

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

Marine Licence: DEML1925

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

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(Hereinafter referred to as “the Licence Holder”) to deposit and removal in the sea the 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 **30 September 2019**, (hereinafter referred to as the start date of this Licence) to the end of the day of, **29 September 2020** (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 latitude and longitude degrees and minutes to two decimal places

Signed: 

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 15 July 2019

SCHEDULE of CONDITIONS

1. Particulars of the works

- 1.1 The type of works for which the deposit of the substances or articles as specified in paragraph 1.4 of this Schedule are:

Experimentally plant 2ha of seagrass

1.2 **Eligible Activities**

The following activities are can be conducted multiple times within the licence period, at a single location:

- Deposit and subsequent removal of marker buoys
- Deposit of sea grass in hessian bags
- Deposit of biodegradable rope and sand bags

- 1.3. The Licence Holder and any Operator and Contractor acting on their behalf is permitted to conduct the activities described at paragraph 1.2 at the *following location* detailed in the Licence Holder's application dated **29 March 2019**;

Dale, Pembrokeshire

Within the area bounded by joining the following Co-ordinates:

Longitude	Latitude
-5.160091°	51.705603°
-5.160049°	51.704565°
-5.155246°	51.704347°
-5.155120°	51.705423°

- 1.4. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the works schedule and method statement as detailed in the application form dated **29 March 2019**, and as detailed in the following:

**Band 1 low risk activity Method statement template DEML1925 -
(Submitted on 14 June 2019)**

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

- 2.1 The Licence Holder must ensure that details of the Operator(s) and Contractor(s) utilised to undertake the works are submitted to NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority 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 Welsh Government 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 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 Any vessels employed to perform the deposit 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.

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) whose names have been provided to NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority and
 - 3.1.2 The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in the pursuance of this Licence whose details have been submitted to NRW as detailed at 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 deposit of those substances or articles detailed at paragraph 1.4 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 deposits 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 authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.
- 4.2 The Licence Holder must notify NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at least **5 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.
- 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 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 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: 03000 253500

Email: milfordhavenfishery@gov.wales

6. Force Majeure

- 6.1 If, by reason of "force majeure" the substances or articles specified at sub-paragraph 1.2 of this Schedule, are deposited otherwise than in the area authorised by this Licence at paragraph 1.3, full details of the circumstances shall be notified to NRW acting on behalf of 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. Standard Conditions

- 8.1 The Licence Holder must notify NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority if the circumstances on which the granting of this licence was based has changed to an extent that the activity no longer meets the eligibility criteria, at which time the licence is deemed to be invalid.
- 8.2 The Licence Holder must ensure that the works are maintained in a safe condition that does not represent a danger to the environment, or other marine users, at all times.
- 8.3 The Licence Holder must notify the UK Hydrographic Office of the location of the activity within 5 days of the completion, to permit the promulgation of Maritime Safety Information and the updating of nautical charts and publications.
- 8.4 The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the activity through local notices to mariners 5 days prior to the commencement of the works.
- 8.5 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.
- 8.6 If, in the opinion of NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, the assistance of a Government Department, including the broadcast of navigational warnings, is required in connection with the activity or to deal with any emergency arising from the drifting or wreck of the activity, the Licence Holder responsible for the works will be liable for any expense incurred in securing such assistance.
- 8.7 The Licence Holder must remove the deposited material from below the level of mean high water springs within one month of notice being given by NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority at any time we consider this necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, and not replaced until NRW on behalf of the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.
- 8.8 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.
- 8.9 The Licence Holder must ensure that any coatings/treatments are suitable for use in the marine environment and are used in accordance with best environmental practice.
- 8.10 The Licence Holder must ensure all equipment, materials, machinery and PPE used are in a clean condition prior to their arrival on site, and removal from site, to minimise risk of introducing non-native species into the marine environment.

9. Location conditions – activity within sensitive areas

- 9.1 The Licence Holder must ensure that any activities conducted in an area identified by NRW as sensitive have been fully documented in the method statement approved in writing by NRW, as described in paragraph 1.4.
- 9.2 The Licence Holder must ensure that vehicular access across coastal habitats that form part of the interest features of a designated or proposed protected area (SPA, SAC, MCZ, SSSI or RAMSAR), or any sensitive habitat identified by NRW as sensitive, is not used unless specified in the approved method statement described in paragraph 1.4.
- 9.3 The Licence Holder must ensure that any equipment or materials used do not enter the marine environment within the interest features of a designated or proposed protected site (SPA, SAC, MCZ, SSSI or RAMSAR) or any other sensitive habitats identified by NRW as sensitive, unless specified in the approved method statement described in paragraph 1.4.

10. Activity Specific Conditions – Placement of posts using piling

- 10.1 The Licence Holder must ensure that vibro-piling is used when inserting piles.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

*This page does not form part of this Licence **DEML1925** 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, NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority may vary or revoke this Licence if it appears to the NRW that the Licence Holder is in breach of any conditions in it or for any other reason that appears to NRW 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 NRW acting on behalf of 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.