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Aquaculture Planning Policy

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The Scottish Government

Cooke Aquaculture Scotland
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13 August 2014

Dear Sirs

GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The Scottish Ministers, having considered your application recived 19 March 2014, hereby grant planning permission under section 31A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

APPLICANT:	Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Limited (previously Meridian Salmon Farms Limited)
APPLICATION No:	FFR/ZET/032
NAME / LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT:	Brecknagarth, Unst, Shetland Position: 60°40.587 00°55.577
NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT:	2 cages of 70m circumference, including ancillary cage grid and all moorings.

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

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SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

Condition 1

Subject to Conditions 2 to 4 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, such works (including lighting, buoying, raising, repairing, moving or destroying the whole or any part of that equipment) as may be needed to remove the obstruction or danger to navigation must be carried out.

Reason: In the interests of navigational safety.

Condition 3

The following navigational marks shall be provided:

The site should be marked by means of a lit yellow pole, exhibiting a yellow flashing light, character yellow flash four every twelve seconds (*Fl(4) Y 12s*) and fitted with a yellow multiplication cross topmark. The pole should be positioned at the most Easterly corner of the group of cages and should be at least 75mm in diameter and not less than two metres in height. The light should be installed on the top of the pole; the visible range of the light should be two nautical miles. The multiplication cross should measure a minimum of 75cm in length by 15cm in width.

Reason: In the interest of navigational safety and to comply with the guidelines laid down by the Northern Lighthouse Board.

Condition 4

Any necessary anti-predation systems shall be non-lethal and non-destructive in accordance with the guidance provided by Scottish Natural Heritage (see Note to Developer below for guidance). If anti-predator nets are used, they must be properly installed and maintained to ensure effective and predator-friendly protection. Any changes to permitted anti-predation systems shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for consideration and approval prior to any installation and use.

Reason: In the interest of protecting wildlife associated with the Fetlar – Haroldswick Marine Protected Area and within the area generally, and for the avoidance of doubt as to what is being authorised by this permission.

Note to Developer:

Anti-predation systems:
It is recommended that you consider the following guidelines with regard to installation of anti-predation systems:

- All anti-predation systems must be effective, non-lethal and seek to deter or dissuade wildlife through exclusion;
- Top nets must be fitted to deter and exclude birds and small mammals;
- Predator nets (both top and submerged) must be of a size which prevents access but does not result in entanglement;
- Tensioned cage nets (utilising some combination of sinker tubes/concrete weights, pulleys and rope) is the preferred anti-predation option;
- Secondary predator nets should only be used where it is impractical to use a cage net tensioning system;
- Monofilament netting must NOT be used under any circumstances. Secondary predator nets should instead be made of brightly coloured thick mesh in order to make the netting visible to predators and minimise the risk of entanglement and drowning. The nets must be tensioned by using suspended weights;
- All nets must be regularly checked and maintained;
- The operator should keep records of any animals that are by-caught in any anti-predator netting and submit an annual report to the Planning Authority and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH);
- Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADD's) should only be deployed in conjunction with exclusion nets where there is a persistent problem, unless otherwise specified by SNH;
- ADD's should be set and operated in such a manner as to cover the whole site and should be capable of emitting a random and variable signal;
- Permission to use ADD's requires a licence from the Scottish Government and the Planning Authority should be informed of any such request.

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

APB authorisation:
Please also note that the Aquatic Animal Health (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 Health Inspectorate (FHI) at Marine Scotland Marine Laboratory.
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: 01224 295525;
Email: ms.fishhealth@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

BRECKNAGARTH.

Mid Point – 60°40.587N 00°55.57

Mooring containment and Crown Estate Leased area positions.

