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The Scottish Government

Loch Laxford Shellfish Ltd
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20 March 2014

Dear Sirs

GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The Scottish Ministers, having considered your application dated 22 March 2013, hereby grant planning permission under section 31A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

APPLICANT:	Loch Laxford Shellfish Ltd
APPLICATION No:	SFA/HLD/058
NAME / LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT:	Airde Bige, Highland Position: 58.400536 – 5.066792
NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT:	6 no 240m longlines, for the cultivation of mussel.

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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Kate Smith

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT PLANNING PERMISSION No SFA/HLD/058

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

Condition 1

Subject to Conditions 2, 3, 4, and 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, 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

Within three months of the date of this decision notice the operator shall either:

A) Ensure that all farming equipment is repositioned within the approved site area as depicted in the decision notice for this site, or

B) Apply to the Highland Council for retrospective planning permission for the development in its present, as sited, location.

Reason: To ensure that the development on site is wholly contained within an approved site area and carried out as per a valid planning permission.

Condition 4

The site owner/operator shall ensure that all working practices related to the installation, including maintenance and harvesting from the site, are carried out in such a way that no materials related to such operations are allowed to escape the confines of the site and result in marine litter. This shall include but not be confined to, buoys, longlines, droppers, pegs, bags, boxes, or bins or personal protective equipment in any way associated with the site. A full inventory shall be maintained of the equipment placed on site and of the measures taken to recover such equipment in the event that it is lost. Such inventory shall be made available to the planning authority on request.

Reason: To ensure that the site does not become a source of marine litter.

Condition 5

The site owner/operator shall ensure that regular litter collective activities are carried out within Loch Laxford. This shall take place at least twice a year and details of the items recovered and how they are re-used or disposed of shall be retained in a log. This should include photographs and maps documenting the areas visited and cleared. The log maintained shall be made available to the local authority on request.

Reason: To ensure that shellfish farming activities within the loch are sensitive to their environmental impacts.

INFORMATIVE

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 Loch Laxford Shellfish Ltd (or its successor in title) and all information regarding site positions forwarded in order that Charts BA2249 can be correctly updated. Navigational safety lighting should be addressed via conditions on any consent issued.

If the site does not hold an up to date Coastal Protection Act consent from the Scottish Government, Northern Lighthouse Board would encourage Meridian Salmon Farms Ltd (or its successor in title) to rectify this situation. This consent is concerned solely with the safety of navigation and would include the information given above. For further information and application forms please go to the web site link given below.
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Site co-ordinates

Co-ordinates of site centre point:
58.400536 – 5.066792

Co-ordinates of mooring boundaries:
58.400111 – 5.070163
58.401560 – 5.064822
58.400960 – 5.063394
58.399315 – 5.069435

Co-ordinates of planning boundary:
58.400773 – 5.064088
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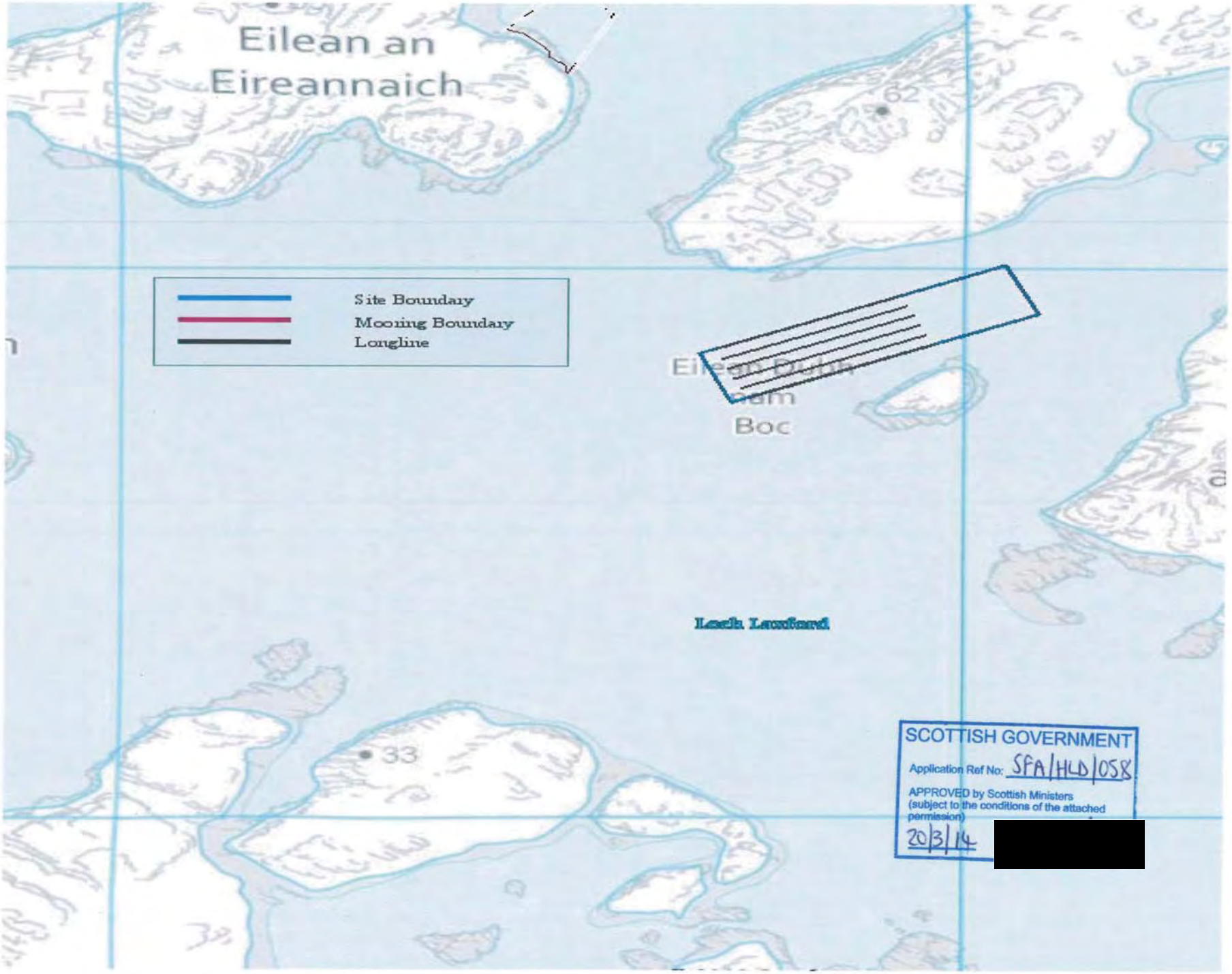
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