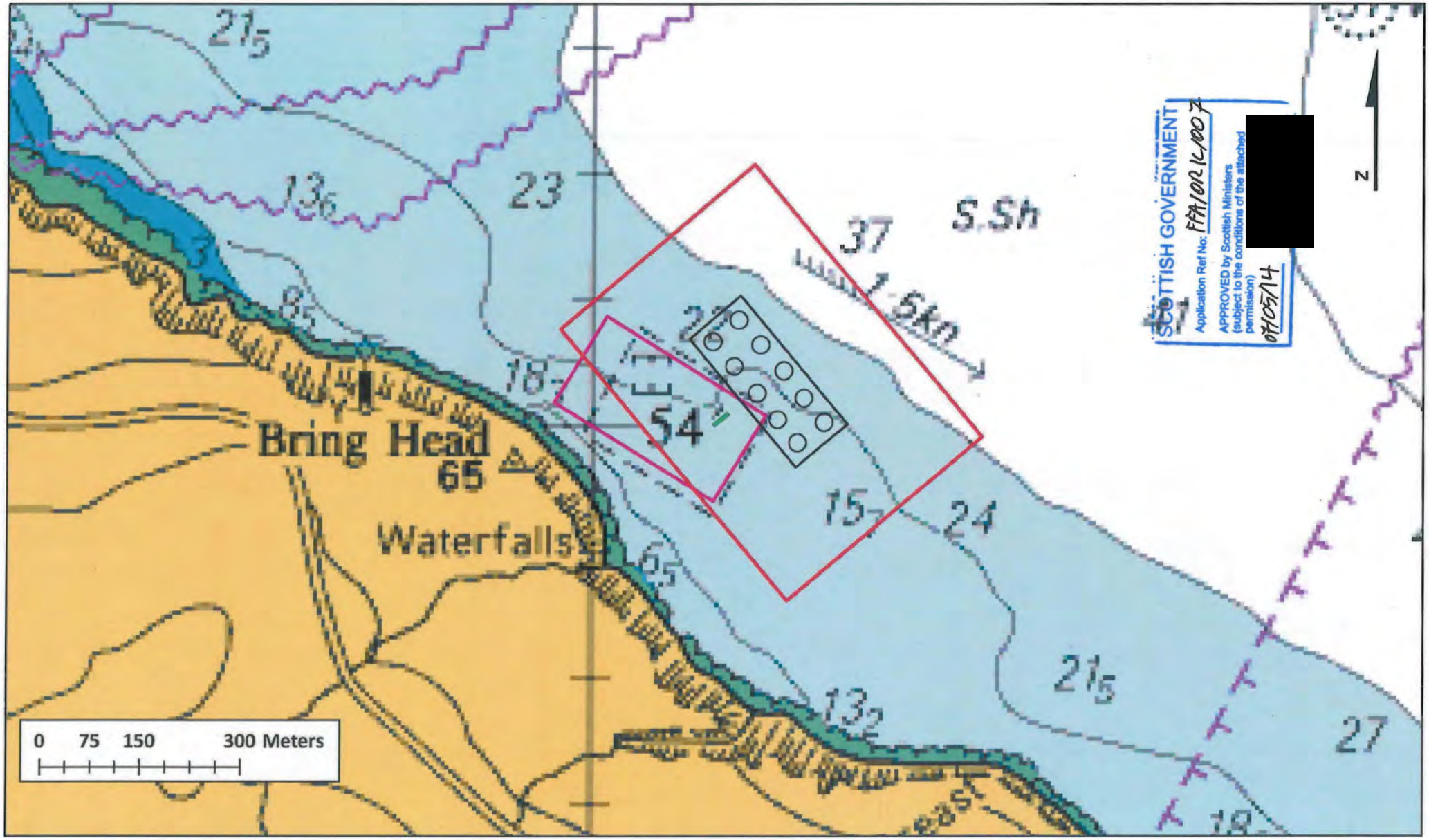
Site co-ordinates

Co-ordinates of site centre point:
58 54.037N 03 15.720W

Co-ordinates of mooring boundaries:
58 54.210N 03 15.748W
58 53.992N 03 15.392W
58 53.860N 03 15.694W
58 54.078N 03 16.050W

Co-ordinates of planning boundary:
As above

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT
Application Ref No: FFA/ORK/007
APPROVED by Scottish Ministers
(subject to the conditions of the attached permission)
07/05/14 [redacted]



BRING HEAD, BRING DEEPS	Key:	Layout:
ADMIRALTY CHART EXTRACT V3	Moorings extent; Crown Lease area; Cage grid; Feed barge (29m x 6m)	10 x 80m circumference circles in a 50m grid.
03/05/2013 Chart extract showing the location and layout of the SSF marine site at Bring Head, Bring Deeps.	Feed Barge consented in 2009 OIC ref 09/031/MAR	Cage grid - 100m x 250m Moorings extend 140m in all directions. 1:7,500