

MARINE SCOTLAND ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE TO REMOVE A SUBSTANCE OR OBJECT FROM THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA

Licence Number: **MS-00008986**

The Scottish Ministers (hereinafter referred to as "the Licensing Authority") hereby grant a marine licence authorising:

**St Andrews Links Trust
Pilmour House
St Andrews**

KY16 9SF

to remove a substance or object as described in Part 2. The licence is subject to the conditions set out, or referred to, in Part 3.

The licence is valid from **27 February, 2021** until **26 February, 2024**

Signed:

Anni Mäkelä

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue 26 February, 2021

1. PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 Interpretation

In the licence, terms are as defined in Section 1, 64 and 157 of the Marine Scotland Act 2010, and

- a) "**the 2010 Act**" means the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010;
- b) "**Licensed Activity**" means any activity or activities listed in section 21 of the 2010 Act which is, or are authorised under the licence;
- c) "**Licensee**" means St Andrews Links Trust
- d) "**Mean high water springs**" means any area submerged at mean high water spring tide;
- e) "**Commencement of the Licensed Activity**" means the date on which the first vehicle or vessel arrives on the site to begin carrying on any activities in connection with the Licensed Activity;
- f) "**Completion of the Licensed Activity**" means the date on which the Licensed Activity has been installed in full, or the Licensed Activity has been deemed complete by the Licensing Authority, whichever occurs first;

All geographical co-ordinates contained within the licence are in WGS84 format (latitude and longitude degrees and minutes to three decimal places) unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Contacts

All correspondence or communications relating to the licence should be addressed to:

Marine Scotland
Licensing Operations Team
Marine Laboratory
375 Victoria Road
Aberdeen
AB11 9DB
Email: MS.Marinelicensing@gov.scot

1.3 Other authorisations and consents

The Licensee is deemed to have satisfied itself that there are no barriers or restrictions, legal or otherwise, to the carrying on of the Licensed Activities in connection with the licensed activity. The issuing of the licence does not absolve the Licensee from obtaining such other authorisations and consents, which may be required under statute.

1.4 Variation, suspension, revocation and transfer

Under section 30 (1) of the 2010 Act the Licensing Authority may by notice vary, suspend or revoke the licence granted by them if it appears to the Licensing Authority that there has been a breach of any of its provisions. For any such other reason that appears to be relevant to the Licensing Authority under section 30(2) or (3) of the 2010 Act. Under the 2010 Act variations, suspensions, revocations and transfers of licences are subject to the procedures set out in section 31 of the Act.

Under section 30 (7) of the 2010 Act, on an application made by a licensee, the Licensing Authority may vary a licence if satisfied that the variation being applied for is not material.

Under section 30 (8) of the 2010 Act, on an application made by the licensee, the Licensing Authority may transfer the licence from the Licensee to another person.

1.5 Breach of requirement for, or conditions of, licence

Under section 39 of the 2010 Act it is an offence to carry on a Licensable Marine Activity without a marine licence and it is also an offence to fail to comply with any condition of a marine licence.

1.6 Defences: actions taken in an emergency

Under section 40 of the 2010 Act it is a defence for a person charged with an offence under section 39(1) of the 2010 Act in relation to any activity to prove that –

the activity was carried out for the purpose of saving life, or for the purpose of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure ('force majeure'), and

that the person took steps within a reasonable time to inform the Licensing Authority as set out in section 40(2) of the 2010 Act.

1.7 Offences relating to information

Under section 42 of the 2010 Act it is an offence for a person to make a statement which is false or misleading in a material way, knowing the statement to be false or misleading or being reckless as to whether the statement is false or misleading, or to intentionally fail to disclose any material information for the purpose of procuring the issue, variation or transfer of a marine licence or for the purpose of complying with, or purporting to comply with, any obligation imposed by either Part 4 of the 2010 Act or the provisions of this licence.

1.8 Appeals

Under Regulation 3(1) of the Marine Licensing Appeals (Scotland) Regulations 2011 a person who has applied for a marine licence may by summary application appeal to against a decision taken by the Licensing Authority under section 71(1)(b) or (c) or (5) of the Act.

2. PART 2 – PARTICULARS

2.1 Agent

Jack Fisher Partnership
7 Alexandra Place
St Andrews

KY16 9XE

2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity

West Sands Beach, St Andrews, within the area bounded by joining the following points:

56° 21.720' N 02° 48.690' W
56° 21.720' N 02° 48.590' W
56° 21.740' N 02° 48.590' W
56° 21.740' N 02° 48.690' W

As shown in Annex One.

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Sand removal

As described in application dated 30 September, 2020 and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

2.4 Descriptions of the substances or objects to be removed

This licence authorises the removal of the undernoted substances and objects required in connection with the licensed activity, subject to the amounts as specified below:

1700 wet tonnes of sand may be removed between 27 February 2021 and 26 February 2022.

