

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING**

**LICENCE TO CARRY OUT ANY FORM OF DREDGING AND DEPOSIT ANY SUBSTANCE OR OBJECT IN THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA**

Licence Number: **MS-00010433**

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

**Argyll & Bute Council**  
**Operational Services**  
**1A Manse Brae**  
**Lochgilphead**  
**PA31 8RD**

to carry out any form of dredging and deposit any 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 **21 September, 2024** until **20 September, 2027**



Signed: .....

Neil MacLeod

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 20 September, 2024

## **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 Argyll & Bute Council
- 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 Directorate - Licensing Operations Team  
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**

As per Licensee

### **2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity**

#### 2.2.1 Location of production of the dredge material

Iona Harbour, Isle of Iona, within the area found by joining the points:

Dredge Area

56° 19.836' N 06° 23.451' W

56° 19.862' N 06° 23.393' W

56° 19.849' N 06° 23.390' W

56° 19.840' N 06° 23.403' W

56° 19.834' N 06° 23.397' W

56° 19.829' N 06° 23.409' W

56° 19.827' N 06° 23.439' W

56° 19.832' N 06° 23.441' W

56° 19.832' N 06° 23.448' W

As shown in Annex One

#### 2.2.2 Location of deposit of the substances or objects

PORTNAHAVEN authorised sea deposit site MA035 within the area bounded by joining the following points:

55° 38.36' N 6° 31.86' W

55° 37.99' N 6° 30.27' W

55° 37.79' N 6° 31.44' W

55° 38.55' N 6° 30.72' W

### **2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity**

Capital Dredging and Sea Disposal

As described in the application dated 29 May, 2023 and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

### **2.4 Descriptions of the materials to be dredged and substances or objects to be deposited**

The licence authorises the dredging and deposit of the undernoted substances and objects required in connection with the licensed activity, subject to the maximum amounts as specified below:

2205 wet tonnes of maintenance dredge substances or objects may be deposited between 21 September 2024 and

20 September 2025.

2205 wet tonnes of maintenance dredge substances or objects may be deposited between 21 September 2025 and 20 September 2026.

2205 wet tonnes of maintenance dredge substances or objects may be deposited between 21 September 2026 and 20 September 2027.

## 2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details

### **3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS**

#### **3.1 General Conditions**

3.1.1 The Licensee must only deposit the Substances or objects listed in Part 2 of the licence in accordance with the licence, the application and any plans or programmes approved by the Licensing Authority unless otherwise authorised by the Licensing Authority. Only those substances or objects described in Part 2 of the Schedule shall be deposited under authority of the licence. Any unauthorised materials associated with the substances or objects scheduled for deposit, including debris such as demolition waste, wood, scrap metal, tyres and synthetic materials, shall be disposed of on land at an approved location above the tidal level of Mean High Water Springs. All tank/hopper washings shall be deposited in the authorised sea deposit area(s).

3.1.2 Only the Substances or objects listed in Part 2 of the licence may be deposited during the execution of the Licensed Activity.

3.1.3 All materials, substances and objects used during the execution of the Licensed Activity must be inert and must not contain toxic elements which may be harmful to the marine environment, the living resources which it supports or human health.

3.1.4 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.

3.1.5 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.

3.1.6 The Licensee must deposit the substances or objects described in Part 2 of the marine licence in the following authorised sea deposit area: Portnahaven (MA035): Up to a maximum quantity of 6615 Wet Tonnes may be deposited during the period of validity of the licence, within the area bounded by joining the points:

55° 38.36' N 6° 31.86' W  
55° 37.99' N 6° 30.27' W  
55° 37.79' N 6° 31.44' W  
55° 38.55' N 6° 30.72' W

3.1.7 The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity is only carried out at the location of the Licensed Activity specified in Part 2 of the licence.

3.1.8 The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity is carried out in accordance with a Seagrass Mitigation and Monitoring Plan ("SMMP") which the Licensee must submit prior to the commencement of works for the written approval of the Licensing Authority. The SMMP must take an adaptive management approach and be submitted no later than 2 months prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity, or at such a time as agreed with the Licensing Authority. In the event that the Licensee wishes to update or amend the SMMP, the Licensee must submit, in writing, details of proposed updates or amendments to the Licensing Authority for its written approval, no later than

one month prior, or at such a time as agreed with the Licensing Authority, to the changes being implemented. The SMMP can be presented in two parts, 1) Habitat Management and Mitigation plan and 2) Enhancement and Monitoring plan and must include, but is not limited to:

- An assessment of the maximum potential loss of seagrass, adopting a worst-case approach as a direct result of the Licensed Activities.
- Details as to how the seagrass habitats within the area affected by the Licensed Activities will be monitored throughout the course of the Licensed Activities.
- Mitigation measures to be taken to minimise the loss of seagrass anticipated as a result of Licensed Activities.
- Restoration and enhancement measures to be taken in the event that loss of seagrass is anticipated as a result of Licensed Activities.

