

# Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

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Licence Holder: Project Seagrass

Charity Number: 1162824

Unit 1 Garth Drive  
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### Introductory note

#### **This introductory note does not form a part of the marine licence**

The main features of the marine licence are as follows.

Continued seeding of the area within Dale Bay that was previously licensed under CML1944v1, and subsequent expansion by 1 hectare. This takes the area up to 3 hectares in total.

The status log of the marine licence sets out the marine licence history, including any subsequent marine licence variation(s)

Status log of this marine licence		
Description	Date	Comments
Application	16 January 2025	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	28 April 2025	Determination date

#### **Related marine licences or applications under determination**

Marine Licence or Application Number	Date	Comments
CML1944v1	21 April 2023	Previous licence for the planting of 2 hectares of seagrass at Dale Bay. The licence expired on 30 November 2024, hence the need for a new licence.

End of introductory note.

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## MARINE LICENCE, NUMBER DEML2506

### 1 LICENCE DETAILS

#### 1.1 Marine Licence

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered DEML2506 and duly made on **16 January 2025** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry out activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, (2009 Act). This licence should be interpreted in accordance with **Section 4**.

#### 1.2 Licence Holder

The Licence Holder is the organisation set out below:

**Organisation name:** Project Seagrass  
**Charity number:** 1162824  
**Address:** Unit 1 Garth Drive, Brackla Industrial Estate,  
Bridgend, CF31 2AQ

#### 1.3 Licence Validity

Licence Start Date	28 April 2025
Licence End Date	30 September 2030
Licence Issue Date	28 April 2025

#### 1.4 Conditions

This licence is subject to the conditions set out in **Section 3**.

Signed:



**Dr. Emmer Litt – Marine Licensing Team Leader**

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

## 2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

### 2.1 Project

#### Seagrass Planting in Dale, Pembrokeshire

The following Licensed Activities can be conducted within the Licence Period, within the Licensed Area and in accordance with the Approved Application and the Approved Supporting Documents:

**Table 1 Licensed Activities**

<b>Activity 1 Seagrass Planting</b>	
Type of Licensed Activity	Deposit
Description	<p>Seagrass planting over an area of up to 3 hectares.</p> <p>The methods will be any of or a combination of those described in the application form and summarised below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seagrass seed injection intertidally using Direct Injection Seeding (DIS)</li> <li>2. Seagrass transplants from the seagrass nursery</li> <li>3. Seagrass seed injection using a sled towed by a boat.</li> <li>4. Seagrass planting using a self-propelled robot controlled from a boat</li> <li>5. Seagrass seed bag planting using biodegradable rope, deployed from a boat</li> </ol> <p>Marker buoys will be placed at the edges of the seagrass planting area.</p>
Material types to be removed or deposited	Deposit: Hessian or other biodegradable natural materials, steel pins, seagrass seeds and transplants, sand, clay, marker buoys
Quantities/Dimensions	<p>Up to 3 million seagrass seeds will be deposited.</p> <p><b>Sled-based planting</b></p> <p>Up to 750 kg of clay powder per hectare</p> <p><b>Planting with biodegradable bags</b></p> <p>Up to c. 2,500 kg marine-derived sand, to use at 100 g per small seed bag</p> <p>Up to c. 3,000 kg marine-derived sand, to use at 2 kg per large sand bag for anchoring</p>

	<p>Up to c. 25,000 small 'seagrass seed' bags (c. 13 x 7.5 cm) (natural hessian fibre or alternative biodegradable material)</p> <p>Up to c. 1500 hessian sand bags for anchoring (c. 30 x 20 cm) (hessian natural fibre or alternative biodegradable material)</p> <p>Up to c. 500 lines of hessian fibre twine (c. 25 m long)</p> <p><b>Transplanting</b></p> <p>Up to 500 small steel pins (40mm/ 1.57" width, 150mm/ 6" length, and 3mm/ 0.12" of diameter)</p> <p>Up to 500 biodegradable mossing pins</p>
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## **2.2 Licensed Area**

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the activities described in Table 1 in the vicinity of Dale, Pembrokeshire bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2 and as indicated in the plan attached at Appendix 1:

**Table 2 Coordinates**

<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
51.7097976	-5.1636496
51.7088438	-5.1636310
51.7097670	-5.1592790
51.7087830	-5.1596260

In the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates set out above and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

## **2.3 Approved Supporting Documents**

<b>Title/Description of Document</b>	<b>Date Submitted</b>
DEML2506 - 1. Dale-marine-works-licence-application.docx	16 January 2025
DEML2506 - 2. Marine Licence Dale Continuation.docx	16 January 2025
DEML2506 - 3. Habitats Regulations Assessment.docx	16 January 2025
DEML2506 - 4. Water Framework Directive Assessment.docx	16 January 2025

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DEML2506 - 5a. Biosecurity Assessment Management.docx	16 January 2025
DEML2506 - 5b. Biosecurity Assessment Management.docx	16 January 2025
DEML2506 - 6. Welsh National Marine Plan.xlsx	16 January 2025
DEML2506 Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries	14 April 2025

### **3 CONDITIONS**

#### **Notification and Inspection**

##### **3.1 Notification of Commencement**

- 3.1.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.3** The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **10 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

##### **3.2 Notification of Vessels and/or Vehicles**

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

##### **3.3 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-contractors**

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

##### **3.4 Notification of HM Coastguard**

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities at least **24 hours** prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at **zone28@hmcg.gov.uk**.