1700 wet tonnes of sand may be removed between 27 February 2022 and 26 February 2023.

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2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details

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3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 General Conditions

3.1.1 In the event of any breach of health and safety or environmental obligations relating to the Licensed Activity during the period of the licence, the Licensee must provide written notification of the nature and timing of the incident to the Licensing Authority within 24 hours of the incident occurring. Confirmation of remedial measures taken and/or to be taken to rectify the breach must be provided, in writing, to the Licensing Authority within a period of time to be agreed by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.2 If governmental assistance is required (including UK governmental assistance or the assistance of any UK devolved government) to deal with any emergency arising from:

- a) the failure to mark and light the Licensed Activity as required by this licence;
- b) the maintenance of the Licensed Activity or
- c) the drifting or wreck of the Licensed Activity,

to include the broadcast of navigational warnings, then the Licensee is liable for any expenses incurred in securing such assistance.

3.1.3 The Licensee must ensure that a copy of the licence is given to each contractor employed to undertake the licensed activities. The Licensee must also ensure that copies of the licence and all other relevant documents are available for inspection by any authorised Enforcement Officer at:

- a) the premises of the Licensee;
- b) the premises of any agent acting on behalf of the Licensee; and
- c) site of the Licensed Activity.

3.1.4 The Licensee must continue to monitor beach levels and sediment budget at the West Sands, as has been carried out previously, and provide the Licensing Authority with a written report annually and a comprehensive report at the Completion of the Licensed Activity detailing any changes observed.

3.2 Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity

3.2.1 The Licensee must provide the name and function of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor appointed or vehicle used to undertake the Licensed Activities, as soon as is reasonably practicable prior to the Licensed Activities commencing.

3.2.2 The Licensee must, prior to and no less than seven calendar days before the

Commencement of the Licensed Activity, notify the Licensing Authority, in writing, of the date of Commencement of the Licensed Activity authorised under this licence.

3.2.3 The Licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case zone3@hmcg.gov.uk, is made aware of the Licenced Activity Prior to Commencement.

3.2.4 The Licensee must ensure that only those agents, contractors or sub-contractors notified to the Licensing Authority are permitted to undertake the works.

3.2.5 The Licensee must issue local notification to marine users – including fisherman’s organisations, neighbouring port authorities and other local stakeholders – to ensure that they are made fully aware of the works.

3.2.6 The Licensee must notify Source Data Receipt, The Hydrographic Office, Admiralty Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (e-mail: sdr@ukho.gov.uk; tel.: 01823 484444) of the progress and upon completion of the the Licensed Activity. Such notification must include a copy of the licence, and wherever possible, 'as built plans', in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made through the national Notice to Mariners system.

3.3 During the Licensed Activity

3.3.1 The Licensee must ensure that any debris or waste materials arising during the course of the Licensed Activity are removed for disposal at an approved location above the tidal level of Mean High Water Springs.

3.3.2 The Licensee must ensure appropriate steps are taken to minimise damage to the foreshore and seabed by the Licensed Activity.

3.3.3 The Licensee must ensure the foreshore and seabed are returned to the original profile, or as close as reasonably practicable, following the completion of the Licensed Activity.

3.3.4 Any person authorised by the Licensing Authority must be permitted to inspect the site at any reasonable time.

3.3.5 The Licensee must ensure no Licensed Activities take place within 2km of the designated St Andrews (West Sands) Bathing Waters during the bathing season (01 June to 15 September inclusive) without prior approval of the Licensing Authority.

3.3.6 The Licensee must ensure that an ecologist with ornithological expertise is present during the Licensed Activity from January 2022 onwards. The ecologist must record the number and activity of qualifying bird species of the Firth

of Tay and Eden Estuary Special Protection Area present 30 minutes prior to, during and 30 minutes after the Licensed Activity to record any disturbance and displaced of birds within the site and its vicinity.

3.3.7 The Licensee must ensure that the records required by condition 3.3.6 are provided to the Licensing Authority on an annual basis from January 2022 onwards.

3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

3.4.1 The Licensee must, no later than 14 days following the Completion of the Licensed Activity notify the Licensing Authority, in writing, of the date of the Completion of the Licensed Activity.

3.4.2 The Licensee must submit a written report regarding the materials used during the works to the Licensing Authority. The written report must be submitted on completion of the works and on the forms provided by the Licensing Authority no later than 31 October 2025.

NOTES

1. You are deemed to have satisfied yourself that there are no barriers, legal or otherwise, to the carrying out of the licensed activity. The issue of the licence does not absolve the licensee from obtaining such authorisations, consents etc which may be required under any other legislation.

2. In the event that the licensee wishes any of the particulars set down in the Schedule to be altered, the licensing authority must be immediately notified of the alterations. It should be noted that changes can invalidate a licence, and that an application for a new licence may be necessary.