60°40.762N 00°55.523

60°40.649N 00°55.295

60°40.413N 00°55.636

60°40.523N 00°55.850

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Cage Grid for 2 cages requiring PP positions

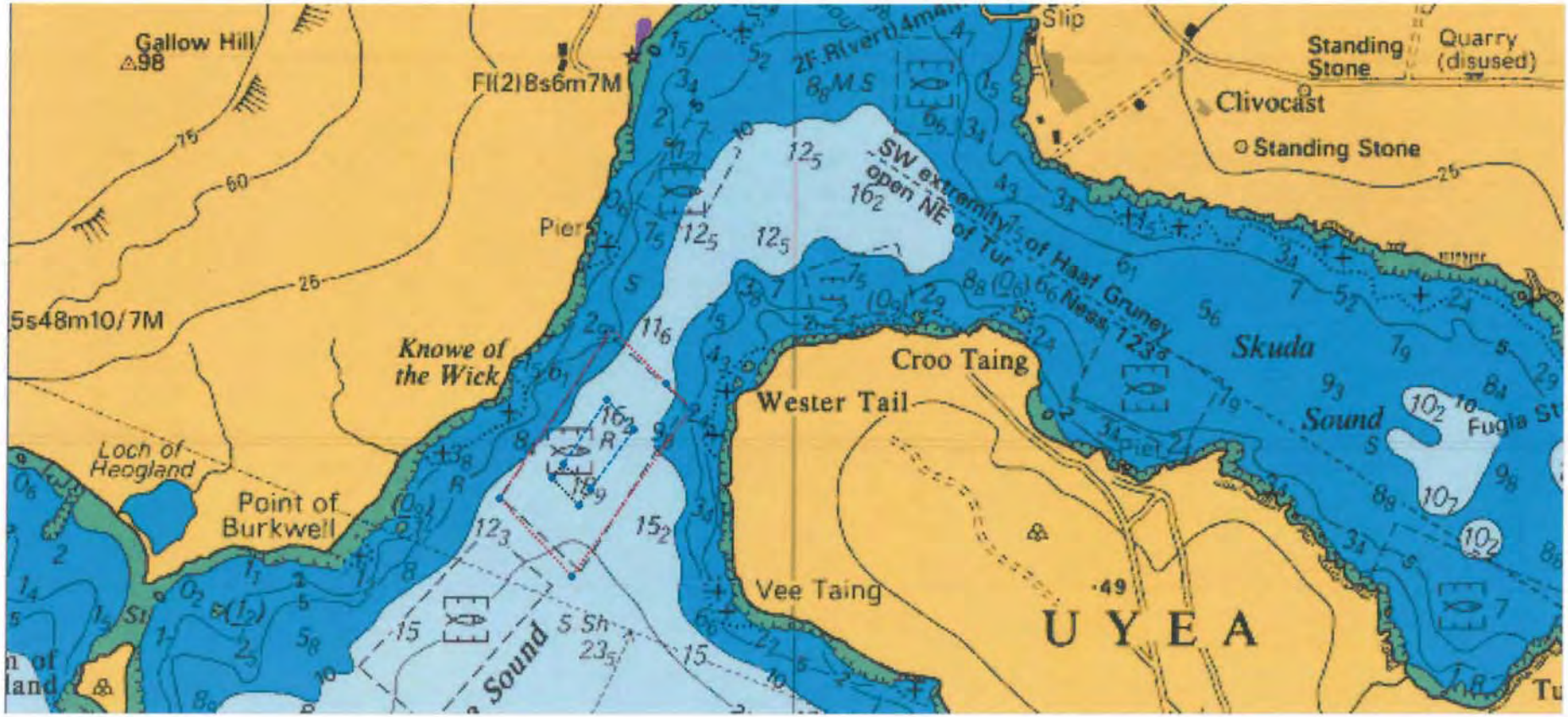
60°40.535N 00°55.587

60°40.573N 00°55.666

60°40.513N 00°55.618

60°40.552N 00°55.696

BRECKNAGARTH, UNST, SHETLAND



Please note the area outlined is black is the position of the two cages as per works license P13-21-2 (e). with the area outlined in red the Mooring containment area and crown estate leased area.

