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MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009: PART 4 – MARINE LICENSING

Marine Licence: RML1903

The Natural Resources Body for Wales (“NRW”) acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority hereby authorise:

Natural Resources Wales
Maes-y-FFynnon
Bangor
Gwynedd
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(Hereinafter referred to as “the Licence Holder”) to remove from the seabed any substances or articles, the particulars of which are set out at paragraph 1.1 of the attached Schedule. The Licence is subject to the conditions of use set out, or referred to, in the said Schedule.

This Licence shall be valid from the beginning of the day of **01 March 2019**, (hereinafter referred to as the start date of this Licence) to the end of the day of **31 December 2021** (hereinafter referred to as the end or expiry date of this Licence).

For the purposes of this Licence and attached schedule and unless indicated otherwise:-

- (i) all times shall be taken to be Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), and,
- (ii) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be Eastings and Northings

Signed:

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 01 March 2019

SCHEDULE of CONDITIONS

1. Particulars of the Works

- 1.1 The type of works for which the removal of the substances or articles as specified in paragraph 1.3 of this Schedule are:

Benthic Grab Sampling

- 1.2 Details of the works requiring the removal of the substances or articles as specified at paragraph 1.1 of this Schedule are: -

Benthic grab sampling of macrofauna and sediment from a coastal survey vessel.

- 1.3 The substances or articles authorised for removal from the seabed are:

Removal: Sand, Gravel, Seabed sediment

- 1.4 The Licence Holder and any Agent and Contractor acting on their behalf is permitted to remove the substances or articles specified at paragraph 1.3 of this Schedule, at the following locations, which were detailed in the Licence Holder's application dated 17 January 2019;

Within the Welsh inshore area which extends seaward 12 nautical miles from Mean High Water Spring (MHWS) to the territorial limit as detailed in Supporting Information for Marine Licence Application NRW Grab Sampling Survey Programme 2019-2021

- 1.5 The Licence Holder must inform NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority of the exact co-ordinates of all removals within **10 days** of being taken.
- 1.6 The works shall be carried out in accordance with the works schedule and method statement as detailed in the application form dated 17 January 2019, and as detailed in the following:

**Supporting Information for Marine Licence Application NRW Grab Sampling Survey Programme 2019-2021
Indicative Grab Sample Locations (submitted 29 January 2019)**

2. Additional Persons Responsible for the Deposit of the Substances or Articles

- 2.1 The Licence Holder must ensure that details of the contractors utilised to undertake the works are submitted to NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority and Marine Enforcement Officers prior to the commencement of works.
- 2.2 The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the works are submitted to NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority and Marine Enforcement Officers prior to the commencement of the works.

- 2.3 Only those Operator(s) or Contractor(s) and vehicles whose details have been notified to NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority and Marine Enforcement Officers may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority in writing prior to operating under this Licence.
- 2.4 All vessels employed to perform the removal operation permitted by this Licence shall be so constructed and equipped as to be capable of the proper performance of these operations in compliance with the conditions set out in the Schedule to this Licence. Details of the vessels that may operate under this Licence are as referred to in sub-paragraph 2.2.

3. Distribution of copies of this Licence

- 3.1 The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence and attached Schedule, any special conditions and any subsequent revisions or amendments thereto is given to:
 - 3.1.1. All Operator(s) and Contractor(s) as detailed at paragraph 2.1 and
 - 3.1.2 The Masters of all vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in the pursuance of this Licence as referred to in paragraph 2.2.
- 3.2 Copies of this Licence shall also be available at the following locations:
 - 3.2.1 at the address of the Licence Holder;
 - 3.2.2 at any site office, located at or adjacent to the site of the works, used by the Licence Holder, operator(s) or contractors(s) responsible for the loading, transportation or removal of those substances or articles detailed at paragraph 1.3 of this Schedule; and,
 - 3.2.3 on board each vessel or at the office of any transport manager with responsibility for vehicles from which licensed removals are to be made.

4. Inspection of the Operation

- 4.1 The documents referred to in paragraph 3 shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority and Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.
- 4.2 The Licence Holder must advise NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority and Marine Enforcement Officers, at least **10 days** before the licensed operation, or an individual phase of the operation is expected to commence.
- 4.3 The Licence Holder must notify NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers within **10 days** of completion of the works.

