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# Marine Licence Application for Finfish and Shellfish Farms

Version 1.0

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010







#### **Acronyms**

Please note the following acronyms referred to in this application form:

MHWS

Mean High Water Springs

MS-LOT

Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team

**WGS84** 

World Geodetic System 1984

### **Explanatory Notes**

The following numbered paragraphs correspond to the questions on the application form and are intended to assist in completing the form. These explanatory notes are specific to this application and so you are advised to read these in conjunction with the Marine Scotland Guidance for Marine Licence Applicants document.

### 1. Applicant Details

The person making the application who will be named as the licensee.

### 2. Agent Details

Any person acting under contract (or other agreement) on behalf of any party listed as the applicant and having responsibility for the control, management or physical deposit or removal of any substance(s) or object(s).

### 3. Payment

Indicate payment method. Cheques must be made payable to: The Scottish Government.

Marine licence applications will not be accepted unless accompanied by a cheque for the correct application fee, or if an invoice is requested, until that invoice is settled. Target timelines for determining applications do not begin until the application fee is paid.

### 4. Application Type

Indicate if the application is for a new marine farm site or an existing marine farm site. Provide the existing or previous consent/licence number and expiry date if applicable.

### 5. Marine Farm Details

- (a) Indicate the type of marine farm, either finfish or shellfish.
- (b) Indicate the deposits of marine farm component parts/equipment as a number (e.g 4 ring cages). Provide details of any component parts/equipment not included in the list and specify the quantity as a number.
- (c) If applicable, indicate the removals of marine farm component parts/equipment as a number (e.g 4 ring cages). Provide details of any component parts/equipment not included in the list and specify the quantity as a number.
- (d) Provide the proposed start date for installation of the marine farm. The start date will not be backdated, since to commence a project for which a licence has not been obtained will constitute an offence, which may result in appropriate legal action. A licence is normally valid for 6 years. Target duration for determination of a marine licence application is 14 weeks.
- (e) Provide the cost of the works seawards of the tidal limit of MHWS. This estimate should only cover work taking place below the tidal level of MHWS and must take into consideration the cost of materials, labour fees etc.
- (f) Describe the location of the proposed works. Include a list of the latitude and longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) of the boundary points of the moorings area and for each of the component parts of the marine farm, including sub-surface equipment. WGS84 is the World Geodetic System 1984 and the reference co-ordinate system used for marine licence applications. Co-ordinates taken from GPS equipment should be set to WGS84. Coordinates taken from recent admiralty charts will be on a WGS84 compatible datum. Ordnance survey maps do not use WGS84.







**Example:** For positions read from charts the format should be as in the example: 55°55.555'N 002°22.222'W (WGS84). The decimal point specifies that decimals of minutes are used and the datum is stated explicitly. If seconds are used then the format should be as in the example: 55°55'44"N 2°22'11"W (WGS84).

It is important that the correct positions, in the correct format, are included with this application, as any errors will result in the application being refused or delayed.

To supplement your application, please provide a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map (1:2,500 scale but not more than 1:10,000) or Admiralty Chart which must be marked to indicate:

- the full extent of the works in relation to the surrounding area;
- o latitude and longitude co-ordinates defining the location of the works;
- o the level of MHWS;

Drawings and plans will be consulted upon. If they are subject to copyright, it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain necessary approvals to reproduce the documents and to submit suitably annotated copies with the application.

- (g) Indicate if the marine farm is located within the jurisdiction of a statutory harbour authority and provide details of the statutory harbour authority where relevant.
- (h) Provide assessment of the potential impacts the works may have on navigation, including interference with other uses of the sea.

Where there are potential impacts from the works, please provide details of proposed mitigation in response to potential impacts.

### 6. Planning Permission

Indicate if you have, or if you are in the process of applying for, planning permission for the marine farm. Provide the reference number for the planning application if applicable and/or supply a copy of the planning permission along with the completed application form.

# Marine licence applications will not be determined without valid planning permission.

### 7. Scotland's National Marine Plan

Scotland's National Marine Plan has been prepared in accordance with the EU Directive 2014/89/EU, which came into force in July 2014. The Directive introduces a framework for maritime spatial planning and aims to promote the sustainable development of marine areas and the sustainable use of marine resources. It also sets out a number of minimum requirements all of which have been addressed in this plan. In doing so, and in accordance with article 5(3) of the Directive, Marine Scotland have considered a wide range of sectoral uses and activities and have determined how these different objectives are reflected and weighted in the marine plan. Land-sea interactions have also been taken into account as part of the marine planning process. Any applicant for a marine licence should consider their proposals with reference to Scotland's National Marine found Plan he National Marine can Scotland's of Α copy Plan. http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/03/6517/0

Indicate whether you have considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan and provide details of considerations made including reference to the policies that have been considered. If you have not considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan please provide an explanation.