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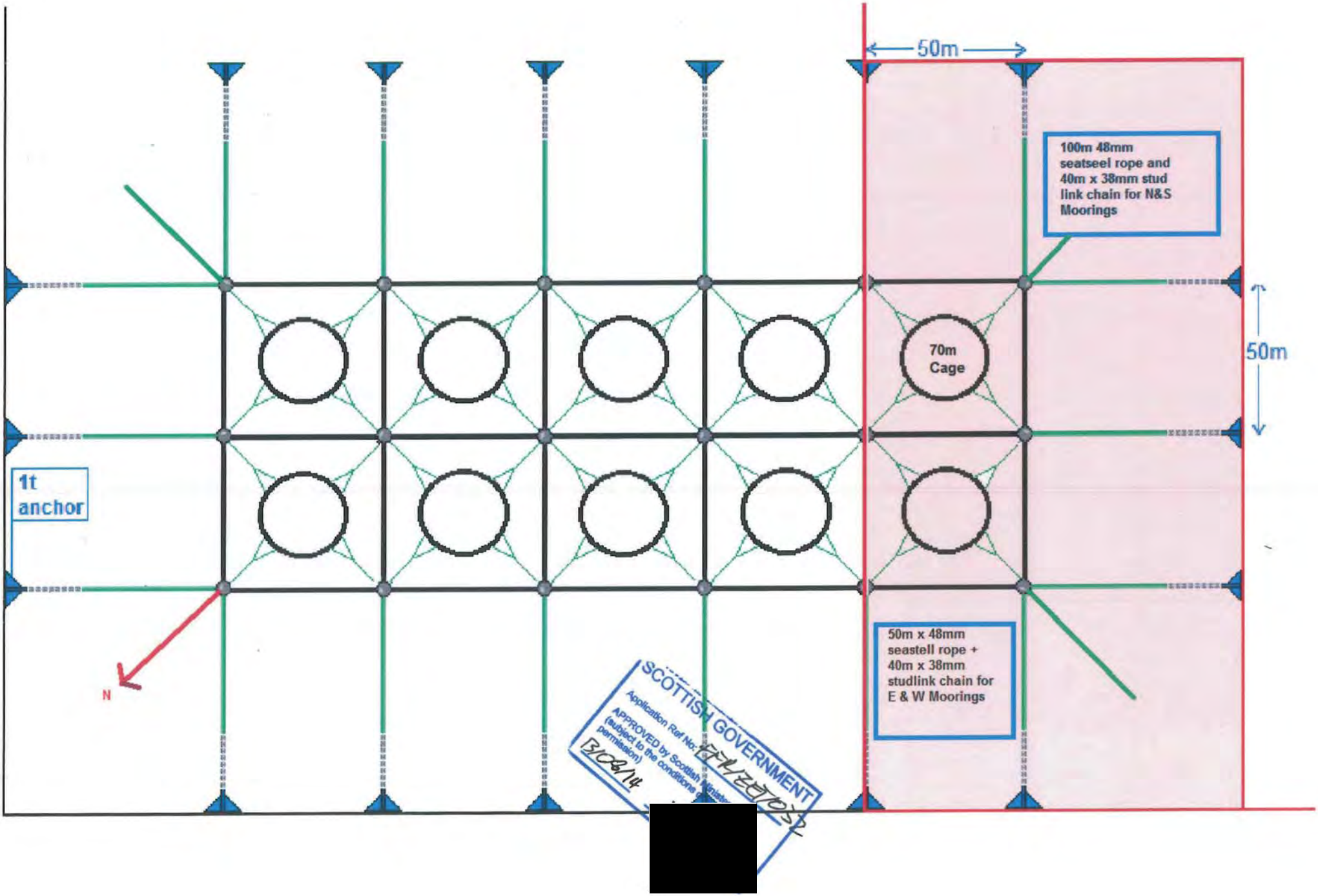
50m
100m 48mm seatseel rope and 40m x 38mm stud link chain for N&S Moorings
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70m Cage
