



**GLENELG SEA FOREST SEAWEED FARM:  
AIRD A MHILL, LOCH ALSH**

**APPENDIX 3B:  
DECOMMISSIONING PLAN**

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## 1 Introduction

Glenelg Sea Forest (GSF) are investing heavily in the Seaweed Cultivation industry. The seaweed harvest from this farm will become high value ingredients across multiple product lines.

The farm has been designed with long service in mind e.g., the mooring system should have at least a decade of operation before major replacement of any parts are required; allowance for reasonably foreseeable forces acting on the farm structure (winds, waves, tidal currents, accidental etc).

Should the business venture flounder, GSF intend to hold back sufficient funds to enable both farms to be removed from site; noting that all in-water equipment is designed as removable.

The information within this document is high level, and would be developed further by the appointed contractor, if/when required.

## 2 Decommissioning Plan

### 2.1 Location of Work

The site location is defined as Aird A Mhill, at the east end of Loch Alsh, Wester Ross, Highlands; Farm Coordinates are detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Aird A Mhill Seaweed Farm Coordinates

Latitude/ Longitude	OS Grid Ref
WGS84: 57:16.410N, 5:37.1000W	NG 81962 26115
WGS84: 57:16.180N, 5:37.1000W	NG 81939 25689
WGS84: 57:16.410N, 5:36.300W	NG 82765 26073
WGS84: 57:16.180N, 5:36.300W	NG 82742 25646

### 2.2 Appointments and Associated Documentation

Should it be required that the farm is to be removed from site, then all works would be undertaken by a competent contractor, as per the installation. They would be responsible for providing full documentation relating to the removal, and as a minimum, the following would be detailed:

- Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) associated with the specific activities being undertaken.
- Information relating to PPE, materials, tools, plant and equipment, and Covid-19 additional measures.
- Method and sequence of work, in agreement with GSF.

Reference should be made to Appendix 3, Installation Method Statement, which provides further information on these items.

### 2.3 Consents and Permits

GSF would ensure that all consents and permits required for the removal of the farm were in place; and that either themselves or the appointed contractor undertook the notifications required to complete the works. At present, the only requirement is that a marine licence be obtained for removal of objects from the seabed, although legislation may change in the future.

## 2.4 Timescale

Whilst moorings and other infrastructure will require maintenance and partial replacement, which will be identified at annual inspections, the projected lifespan of the seaweed farm may be in excess of 25 years. As such the timing of the decommissioning is unknown.

With respect to the works, the sequence is anticipated as follows:

- 12 months before decommissioning – Marine Licence Application
- 6 months before decommissioning – Appoint Competent Contractor
- 3 months before decommissioning – Detailed RAMS, Methodology and Sequence
- 1 month before decommissioning – inform Northern Lighthouse Board and other stakeholders/statutory consultees.