

Marine Directorate
Licensing Operations Team
375 Victoria Road
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18th October 2023

Re: Marine Licence Variation : MS-00010196

Dear Marine Licensing Team,

Please find attached alongside this letter a variation request for marine licence MS-00010196. Please can you include the following PO reference on the invoice: SSF-070366

With this application we plan to add longlines to hold sugar kelp on the site alongside our consented Atlantic salmon as a co-location farm. This activity will be in partnership with Guy Grieve ([Redacted]) who will harvest the seaweed for enriched-compost. Scottish Sea Farms (SSF) would remain the licence holder for the farm and have no objective to recover profit from the proposal but cost recovery only. A Heads of Agreement has been agreed for SSF to retain the rights to handle, access and remove seaweed equipment to maintain control over site maintenance and decommissioning.

We are pleased to partner with Guy on this proposal to improve environmental water quality and sustainability of our spaces and places by optimising their use. Seaweed is a known carbon dioxide and excess nutrient extractor which we hope will provide a range of environmental benefits to our farming waters and fish. We believe this exciting proposal fully supports current Scottish Government vision and policy regarding the National Marine Plan, Vision for Sustainable Aquaculture, and Vision for a Blue Economy.

As per the site plan, all seaweed lines (40 lines, each 75m in length) would be incorporated within the existing infrastructure / moorings with no equipment extending outside of the existing licence boundaries. For these reasons we believe there are no material changes to the existing marine licence regarding navigation. Furthermore, all appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate against biosecurity risks of INNS, a biosecurity plan has been provided with more detail.

We hope this letter and supporting information provide the information required to process our application.

Kind regards,

Helen Feenan
Sustainability & Engagement Lead



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