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50m x 48mm seastell rope + 40m x 38mm studlink chain for E & W Moorings
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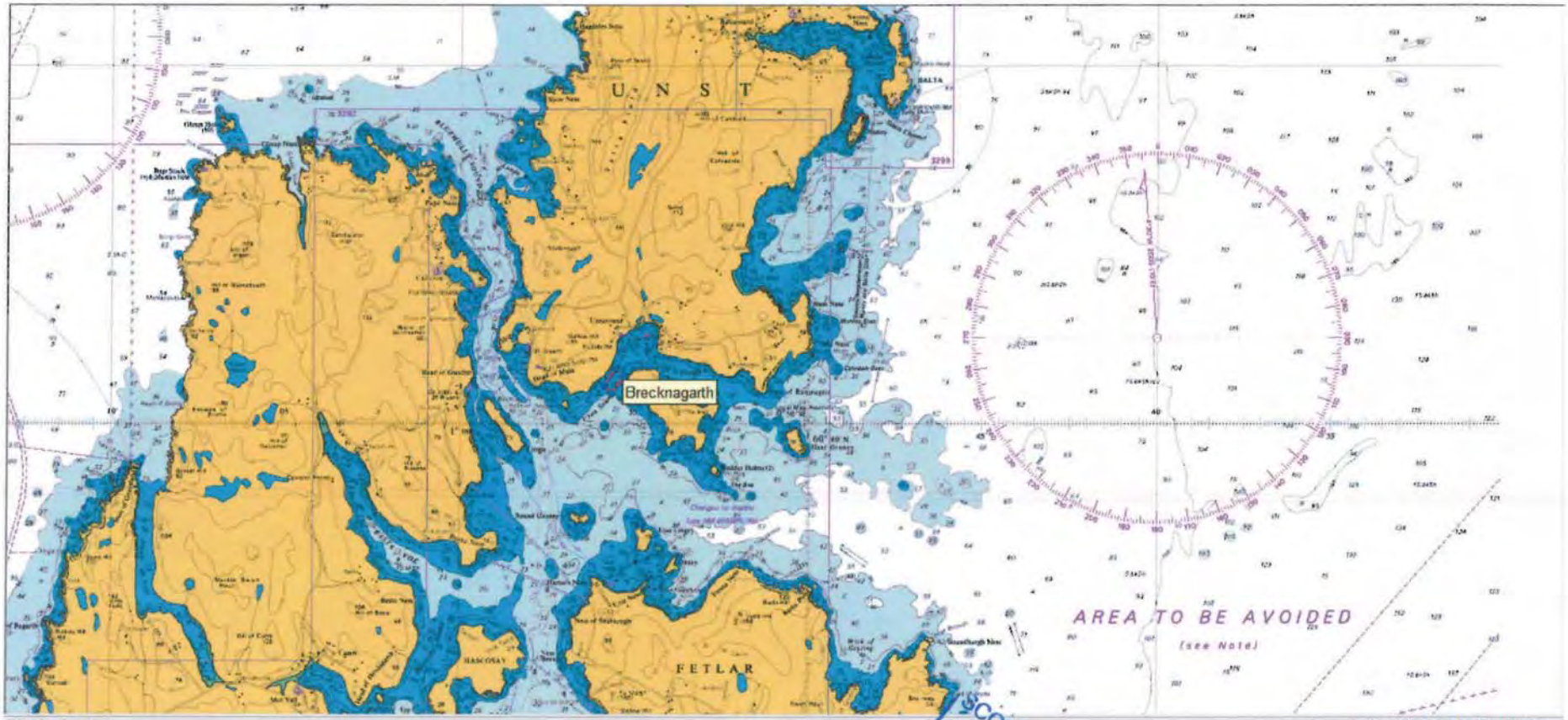
BRECKNAGARTH LOCATION PLAN



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