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The Scottish Government

Loch Ailort Mussels
13 Mamore Road
Kinlochleven
Argyll
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09 March 2015

Dear Sirs

GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The Scottish Ministers, having considered your application dated 24 March 2013, hereby grant planning permission under section 31A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

APPLICANT:	Loch Ailort Mussels
APPLICATION No:	SFA/HLD/028
NAME / LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT:	Camas an Fhiasgain, Loch Ailort position 56'51.09N 05'43.48W
NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT:	3 no 200m double headed longlines for farming mussels.

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 Bryden

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT PLANNING PERMISSION No SFA/HLD/028

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

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 in the Crown Estate decision notice issued 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

For the avoidance of doubt, the operation and management of the mussel farm shall be undertaken remotely and no part of the land or foreshore adjacent to site shall be used as a shellfish farming shorebase, storage area for gear, equipment and materials, or for any buildings or structures related to the use of the site as mussel farm.

Reason: To limit the installation of equipment to that for which details have been approved.

Notes for Applicant:

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.

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

You are advised that the equipment on site should be of dark, matt colour scheme as per the provisions of the existing Crown Estate lease; at present some of the buoyancy appears to be white in colour.

You should contact the Council direct in the event that there is equipment on site in excess of that approved by Scottish Ministers. This will enable them to discuss the processes by which they can assist you in ensuring that all equipment placed on site is covered by a valid Planning Permission.

An Appropriate Assessment was completed for this application which concluded that the proposal will not undermine the conservation objectives for subtidal sandbanks, a feature of the Sound of Arasaig SAC. However, the following recommendations were suggested and the operator is advised to follow these.

- Ensure all spat are collected naturally. *To maintain the biosecurity of the site and ensure no release of parasites or alien species in to the water body.*
- Ensure that there is no movement of equipment beyond that between the operator's two sites. *To maintain the biosecurity of the site and ensure no release of parasites or alien species in to the water body.*

SNH have also made the following recommendations relating to the management of the site:

- No discarded shell material shall be deposited during any management operations.
- If any longlines are not being used for production they should be removed from the water (the mooring blocks can remain in situ) to avoid equipment falling in to disrepair, therefore reducing the risk of equipment failure occurring. *Note - the planning authority must be contacted prior to such operations being undertaken. Unless removed and replaced as part of a maintenance regime they have advised that they would consider that such actions would render the planning permission as spent and the operator would not be in a position to reinstall lines at a later date.*

SFA/HLD/028 – Camas an Fhiasgain – Site Co-ordinates

Centre Point:

56'51.09N 05'43.48W

Boundary:

56'51.00N 05'43.57W

56'51.07N 05'43.57W

56'51.07N 05'43.39W

56'51.01N 05'43.39W

Line positions:

Line 1

East end of line buoy	N 56 51.086 W 005 43.739
West end of line buoy	N 56 51.069 W 005 43.956

Line 2

East end of line buoy	N 56 51.074 W 005 43.725
West end of line buoy	N 56 51.058 W 005 43.941

Line 3

East end of line buoy	N 56 51.065 W 005 43.736
West end of line buoy	N 56 51.051 W 005 43.937

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(subject to the conditions of the attached permission)
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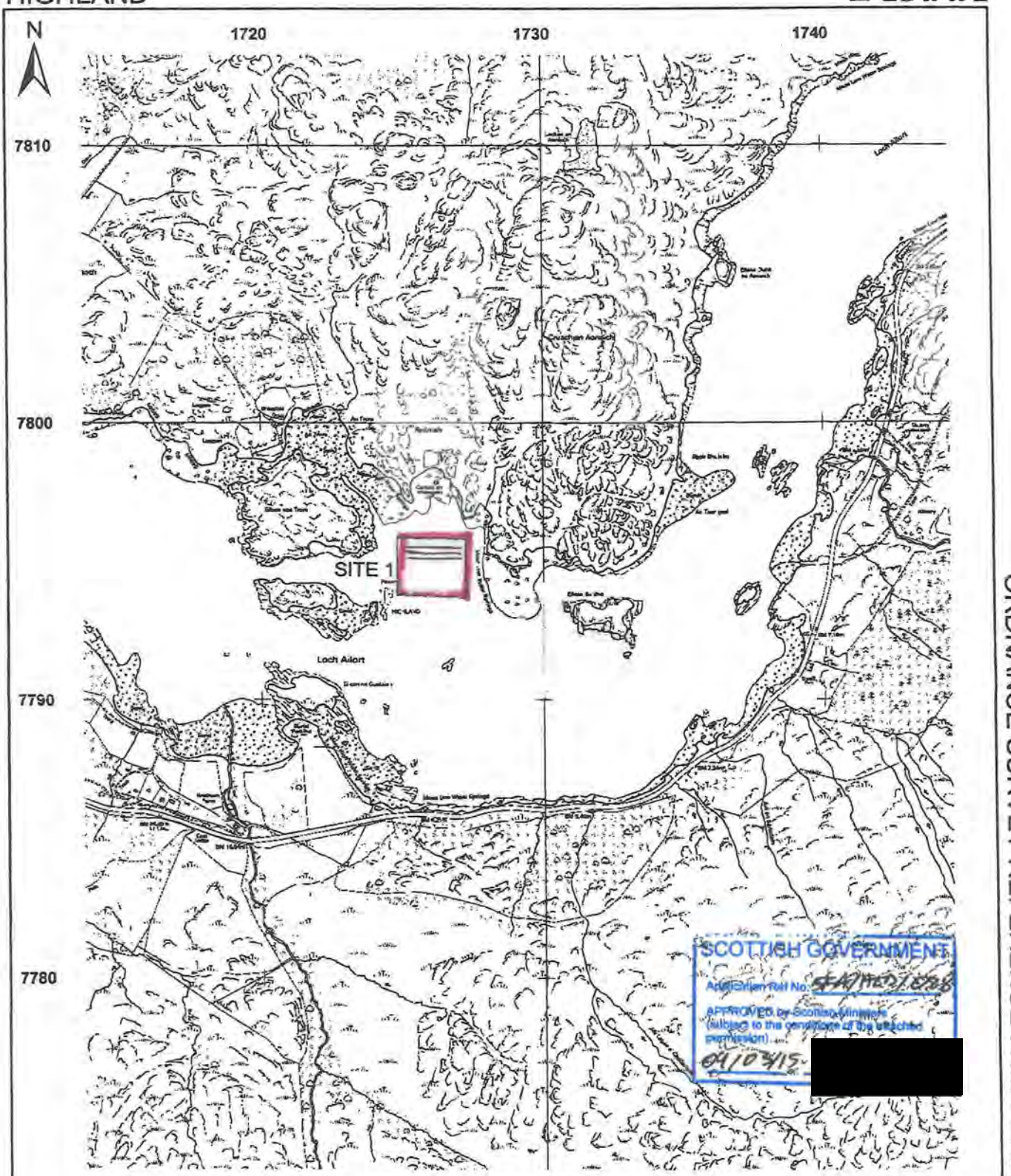

ORDNANCE SURVEY REFERENCE : NM 77 NW

THIS IS THE PLAN REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING LEASE DATED

7th & 10th February 2005

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