

Authorisation Number: CAR/L/1095612
Variation Number: VAR02

Notice: Variation of Authorisation

The authorisation detailed below is varied by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) in exercise of its powers under regulation 22 of the Water Environment (Controlled Activities)(Scotland) Regulations 2011 (“the Regulations”). This Notice is issued in accordance with Regulation 24(4) of the Regulations.

Authorisation Number:	CAR/L/1095612
Authorised Person:	Mowi Scotland Ltd SC 138843 1 st Floor Admiralty Park Admiralty Road Rosyth Fife KY11 2YW
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Authorised Place:	Hellisay MPFF Sound of Hellisay Isle of Barra
Effective Date of Variation:	5 December 2023
Details of Variation:	The authorisation is varied as specified in the Schedule attached.

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Schedule

The authorisation is varied as follows:

1. Condition 2.3 has been deleted and replaced with a new Condition 2.3 as follows:

2.3 Fallow Period and Restocking

- 2.3.1 Between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2025, each production cycle must last no longer than 12 calendar months.
 - 2.3.2 During the time period specified in 2.3.1, there must be a minimum fallow period of 84 consecutive days between each production cycle during which Atlantic Salmon must not be kept at the authorised place.
 - 2.3.3 Following the time period specified in 2.3.1, there must be a minimum fallow period of 42 consecutive days between every production cycle during which Atlantic Salmon must not be kept at the authorised place.
 - 2.3.4 SEPA must be notified in writing within 14 days of the authorised place being stocked.
 - 2.3.5 SEPA must be notified in writing within 14 days if the authorised place is stocked with fish that have been treated with the active ingredient in Table 3.
 - 2.3.6 SEPA must be notified in writing within 14 days of the authorised place being fallowed.
 - 2.3.7 The information required by 2.3.4, 2.3.5 and 2.3.6 must be sent to aquaculture.notifications@sepa.org.uk.
2. Condition 2.4 has been deleted and replaced with a new Condition 2.4 as follows:

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2.4 Pen Configuration

2.4.1 The fish pens must be configured as set out in Table 1.

Table 1 Pen Configuration

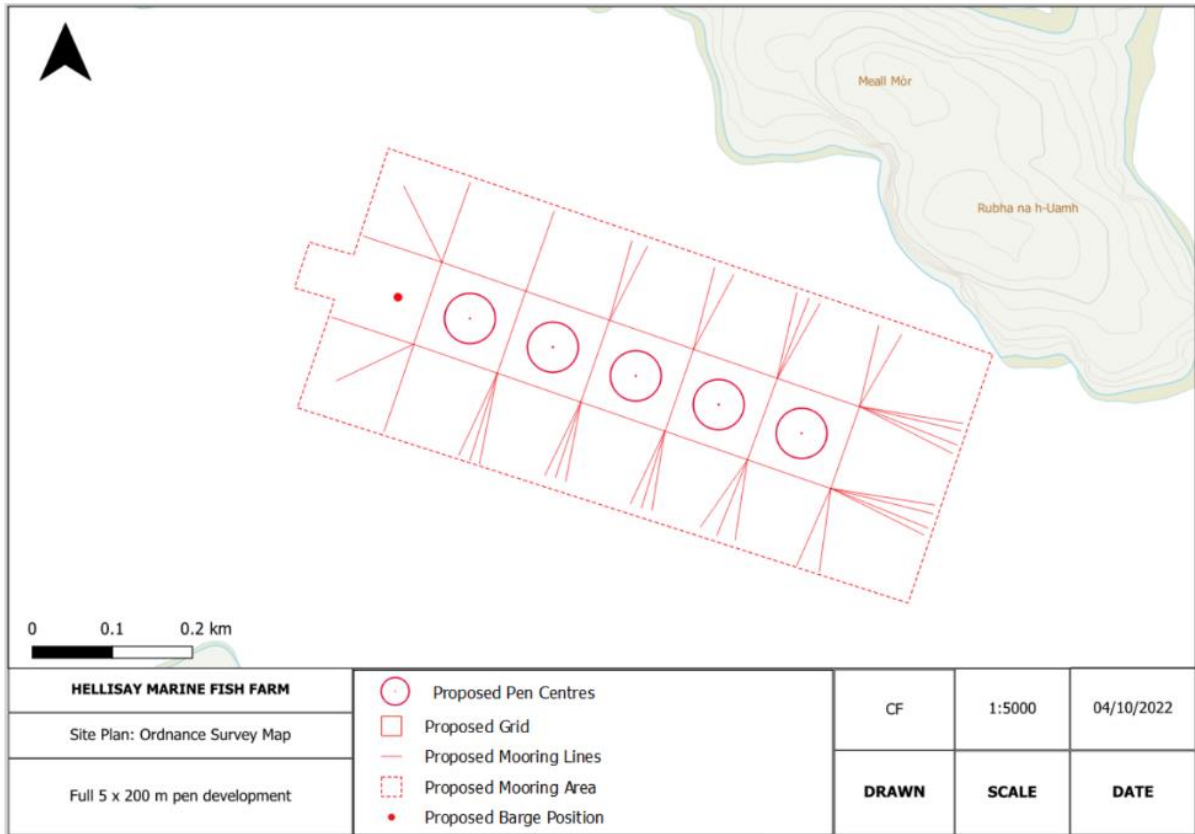
Number of pens	5
Circumference of pens	200 m
Depth of nets	10 m
Number of different pen groups	1
Number of pens in each group	5
Number of pens in row 1	5