3.1.9 The Licensee must make every effort to minimise working within seagrass habitat and must employ best practice measures at all times throughout the Licensed Activities to prevent loss or damage to seagrass habitats, directly or indirectly, resulting from any Licensed Activities.

3.1.10 The Licensee must ensure that, where seagrass habitat loss as a result of the Licensed Activity is deemed unavoidable as outlined by the SMMP, the Licensee must mitigate the impact on this Priority Marine Feature using restoration and enhancement measures. Any restoration and enhancement measures must be carried out within the Argyll Marine Planning Area and be agreed with the Licensing Authority. The Licensee must ensure that any restoration and enhancement carried out is at least equivalent to any seagrass lost, and ensuring that there is no overall effect on the national status of the seagrass Priority Marine Feature.

3.1.11 The Licensee must monitor any seagrass restoration and enhancement measures throughout the duration of the Licence.

3.1.12 Any damage to the seagrass that is detected and was not anticipated or outlined in the SMMP must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as reasonably practicable and the Licensee must produce measures to mitigate or restore any damage caused, which must be submitted to the Licensing Authority for its written approval.

### **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 to undertake the Licensed Activities, as soon as is reasonably practicable prior to the Licensed Activities commencing.

3.2.2 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 Licensed Activity. Any issued Notice to Mariners should be copied to the Northern Lighthouse Board (email: [navigation@nlb.org.uk](mailto:navigation@nlb.org.uk)).

3.2.3 The Licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard National Maritime Operations Centre, in this case [Zone35@hmcg.gov.uk](mailto:Zone35@hmcg.gov.uk), is made aware of the Licensed Activity prior to commencement.

3.2.4 The Licensee must produce and submit a Construction Environmental Management Plan ("CEMP") for the written approval of the Licensing Authority prior to the commencement of works. The CEMP must include a Traffic and Navigation Management Plan and a Method Statement. The Licensee must adhere to the approved CEMP at all times throughout the duration of the works.

3.2.5 The Licensee must contact CalMac Ferries Ltd prior to commencement of the Licensed Activity to discuss the requirements for navigational warnings.

### 3.3 During the Licensed Activity

3.3.1 Only those persons acting on behalf of, and authorised by, the agent or the Licensee shall undertake the Licensed Activity.

3.3.2 The Licensee shall ensure that a log of activities is maintained on each vessel employed to undertake the Licensed Activity. The log(s) shall be kept onboard the vessel(s) throughout the Licensed Activity, and be available for inspection by any authorised Marine Enforcement Officer. The log(s) shall be retained for a period of six calendar months following expiry of the licence, and copies of the log(s) may be requested during that period for inspection by the Licensing Authority. The log(s) shall record in English the following information:

- a) the name of the vessel;
- b) the nature and quantity of each substance or object loaded for deposit;
- c) the date and time of departure from port, and the date and time of arrival at the authorised sea deposit area(s), on each occasion that the vessel proceeds to the designated sea deposit area(s);
- d) the date, time and position of commencement, and the date, time and position of completion, of each deposit operation;
- e) the course(s) and speed(s) throughout each deposit operation (multiple changes may be recorded as "various");
- f) the weather, including wind strength and direction, sea-state and tidal set throughout each deposit operation;
- g) the rate of discharge during each deposit operation, if appropriate, and the duration of each deposit operation (if the rate of discharge is not constant, the maximum and mean rates of discharge should be indicated);
- h) comments on the deposit operations, including any explanations for delays in the deposit operations; and
- i) the signature of the Master at the foot of each page of the record.

3.3.3 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.

3.3.4 The Licensee must ensure that copies of the licence 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) the site of the Licensed Activity.

3.3.5 The Licensee must ensure that a copy of the licence is given to each contractor and sub-contractor employed to undertake the Licensed Activity.

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

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

3.3.8 The licensee must ensure that all vessels adhere to the best practice guidelines as set out in the Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching Code at all times.



### 3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

3.4.1 The Licensee must submit written reports to the Licensing Authority stating the nature and total quantity, in wet tonnes, of all substances or objects deposited under authority of the licence. The written reports must be submitted to the Licensing Authority annually and on the forms provided by the Licensing Authority.

3.4.2 If a new licence is required, the Licensee' must make an application at least fourteen weeks before the expiry date of the licence. This licence shall not continue in force after the expiry date of 20 September 2027.

## **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.