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Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd  
Stob Ban House  
Glen Nevis Business Park  
Fort William  
PH33 6RX

Date: 18 October 2016

Dear [Redacted]

#### MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd – Existing finfish farm with change to layout – Creag an t-sagairt, Loch Hourn, Sound of Sleat

I refer to your application for a licence in respect of the above proposals.

I am pleased to inform you that the licensing authority has no objections to the issue of the requested licence, and I therefore enclose licence number 05977/16/0. You are advised to carefully check the licence and schedule documents and, if there are any errors, you should contact myself immediately.

You should note that the licence includes a condition that the licensing authority must be notified of the dates of commencement and completion of the proposed works. You should also note that the licence includes a condition requiring that a written report should be submitted to the licensing authority detailing all deposits made under authority of the licence. This report should be submitted on form FEP5, and a copy of that form is enclosed.

I would also draw your attention to the licence conditions relating to amendment of the licence or schedule documents. If circumstances arise which necessitate changes to your licence you should advise the licensing authority as soon as possible. After a licence has expired, it cannot be amended or extended in any way, and a new licence application (accompanied by the relevant fee) is required. Processing the new application may take up to twelve weeks from the date of receipt.

If you wish to continue operating the marine farm after 16 October 2022 please ensure a new licence application is submitted at least twelve weeks prior to this date.

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.

Under the Marine Licensing Appeals (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (S.S.I. 2011/203), you are entitled to appeal if you are dissatisfied with any condition in the licence. An appeal may be lodged in any sheriff court in Scotland and must be lodged no later than 21 days after the date of this letter.

All correspondence or communications relating to this letter or the licence document should be sent to the address below.

Yours sincerely

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Licensing Operations Team

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE FOR MARINE FARM WORKS

Licence Number: 05977/16/0

Reference Number: 05977

Scottish Ministers (hereinafter referred to as "the licensing authority") hereby authorise:

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**Glen Nevis Business Park**  
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to deposit in the sea the substances or objects (except for dredge spoil) used in the execution of works described in Part 1 of the attached Schedule. The licence is subject to the conditions of use set out, or referred to, in Part 2 of the said Schedule.

This licence shall be valid from 17 October 2016 until 16 October 2022.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

For and on behalf of the licensing authority

Date: 17 October 2016

Part 1 - Particulars

1. Name and address of agent acting on behalf of licensee (if appropriate):

As per licensee

2. Location of works:

Creag An T-Sagairt, Loch Hourn, within the area bounded by joining the points

West Group

57° 07.739 N 005° 38.416 W  
57° 07.670 N 005° 38.494 W  
57° 07.657 N 005° 38.160 W  
57° 07.588 N 005° 38.232 W

East Group

57° 07.589 N 005° 37.954' W  
57° 07.520 N 005° 38.031' W  
57° 07.526' N 005° 37.762' W  
57° 07.457' N 005° 37.837' W

Moorings Area

57° 07.868' N 005° 38.450' W  
57° 07.673' N 005° 38.664' W  
57° 07.575' N 005° 37.548' W  
57° 07.375' N 005° 37.754' W

Single Point Moorings

57° 07.500' N 005° 38.021' W  
57° 07.451' N 005° 38.248' W  
57° 07.430' N 005° 38.140' W  
57° 07.382' N 005° 37.818' W

Feed Barge

57° 07.553' N 005° 38.181' W

3. Description of works:

Existing finfish farm, Creag an t-Sagairt, Loch Hourn, Sound of Sleat

As described in application dated 05 May 2016, and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

4. Nature and quantity of all deposits below Mean High Water Springs:

The Marine Farm shall consist of:

- a) The total number of permitted cages shall be: **13**
- b) The total number of permitted grid moorings shall be: **32**
- c) The total number of permitted marked buoys shall be: **0**
- d) The total number of permitted associated boat moorings shall be: **4**
- e) The total number of permitted pontoons shall be: **0**
- f) The total number of permitted feed barges shall be: **1**
- g) The total number of permitted rafts shall be: **1**