2.4.2 The authorised location of the fish pen group is within an area delineated in Figure 1 and bounded by the pen corner buoys located at the following National Grid References (NGRs):

1. NF 75578 03237 (SW)
2. NF 75614 03340 (NW)
3. NF 76133 03158 (NE)
4. NF 76097 03055 (SE)

2.4.3 The pen corner buoys must not be located at a distance greater than 50 metres in any direction from the NGRs listed in 2.4.2.

Figure 1 Fish Pen Location



3. Condition 3.3.2 (a) has been deleted and replaced with a new Condition 3.3.2 (a) as follows:

(a) 750 grams of azamethiphos in any 24 hour period.

4. Condition 3.4.3 has been deleted and replaced with a new Condition 3.4.3 as follows:

3.4.3 Any discharge of the active ingredient in Table 3 must not exceed the maximum environmental quantity of 1578.8 grams.

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5. Condition 4.1.3 has been deleted and replaced with a new Condition 4.1.3 as follows:

4.1.3 The seabed around the fish farm at the boundary of an area of 176,646 m² (the “mixing zone”) must meet as a minimum an Ecological Quality Ratio (EQR) of 0.64 IQI (Infaunal Quality Index) at any time.

6. Condition 5.1 has been deleted and replaced with a new Condition 5.1 as follows:

5.1 Environmental Monitoring Plan

- 5.1.1 Monitoring to assess the standards in 4.1.1, 4.1.3 and 4.2.1 must be carried out in accordance with:

- (a) Measurement assurance and certification Scotland, Performance standard MACS-FFA-PS-01, Finfish Aquaculture Sector, Sampling of soft-substrate, version 2, dated July 2023.
- (b) Measurement Assurance and Certification Scotland, Performance standard MACS-FFA-PS-02 Finfish Aquaculture Sector, Physical and chemical testing, version 1, dated March 2022.
- (c) Measurement Assurance and Certification Scotland, Performance standard MACS-FFA-PS-03 Finfish Aquaculture Sector, Biological testing, version 1, dated March 2022.

- 5.1.2 An Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP), written in accordance with the SEPA document “Marine Finfish Farms Seabed environmental standards Demonstrating compliance guidance for operators”, version 1, dated March 2022, including appropriate monitoring of maerl habitat in the vicinity of the fish farm, must be submitted to SEPA no later than 31 March 2024.

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7. Condition 5.3.2 has been deleted and replaced with a new Condition 5.3.2 as follows:

5.3.2 Samples collected in accordance with 5.3.1 must be collected:

- (a) at a distance of 150m from the outer edge of the west pen on a bearing of 250 degrees (transect 1) and;
- (b) at a distance of 150m from the outer edge of the pen second from the west pen on a bearing of 029 degrees (transect 2) and;
- (c) at a distance of 150m from the outer edge of the pen second from the west pen on a bearing of 209 degrees (transect 3) and;
- (d) at a distance of 150m from the outer edge of the pen second from the east pen on a bearing of 065 degrees (transect 4) and;
- (e) at a distance of 150m from the outer edge of the pen second from the east pen on a bearing of 191 degrees (transect 5).