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Our Ref: MS-00011243

Date: 23 September 2025

Dear Mr Browne,

THE MARINE LICENSING (EXEMPTED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTTISH INSHORE REGION) ORDER 2011 – ARTICLE 26 HARBOUR DREDGING

I write to you on behalf of the Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team (“MD-LOT”). MD-LOT is responsible, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, for licensing dredging in, the seas adjacent to Scotland under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

You submitted an application on 02 May 2025 for the approval of an exempted activity of maintenance dredging at Port of Inverness.

This exemption is applied to dredging at the following location:

57° 29.577' N 04° 14.257' W
57° 29.759' N 04° 14.062' W
57° 29.161' N 04° 13.902' W
57° 29.178' N 04° 13.814' W
57° 29.615' N 04° 13.990' W
57° 29.663' N 04° 13.927' W
57° 29.820' N 04° 14.205' W
57° 29.808' N 04° 14.027' W

57° 29.556' N 04° 14.217' W
57° 29.576' N 04° 14.199' W
57° 29.571' N 04° 14.182' W
57° 29.647' N 04° 14.107' W
57° 29.653' N 04° 14.129' W
57° 29.687' N 04° 14.133' W
57° 29.753' N 04° 14.066' W
57° 29.762' N 04° 14.093' W
57° 29.805' N 04° 14.036' W
57° 29.854' N 04° 13.926' W

57° 29.906' N 04° 13.773' W
57° 29.864' N 04° 14.165' W
57° 29.833' N 04° 14.145' W
57° 29.734' N 04° 14.182' W

57° 29.589' N 04° 14.286' W
57° 29.476' N 04° 14.281' W
57° 29.185' N 04° 13.863' W

57° 29.383' N 04° 14.168' W
57° 29.321' N 04° 14.024' W
57° 29.223' N 04° 13.913' W
57° 29.217' N 04° 13.930' W
57° 29.195' N 04° 13.903' W
57° 29.163' N 04° 13.846' W
57° 29.173' N 04° 13.795' W
57° 29.244' N 04° 13.846' W
57° 29.347' N 04° 13.973' W
57° 29.519' N 04° 14.182' W

This exemption shall be valid from 23 September 2025 to the 30 September 2027 and is subject to the following conditions;

1. Port of Inverness must ensure the activity involves the dredged material being contained within a secure structure and transported for deposit other than at the place of dredging, or the activity involves the use of plough dredging as part of a dredging operation in respect of which any other dredging involves the dredged material being contained within a secure structure and transported for deposit other than at the place of dredging.
2. The activity is authorised by or under and carried out in accordance with any local Act or any order under section 14 or 16 of the Harbours Act 1964.
3. Port of Inverness must provide the Master(s) of the vessel(s) employed to undertake the dredging operations with a copy of this approval letter. Port of Inverness must also ensure that copies of this approval letter and all other relevant documents are available for inspection by any authorised marine enforcement officer at:
 - a) the premises of the Port of Inverness;
 - b) the premises of any contractor responsible for the dredging operation; and
 - c) on board the vessel(s) employed to undertake the dredging operations.
4. Port of Inverness must ensure that the works are carried out in accordance with the Schedule of Mitigation contained within the Environmental Supporting Document. Report No. 139_CE02_REP_02 dated 1 May 2025.
5. Port of Inverness must ensure that no licenced activities take place outside 01 July to 30 September.
6. Port of Inverness must ensure the Licensed Activity is only carried out during daylight hours.

This letter constitutes Scottish Ministers approval under article 26 of the Order. This approval is valid between 23 September 2025 and 30 September 2027.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that all required authorisations are in place prior to the commencement of works.

All correspondence or communications relating to this letter or the marine licence should be sent to MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot

Yours sincerely

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