Part 2 - Conditions

1. The licensee shall notify the licensing authority of the date of commencement and the date of completion of all operations relating to the licence. Separate notifications are required at the times of commencement and completion.
2. The licensee shall ensure that only the deposits listed in Part 1 of the licence are deposited during the execution of the works and that all substances or objects deposited during the execution of the works are inert and do not contain toxic elements which may be harmful to the marine environment, the living resources which it supports or human health.
3. The licensee shall ensure that any debris or waste materials arising during the course of the works are removed from the site of the works for disposal at an approved location above the tidal level of Mean High Water Springs.
4. The licensee shall, within 28 days of completion of the works or within 28 days of the date of expiry of the licence, whichever is the sooner, submit a written report to the licensing authority stating the nature and quantity of all substances and objects deposited below Mean High Water Springs under authority of the licence. Where appropriate, nil returns shall be provided.
5. The licensee shall notify Source Data Receipt, The Hydrographic Office, Admiralty Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (e-mail: [sdr@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@ukho.gov.uk); tel.: 01823 337900) of both progress and on completion of the works supply a copy of the licence, and wherever possible, 'as built plans', in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made.
6. The licensee shall ensure that a copy of this licence is given to each contractor appointed to carry out part or all of the works in order that they are clear about the extent of the works for which the licence has been given and the conditions that are attached to the licence.
7. The licensee shall ensure that the local mariners' and fishermen's organisations are made aware of the activity through local notice to mariners or any other appropriate means.
8. The licensee shall ensure appropriate steps are taken to minimise damage to the beach, foreshore and seabed by the works.
9. The licensee shall ensure suitable bunding and storage facilities are employed to prevent the release of fuel oils, lubricating fluids associated with the plant and equipment into the marine environment.
10. The licensee shall ensure that the works do not encroach on any recognised anchorage, either charted or noted in nautical publications, within the proposed consent area.
11. The licensee shall ensure that:
  - a) The site is marked with 2 lit yellow poles fitted with yellow 'X' topmarks.
  - b) Each light will display a character of flash yellow one every five seconds (FI Y 5s) with a nominal range of 2 nautical miles and be installed on the top of the pole above the 'X' topmark.

- c) The poles will be positioned at the most Northerly and Easterly corners of the cage group.
  - d) Each light will be 1 meter above site equipment handrails and installed as to be clearly seen by vessels approaching from all navigable directions.
  - e) Poles will be  $\geq 75$ mm diameter, 'X' topmark  $\geq 75$ cm length by 15cm width.
  - f) The feed barge will exhibit an all-round fixed white light with a nominal range of 2 nautical miles from a point at least 1 meter above any other obstruction.
12. The licensee shall ensure that the navigation marking and lighting given in condition 11 are installed at the same time as the site equipment and continued unless and until the licensing authority rescind this direction.
  13. The licensee shall ensure that a weekly check of the sites marking and lighting equipment is made and records kept of its physical state for audit purposes.
  14. If it is desired to display any marks or lights not required by this licence then details shall be submitted to the Northern Lighthouse Board and their ruling complied with. The display of unauthorised marks or lights is prohibited.
  15. The licensee shall ensure that the works are maintained at all times in good repair.
  16. The licensee shall ensure that no deviation from the schedule specified in the licence is made without the further written consent of the licensing authority.
  17. The licensee shall ensure that no radio beacon or radar beacon operating in the marine frequency bands is installed or used on the works without the prior written approval by the licensing authority.
  18. If in the opinion of the licensing authority the assistance of a Government Department, including the broadcast of navigational warnings, is required to deal with any emergency arising from:
    - a) The failure to mark and light the works as required by licence.
    - b) The maintenance of the works.
    - c) The drifting or wreck of the works.The licensee shall be liable for any expenses incurred in securing such assistance.
  19. In the event of the licensed operations being discontinued the works shall be removed and the site cleared to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.
  20. The licensee shall remove the works from below the level of Mean High Water Springs, or such alterations made, within one month of notice being given by the licensing authority at any time it is considered necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, and not replaced without further consent by the licensing authority. The licensee shall be liable for any expense incurred.

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21. Any person authorised by the licensing authority shall be permitted to inspect the works at any reasonable time.
22. The licensee shall ensure that copies of the licence are available for inspection by any authorised Enforcement Officer at:
  - a) the premises of the licensee;
  - b) the premises of any agent acting on behalf of the licensee; and
  - c) the site of the works.
23. In the event of the licensee becoming aware that any of the information on which the issue of the licence was based has changed, the licensing authority shall be immediately notified of the details.
24. If a new licence is required, the licensee shall make an application at least twelve weeks before the expiry date of this licence. **This licence shall not continue in force after the expiry date of 16 October 2022.**



## NOTES

1. You are deemed to have satisfied yourself that there are no barriers, legal or otherwise, to the carrying out of the licensed operations. The issue of the licence does not absolve the licensee from obtaining such authorisations, consents etc which may be required under any other legislation.
2. In the event that the licensee wishes any of the particulars set down in the Schedule to be altered, the licensing authority shall be immediately notified of the alterations. It should be noted that changes can invalidate a licence, and that an application for a new licence may be necessary.
3. Under Section 30 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the licensing authority may vary, suspend or revoke the licence, if it appears to the authority that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of the licence or for any other reason that appears to be relevant to the authority.
4. Under Section 39 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, it is an offence to carry on a licensable marine activity or cause or permit any other person to carry on such an activity without a marine licence or fails to comply with any condition of a marine licence. It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under Section 40 in relation to any activity to prove that the activity was carried out for the purpose of saving life, or for the purposes of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure (*'force majeure'*), and that the person took steps within a reasonable time to provide full details of the incident to the licensing authority. (Under Annex II, Article 7 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-east Atlantic, the licensing authority is obliged to immediately report *'force majeure'* incidents to the Convention Commission).
5. All correspondence or communications relating to the licence should be addressed to:

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