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Aquaculture Planning Policy

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The Scottish Government

Meridian Salmon Farms Ltd
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15 May 2014

Dear Sirs

GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The Scottish Ministers, having considered your application dated 06 June 2012, hereby grant planning permission under section 31A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

APPLICANT:	Meridian Salmon Farms Ltd
APPLICATION No:	FFA/ZET/023
NAME / LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT:	Copister, Shetland Islands Position: 60°29.525N 01°05.177W
NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT:	8 no 100m circumference cages and a 200 T C cap barge.

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 6 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 most southerly corner of any deployed group of cages shall be marked by a yellow pole, fitted with a yellow multiplication cross topmark, and a yellow flashing light with characteristic flash one every five seconds (Fl Y 5s). The pole shall be at least 75mm in diameter and not less than 2 metres in height such that, in any case, the light is exhibited from a point at least 1 metre above the cage handrails. The visible range of the light shall be 2 nautical miles. The multiplication cross shall measure a minimum of 75cm in length by 15cm in width;

The above navigation lights must be installed at the same time as the site equipment.

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

Condition 4

Underwater cage lights shall not be used during the months May – October inclusive.

Reason: To avoid impacts on storm petrels nesting and feeding in the area.

Condition 5

Acoustic Deterrent Devices (both submerged and surface-mounted) must not be used.

Reason: To ensure the development will not adversely affect the integrity and conservation objectives of the Yell Sound Coast Special Area of Conservation and to protect wildlife in general.

Condition 5

All non-routine and non-essential activity shall be suspended at the development site during the last two weeks of June and the first two weeks of July (common seal breeding season), and during the second and third weeks of August (peak moulting season for common seals). In particular, cage building and mooring laying activity shall not take place during the specified periods. Harvesting activity and use of barge lighting should also be minimised during such periods.

Reason: To ensure the development will not adversely affect the integrity and conservation objectives of the Yell Sound Coast Special Area of Conservation.

