Appendix 1 – Cooke Marine License Renewal Additional Information – Orkney finfish farm

This appendix is used to provide additional information or clarification for sections of the 'Marine Licence application form: finfish and shellfish farm' where there was insufficient space in the box to provide the required details.

6. Scotland's National Marine Plan

Provide details of how the proposed activity is in accordance with Scotland's National Marine Plan including reference to relevant policies. This should include consideration of the General Polices and any Sector Policies.

Scotland's National Marine Plan outlines a total of 7 objectives and 14 policies which relate specifically to aquaculture. All have been given consideration as part of this process, and details are as follows:

Policies 1-8: The location of the site was carefully chosen to minimise impacts relating to carrying capacity/locational guidelines, visual amenity, disease management areas, wild fish and seal haulout sites. All required modelling and assessment was also conducted and the site is considered to be within all required limits.

Policy 9: Emergency response plans are in place for the site.

Policy 10: Statutory and non-statutory pre-application consultation carried out prior to submission of application.

Policy 11: Equipment attestations from manufacturers available for all proposed equipment and detailed mooring modelling also conducted. Site will also be compliant with Marine Scotland Technical Standards for aquaculture.

Policy 12: Cooke Aquaculture owns and operates a dedicated hydrolicer vessel and has access to freshwater treatments for lice removal.

Policy 14: Community benefits relate to direct and indirect employment as well as funding for community projects.

7. Farm Details

j) Provide an assessment of the potential impacts the activity may have on navigation and proposed mitigation in response to potential impacts (attach separate document if necessary):

Application for renewal of existing licence and no changes or new deposits anticipated.

The development will be held in place by a subsurface mooring grid that will not encroach on any recognised anchorages, navigational channels or navigational light sectors. Appropriate lights, buoys and beacons, those which comply with the international Light House Authorities

guidelines, will be used to mark the installation. The Northern Lighthouse Board and Orkney Islands Council have been consulted in all stages of the development.

The site and all equipment will be checked on a weekly basis and after storm events. Records will be kept of its physical state for audit purposes. Although unlikely, in the event of cages moving off the mooring positions, this may cause potential navigational interference however, Cooke Aquaculture Scotland will ensure all equipment is considered and proven to be capable of withstanding the environmental conditions at the site. Cooke Aquaculture Scotland have also adopted the Marine Scotland Technical Standards for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture and will be audited to these standards.