8. Consultation (other than carried out under pre-application consultation)

Provide details of all bodies consulted and give details of any consents issued including date of issue.







## 9. Associated Works

Indicate whether the application is associated with any other marine projects (e.g. pontoon, moorings etc). If this is the case, provide reference/licence number for the related marine projects.



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It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents or authorisations that may be required.

Under Section 54 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, all information contained within and provided in support of this application will be placed on a Public Register. There are no national security grounds for application information not going on the Register under the 2010 Act.

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### WARNING

It is an offence under the Act under which this application is made to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information.

Target duration for determination is 14 weeks. Please note that missing or erroneous information in your application and complications resulting from consultation may result in the application being refused or delayed.

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### Declaration

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this form and related papers is true.

Signature



Date

30.09.2022

Name in BLOCK LETTERS

# JOHN MICHAEL LAURENSON

### Application Check List

Please check that you provide all relevant information in support of your application, including but not limited to the following:

•	Completed and signed application form	abla
•	Project Drawings	<b>7</b>
•	Maps/Charts	<b>V</b>
•	Co-ordinates of the boundary points of the area of harbour jurisdiction (if you are a statutory harbour authority)	
•	Copy of planning permission (if applicable)	
•	Additional information e.g. photographs, consultation correspondence (if applicable)	<b>V</b>
•	Payment (if paying by cheque)	П





Applicant Details		
Title: MR	Initials: J M	Surname: LAURENSON
Trading Title (if appr	opriate): BLUES	HELL MUSSELS LIMITED
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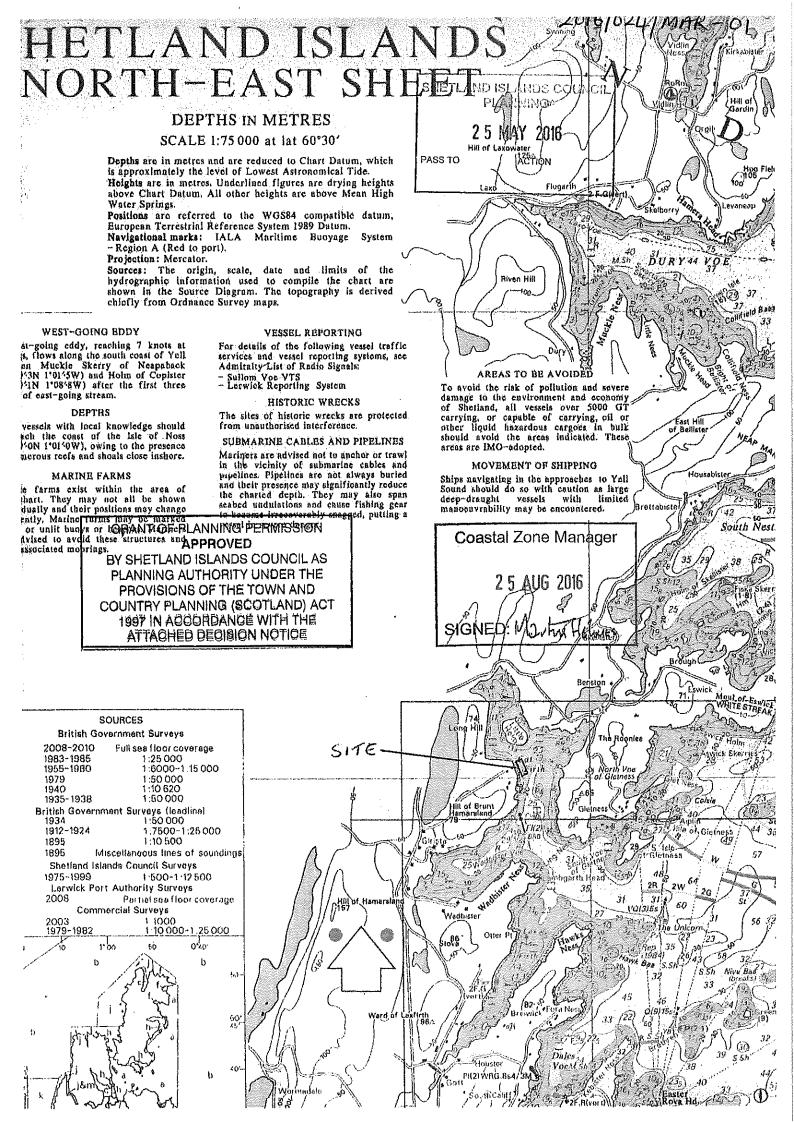
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BY SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL AS PLANNING AUTHORITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED DECISION NOTICE

Coastal Zone Manager

25 AU6 2016

SIGNED: Martin Holmes

### **BRUNT HAMARSLAND**

ANCHORS:

700kg Single Fluke Fishfarm Anchors

2.5 MAY 2016

CHAIN:

17.5m x 36mm chain

ANCHOR ROPE:

20m x 40mm Seasteel Rope

**HEADLINES:** 

220m x 32mm Black 3 strand rope

FLOATS:

Dark Grey or Black GEM or XPLORA make

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2 5 AUG 2016

SIGNED: Martin Holmes

Blueshell Mussels Sparl Brae Shetland ZE2 9QJ



25<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear John,

Planning Applications at East of Brunt Hamarsland and East of Little Holm mussel farms at Catfirth:

East of Brunt Hamarsland (6 x 220m twin-headline longlines) – proposed East of Little Holm (6 x 220m twin-headline longlines) – proposed

With regards our planning applications for the above sites, I wish to confirm our proposed production plans to ensure that future production stays within the estimated carrying capacity of Catfirth.

I can confirm that both sites will be operated as multi-year class sites with different year class of mussels held on site at any one time. In this regard, no more than three longlines at either site will hold market-size (estimated 36-month old) mussels at any one time. Where any site is operating at full capacity in terms of deployed longlines, a maximum of three lines will hold market-size mussels and a maximum of three lines will hold Year 2 mussels with any remaining longlines holding Year 1 juvenile mussels.

Yours sincerely

Michael Laurenson,

Blueshell Mussels

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Coastal Zone Manager

25 AUG 2016

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## SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

## **Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Acts**

With reference to the application for Planning Permission (described below) under the above Acts, the Shetland Islands Council in exercise of these powers hereby GRANT Planning Permission for the development, in accordance with the particulars given in, and the plans accompanying the application as are identified; subject to the condition(s) specified below.

## **Applicant**

**Agent** 

Mr Michael Laurenson Blueshell Mussels Ltd Spark Brae Shetland ZE2 9QJ

Reference Number: 2016/024/MAR

Development: To develop a new mussel farm comprising six 220m twin-headline longlines

Location: East Of Brunt Hamarsland, Catfirth

**Development Services Shetland Islands Council** 8 North Ness Business Park Lerwick **Shetland** ZE1 OLZ

PLEASE LOOK AT THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET AND ON THE ATTACHED SHEET

**Executive Manager - Planning** 

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the planning authority to refuse permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, you may require the planning authority to review the case under Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 within 3 months from the date of this notice. The notice of review should be addressed to:

Shetland Islands Council
Marine Planning Service
Development Services
8 North Ness Business Park
Lerwick
Shetland
ZE1 0LZ

The necessary form can be obtained upon request from the same address.

If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner of the land may serve on the planning authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of the owner of the land's interest in the land in accordance with Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

## Details of Approved Plans and Drawings:

- Admiralty Chart Location Plan 2016/024/MAR-01 Stamped Received 25.05.2016
- Site Plan 2016/024/MAR-02
   Stamped Received 25.05,2016
- Longline Section 2016/024/MAR-03 Stamped Received 25.05.2016
- Equipment Specification 2016/024/MAR-04 Stamped Received 25.05.2016
- Blueshell Mussels Letter 2016/024/MAR-05 Stamped Received 25.05.2016

### Reasons for Council's decision:

(1.) Aquaculture development at this location has been previously established with the granting of planning permission for mussel longline development. The information submitted with the planning application has demonstrated that, subject to appropriate planning conditions, the proposed development can be accommodated without having an unacceptable detrimental impact on the built and natural environment in the vicinity of the development site. In particular, condition no.'s 2 and 6 will ensure that the proposal will not result in any likely significant effect on the conservation objectives or integrity of the East Mainland Coast, Shetland proposed Special Protection Area whilst condition no. 7 will ensure the proposal will not result in a breach of biological carrying capacity.

The proposal complies with policy CST1 of the Shetland Local Development Plan 2014, with policies G1, G2, G9, S1, S4 and S7 of the Shetland Islands Council Interim Policy for Marine Aquaculture (2007) and with policies MSP HER1, MSP FISH1 and MSP AQ1 of Shetland Islands' Marine Spatial Plan Supplementary Guidance (Fourth Edition 2015).

### Conditions:

(1) The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out other than wholly in accordance with the approved plans and details (as may be amended and/or expanded upon by a listed document following afterward) unless previously approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt as to what is being authorised by this permission.

(2) Initiation of the development hereby permitted shall not take place during the period April to September inclusive.

Reason: To ensure the development will not adversely affect the integrity and conservation objectives of the East Mainland Coast, Shetland proposed Special Protection Area.