INFORMATIVES

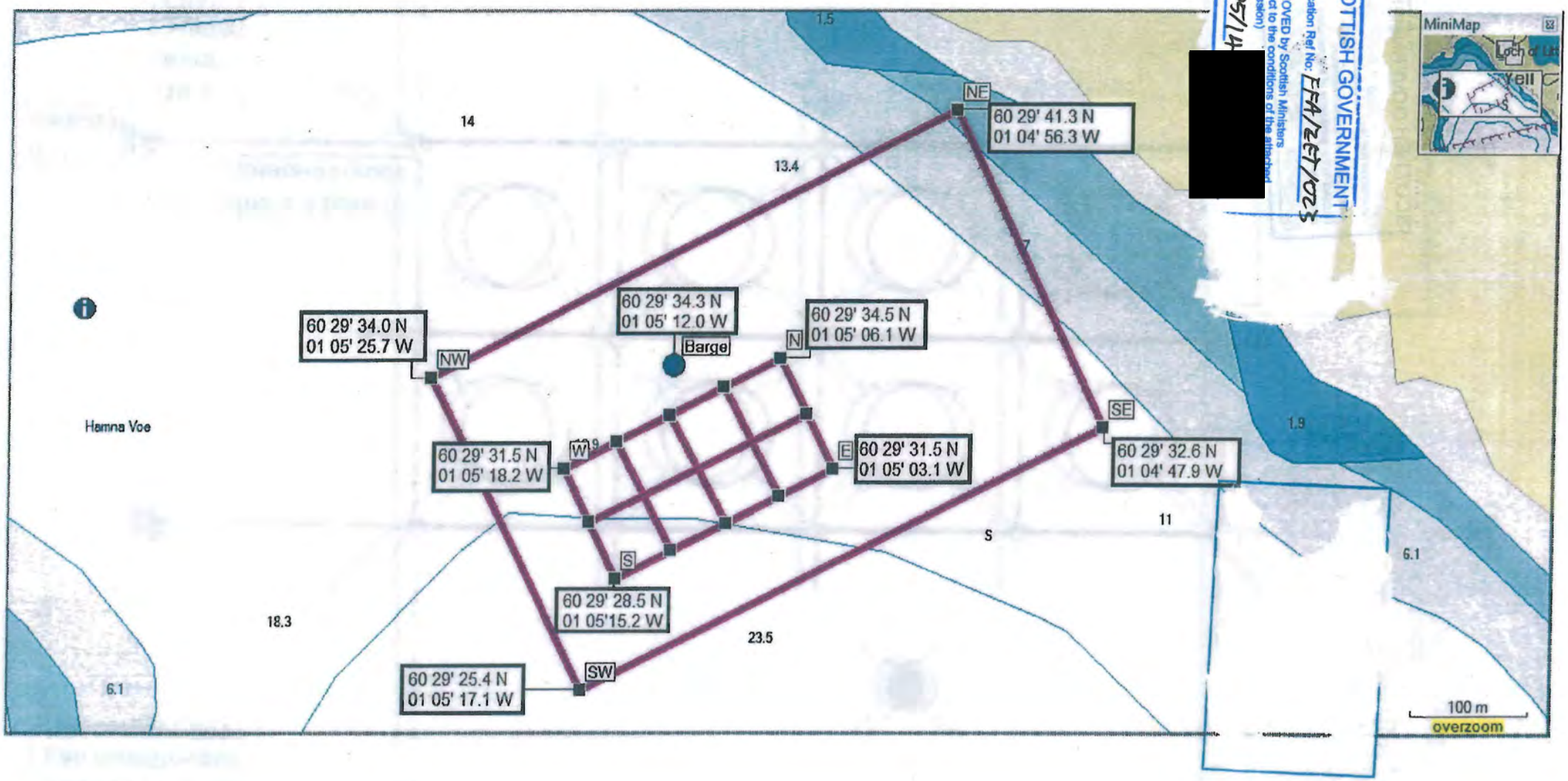
Please be aware that although this site has planning permission you will still need to hold a Crown Estate lease and should speak to the Crown Estate if your lease is due for renewal.

Please also note that the Aquatic Animal 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, you are advised to contact the FHI as follows: Fish Health Inspectorate, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, P O Box 101, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB. Tel: 01224295525, Email: ms.fishhealth@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Under the terms of the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (or CAR), a CAR licence is required for point source discharges from fish farms. To obtain or update a CAR licence, you are advised to contact the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) as follows: Shetland Office, Esplanade, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LL. Tel: 015195696926.

The fish farm operators are expected to comply with relevant codes of best practice, including the Code of Good Practice for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture and the Joint Government/Industry Working Group on ISA Code of Practice to Avoid and Minimise the Impact of ISA.