##### **3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities**

The Licence Holder must allow Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Works at any reasonable time.

##### **3.6 Notification of Completion**

- 3.6.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.6.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

### **3.7 Accident or Emergency**

**3.7.1** If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

**3.7.2** If it is necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove any equipment, plant or machinery used to undertake the Licensed Activities that have been dropped as a result of an accident or emergency, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

### **3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence**

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence is given to:

- All agent(s), contractor(s) and sub-contractor(s) whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.3 and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in accordance with this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

### **3.9 Inspection of Documents**

Copies of this Licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;
- on board each vessel or vehicle carrying out Licensed Activities.

The documents referred to in this Condition shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

### **Vessels, Plant and Equipment**

#### **3.10 Notified Contractors, Vessels and/or Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities**

Only those agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s), vessels and/or vehicles whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vehicles carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this Licence.



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### **3.11 Refuelling of Plant and Equipment**

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore or in the sea.

### **3.12 Equipment, Structures and Access**

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

## **Safety**

### **3.13 Removal of Deposited Material**

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposit specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

## **Pollution control**

### **3.14 Pollution Prevention**

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

### **3.15 Spillage of Pollutants**

The Licence Holder must employ bunding, storage facilities and spill kits to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of **no less than 110%** of the container's storage capacity

### **3.16 Prevention of Disposal of Man-made Debris**

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

### **3.17 Cleanliness of Equipment**

The Licence Holder must ensure that equipment, machinery and PPE are washed with freshwater and/or thoroughly airdried before deployment and before moving between locations.

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### **Activity-specific Conditions**

#### **3.18 Biosecurity Plan**

The Licence Holder must implement any actions outlined in the biosecurity plan within “*DEML2506 - 5a\_BiosecurityAssessmentManagement*” and “*DEML2506 – 5b\_BiosecurityAssessmentManagement*”, submitted 16 January 2025 and detailed in section 2.3 as approved by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the biosecurity plan must be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.

#### **3.19 Reporting of Artefacts**

The Licence Holder must ensure that any artefacts accidentally recovered are retained and reported through the Marine Portable Antiquities Scheme.

#### **3.20 Implementation of Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries**

The Licence Holder must work in line with the Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries detailed in “*DEML2506 Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries*” submitted 14 April 2025 and detailed in section 2.3 as approved by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the document must be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.

#### 4 INTERPRETATION

In this Licence terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act unless otherwise stated.

- (a) **"2009 Act"** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- (b) **"Approved Application"** means the Marine Licence Application Form together with the Approved Supporting Documents;
- (c) **"Approved Supporting Documents"** means the documents supporting, or supplementary to, the Approved Application, submitted prior to the Licence Issue Date, listed in the Table at paragraph 2.3 above;
- (d) **"Commencement"** means the first undertaking of any Licensed Activities;
- (e) **"Force majeure"** may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel determines that it is necessary to deposit the substances or articles because the safety of human life and/or of the vessel is threatened;
- (f) **"Licensed Activities"** means the activities authorised by this licence as specified in 2.1;
- (g) **"Licensed Area"** means the area within which Licensed Activities are authorised by this licence as specified in section 2.2;
- (h) **"Licence Holder"** means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1.2 to whom this licence is granted;
- (i) **"Licence Period"** means the period beginning with the Licence Start Date and ending on the Licence End Date;
- (j) **"Licensing Authority"** means Natural Resources Wales acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers;
- (k) **"Marine Enforcement Officers"** means the relevant officers appointed by Welsh Ministers under section 235 of the 2009 Act, contact details for whom are provided in section 5;
- (l) **"Marine Licence Application Form"** means the application form forming part of the application referred to in paragraph 1.1;
- (m) **"Method Statement"** means the Method Statement(s) forming part of the Approved Application or Approved Supporting Documents;

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- (n) **“Works”** means any construction activities comprised in the Licensed Activities and, where the context permits, includes any plant, equipment or materials used to carry out those activities or operations but excludes monitoring, minor routine maintenance or other ongoing operational activities following completion of any construction activities;
- (o) all times shall be taken to be the time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on any given day;
- (p) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be latitude and longitude decimal degree (WGS 84)
- (q) in the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

## **5 CONTACTS**

**Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns, correspondence and requests for variations of the licence is:**

Marine Licensing Team  
Natural Resources Wales  
Welsh Government Offices  
Cathays Park  
King Edward VII Avenue  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ  
Tel: 0300 065 3000  
Email: [marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)

**Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:**

Welsh Government  
Suite 3  
Cedar Court  
Haven's Head Business Park  
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire  
SA73 3LS  
  
Tel: 03000253500  
Email: [MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales](mailto:MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales)

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## Appendix 1