- (3) The developer shall submit a written 'Notice of Initiation of Development' to the Planning Authority at least 7 days prior to the intended date of commencement of development. Such a notice shall:
- (a) include the full name and address of the person intending to carry out the development;
- (b) state if that person is the owner of the land to which the development relates and if that person is not the owner provide the full name and address of the owner;
- (c) where a person is, or is to be, appointed to oversee the carrying out of the development on site, include the name of that person and details of how that person may be contacted; and
- (d) include the date of issue and reference number of the notice of the decision to grant planning permission for such development.

Reason: To ensure that the developer has complied with the pre-commencement conditions applying to the consent, and that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved documents, in compliance with Section 27A of The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

(4) The following navigational marks shall be provided:

The site shall be marked with a lit yellow buoy fitted with a yellow 'X' topmark. The light shall display a character of flashing group four yellow every twelve seconds (Fl(4) Y 12s) with a nominal range of 2 nautical miles and shall be installed on the top of the buoy with the 'X' below.

The buoy shall be positioned at the most Easterly extremity of the site.

The buoy diameter shall be approximately 1 metre at the waterline with the focal plane of the light 2 metres above that level. The 'X' topmark shall be ≥ 50cm length by 7.5cm width.

Reason: In the interest of navigational safety and to comply with the guidelines laid down by the Northern Lighthouse Board.

(5) All surface floats and buoys, excluding those required to comply with navigational requirements, shall be coloured dark grey, black or blue.

Reason: To minimise the visual impact of the development.

(6) Anti-predator nets and auditory deterrents shall not be deployed in conjunction with the development hereby permitted. Any other anti-predator methods to be deployed must be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, in consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage, prior to deployment on site.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt as to what is being authorised by this permission and to ensure the development will not adversely affect the integrity and conservation objectives of the East Mainland Coast, Shetland proposed Special Protection Area.

(7) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the letter from Blueshell Mussels dated 25.05.2015 and received by the Planning Authority on 25.05.2016. Any changes to longline deployment practices shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to being implemented.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt as to what is being authorised by this permission and to ensure compliance with Shetland Islands Council Interim Policy for Marine Aquaculture 2007, Policy S7.

(8) In the event of any equipment approved by this permission falling into disrepair or becoming damaged, adrift, stranded, abandoned or sunk in such a manner as to cause an obstruction or danger to navigation, the developer shall carry out or make suitable arrangements for the carrying out of all measures necessary for lighting, buoying, raising, repairing, moving or destroying, as appropriate, the whole or any part of the equipment so as to remove the obstruction or danger to navigation.

For the avoidance of doubt, where the surface/ sub-surface equipment approved by this permission is wholly removed for the purposes of cleaning, repair, replacement, fallowing or any other reason, any anchors which remain in situ must be marked with surface buoys.

Reason: In the interest of navigational safety.

(9) In the event that the longlines or associated apparatus approved by this planning permission ceases to be in operational use for the growing of mussels for a period exceeding three years, they shall be wholly removed along with all moorings and anchors and the site restored to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority within 4 months of being notified, unless agreed otherwise in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, under such circumstances the permission so granted will cease.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt as to what is being authorised by this permission and to ensure that the site does not become a navigational hazard or source of marine litter.

## Notes to Applicant:

Commencement of Development

The development hereby permitted must be commenced within 3 years of the date of this permission in order to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by Section 20 of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006.

### **Disease Control**

The Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009 requires the authorisation of all Aquaculture Production Businesses (APB's) in relation to animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals. The authorisation procedure is

undertaken on behalf of the Scottish Ministers by the Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) at Marine Scotland Marine Laboratory. To apply for authorisation for an APB or to amend details of an existing APB or any site that an APB is authorised to operate at, you are advised to contact the FHI as follows: Fish Health Inspectorate, Marine Scotland Marine Laboratory, PO Box 101, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB. Tel: 01224 295525; Email: ms.fishhealth@gov.scot

## Marine Licensing

All marine farms, whether finfish, shellfish or algal, are required to apply for a marine licence under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010. To apply for a marine licence, or to amend details of an existing marine licence (formally Coast Protection Act 1949 - Section 34 consent), please visit the Scottish Government's website at http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/Applications where application forms and guidance can be found. Alternatively you can contact the Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) by emailing MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot; or calling 01224 295 579.

### Seabed Lease

Under the terms of the Crown Estate Act 1961, a seabed lease is required for the development hereby permitted. To obtain or update a seabed lease you are advised to contact the Crown Estate as follows: Aquaculture Lease Co-ordinator, The Crown Estate, 6 Bell's Brae, Edinburgh EH4 3BJ. Tel: 0131 260 6070; Email: Charlene.McPake@thecrownestate.co.uk

Marking outlying anchors where equipment is deployed

The 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.

Notice of completion of development

As soon as practicable after the development is complete, the person who completes the development is obliged by section 27B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to give the Planning Authority written notice of that position.

25 August 2016

**Executive Manager - Planning**