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- 4.4 The Licence Holder must allow officers of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officer or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority or NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority to inspect the works at any reasonable time.

5. Contacts

- 5.1 Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns and correspondence shall be:-

**Marine Licensing Team
Natural Resources Wales
Permitting Service
29 Newport Road
Cambria House
Cardiff
CF24 0TP**

Email: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

- 5.2 For the purposes of this Licence any references to the Marine Enforcement Officers shall mean the relevant officers located at:-

**Welsh Government
Suite 3
Cedar Court
Haven's Head Business Park
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire
SA73 3LS**

Tel: 03000253500

Email: milfordhavenfisheryoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk

6. Force Majeure

- 6.1 If, by reason of "force majeure" the substances or articles specified at sub-paragraph 1.3 of this Schedule, are deposited otherwise than in the area authorised by this Licence at paragraph 1.4, full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

"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.

7. Changes to this Licence

- 7.1 In the event of the Licence Holder becoming aware that any of the information on which the granting of this Licence was based has changed or is likely to change, he/she shall notify NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority at the earliest opportunity of the details.

- 7.2 Similarly in the event that the Licence Holder wishes any of the particulars set down in the Schedule to be altered he/she shall inform NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority at the earliest opportunity before taking any further action.

8. Project Specific Conditions

- 8.1 The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the activity through local notices to mariners prior to the commencement of the works.
- 8.2 The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the works prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre: nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk.
- 8.3 Where the sites are within port limits, the Licence Holder must gain the approval/agreement of the responsible local navigation authority or the Harbour Authority/Commissioners/Council.
- 8.4 The Licence Holder must give at least 28 days' notice to the appropriate Ministry of Defence establishments prior to works being undertaken within their respective Sea Danger Areas (as published on UKHO Practice and Exercise Area charts) and gain the approval of the relevant range controller/training safety officer before the commencement of any activity within a Sea Danger Area.
- 8.5 The Licence Holder must ensure that samples are washed down as close to the sampling site as possible to avoid the transfer of invasive non-native species.
- 8.6 The Licence Holder must ensure bunding and storage facilities are installed to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment.
- 8.7 The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to Natural Resources Wales using their hotline number **0300 065 3000**; NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority must also be notified at the earliest possible date.
- 8.8 The Licence Holder must ensure all equipment, materials, machinery and PPE used are in a clean condition prior to their arrival on site, and upon removal from site, to minimise risk of introducing non-native species into the marine environment.
- 8.9 The Licence Holder must ensure that any artefacts accidentally recovered are retained and reported through the Marine Portable Antiquities Scheme.
- 8.10 The Licence Holder must ensure if they recover wreck material or material suspected of coming from aircraft downed at sea, it is reported to the Receiver of Wreck within 28 days.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

*This page does not form part of this Licence **RML1903** or its associated schedule but the Licence Holder is recommended to read the following guidance notes.*

1. The granting of this Licence does not absolve the Licence Holder from obtaining such other authorisations, consents and approvals which may be required under any other legislation, controls or regulations.
2. Under Section 72 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, the Licensing Authority may vary or revoke this Licence if it appears to the Authority that the Licence Holder is in breach of any conditions in it or for any other reason that appears to the Authority to be relevant.
3. A person who contravenes Section 65 (1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, or fails to comply with any condition of a Marine Licence, commits an offence under Part 4, Chapter 3, Section 85 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
4. It is a defence, Under Part 4, Chapter 3, Section 86 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, for a person charged with an offence under Section 85 (1) to prove that:
 - a) the activity was carried out for the purpose of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure or for the purpose of securing life, and,
 - b) that he/she took steps within reasonable time following the incident to inform the Licensing Authority of:
 - (i) the fact that the activity was carried out,
 - (ii) the locality and circumstances in which it was carried out, and
 - (iii) any substance or objects concerned.
5. If the works authorised by this Licence are unlikely to be completed by the expiry date of this licence, the Licence Holder should apply for a replacement licence **at least 4 months** prior to the expiry date of this Licence.