All operators of aquaculture sites in the South Yell Sound area are expected to conform to the actions outlined in the Aquaculture Management Plan for the Yell Sound Coast Special Area of Conservation, signed on 09 March 2007. In particular, action points 9 and 10 relating to exclusion zones around seal haul outs and boat movements respectively should be strictly adhered to.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60 29' 34.0 N
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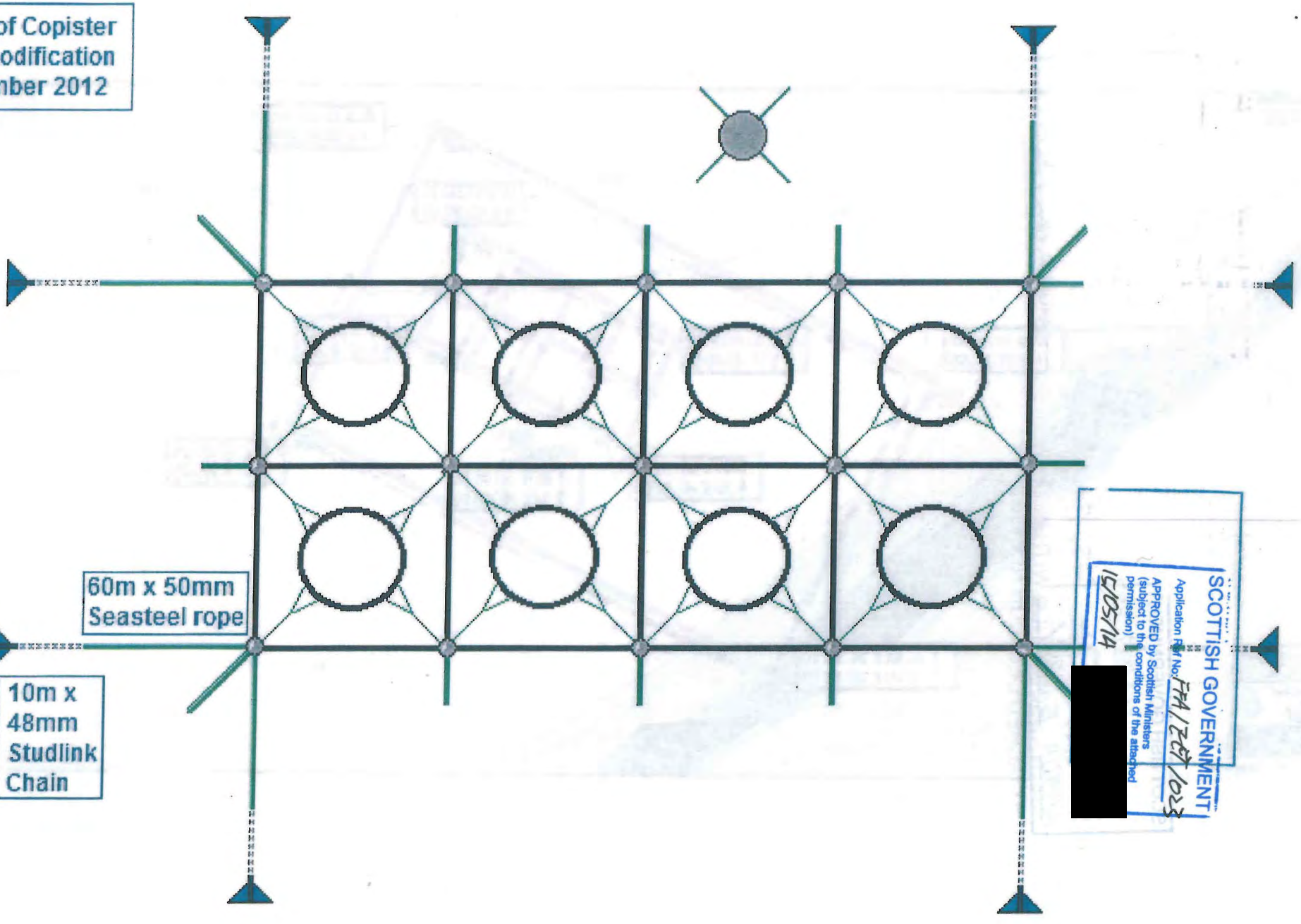
site modification
December 2012



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Site co-ordinates

Co-ordinates of site centre point:
60°29.525N 01°05.177W

Co-ordinates of cage grid:
West - 60 29'31.5N – 01 05'18.2W
North – 60 29' 34.5N – 01 05'06.1W
South – 60 29'28.5N – 01 05'15.2W
East – 60 29' 31.5N – 01 05'03.1W

Co-ordinates of mooring boundary:
NW – 60 29' 34.0N – 01 05' 25.7W
NE – 60 29'41.3N -01 04' 56.3W
SW- 60 29' 25.4N – 01 05' 17.1W
SE – 60 29' 32.6N – 01 04'47.9W

Feed barge co-ordinates:
60 29' 34.3N – 01 05' 12.0W

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