

4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Our Ref: T12/37

Mr. Garrett Gallagher  
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Department of  
**Agriculture,  
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**FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997 (NO.23)  
NOTICE OF MINISTERIAL DECISION TO GRANT AN AQUACULTURE LICENCE  
AND FORESHORE LICENCE.**

Dear Mr. Gallagher

I would like to inform you that the Minister For Agriculture, Food and the Marine has approved the granting to you of (7) 10-year Aquaculture Licences (one licence per site) and accompanying Foreshore Licences, for the cultivation of bottom mussels on 4 sites, including one site with bottom oysters also and 3 sites for the cultivation of Pacific Oysters using bag and trestles -site Nos. T12/37 A1, T12/37A2, T12/37 B1, T12/37 B2, T12/37 B3, T12/37 B4 and T12/37 C (See attached information note.) **I enclose a copy of the public notice of the decision which the Department has arranged to have published in "Donegal Democrat".**

Any person aggrieved by the decision may, in accordance with Section 41 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, appeal against it in writing to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board. This appeal must be lodged within one month beginning on the date of the publication of the decision.

In addition, a person may question the validity of the Foreshore Licence determination by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Court (SI No. 15 of 1986). Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board at:

<http://www.citizensinformation.ie/>

The Licences will be issued to you as soon as possible after the end of the period of one month from the date of publication of the notice in "Donegal Democrat", if there is no appeal.

Please also find enclosed the conditions that will apply to any Aquaculture Licence that may be issued by the Minister.

Yours sincerely

Karen Gill

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**S.12 (3) OF THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997(No.23)  
INFORMATION NOTE TO APPLICANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATION 18  
OF THE AQUACULTURE (LICENCE APPLICATION) REGULATIONS 1998**

**REFERENCE NO:** T12/37

**APPLICANT:** Lough Swilly Shellfish Growers Co-Op Society Ltd

**AQUACULTURE TO WHICH  
DECISION RELATES:** Bottom Cultivation of mussels on 4 site(s) including one with bottom oysters also- sites T12/37A1, T12/37 B1, T12/37 B2 & T12/37 C- Suspended Pacific Oyster cultivation using bags and trestle on 3 sites T12/37 A2, T12/37B3 & T12/37B4 on the foreshore in Lough Swilly, Co Donegal.

**NATURE OF DECISION:** Grant of Aquaculture Licences.

**DATE OF DECISION:** 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**CONDITIONS OF LICENCE:** See attached.

**DURATION OF LICENCE:** 10 years

**ISSUE OF LICENCE:** The licence will be dated and issued as soon as practicable after the end of the period of one month from the date of publication of a notice in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the aquaculture, if no appeal is made to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board within that period, under Section 40 and 41 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997.

**Note:** It has been decided to grant the applicant a separate Foreshore Licence under the Foreshore Act, 1933 (No.12), contemporaneous with the Aquaculture Licence, subject to standard conditions applicable to Foreshore Licences.





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**T12/37**

**Site T12/37 A1**

**AQUACULTURE LICENCE**

**AQUACULTURE MARINE SHELLFISH**  
**SEA-BED CULTURE/BOTTOM CULTURE**

**Lough Swilly Shellfish Growers Co-Operative  
Society Limited**

**Lough Swilly**

**Co.Donegal**

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**AQUACULTURE LICENCE NO. XXXX**

**GRANTED UNDER THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997 (NO. 23 of 1997)**

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 (No. 23 of 1997), (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") grants an Aquaculture Licence to:

**Lough Swilly Shellfish Growers Co-Operative Society Limited**  
**Lough Swilly**  
**Co. Donegal**

(hereinafter referred to as the "Licensee") for the cultivation of **mussels** on a site in **Lough Swilly, Co. Donegal** as specified in Schedule I attached (numbered **T12/37A1**) and indicated by a red line on the attached map as approved of by the Minister, subject to the Act and Regulations made under the Act and to the terms and conditions set out in the attached pages.

This Aquaculture Licence shall remain in force for a maximum period of **ten (10)** years commencing on **XX/XXXXXXX/20XX**, provided for so long as the Foreshore Licence granted on **XX/XXXXXXX/20XX**, under Section 3 (1) of the Foreshore Act 1933 (No. 2 of 1933) in respect of the same site for the purpose referred to is in force.

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A person authorised under Section 15(1)  
of the Ministers and Secretaries Act 1924 to  
authenticate the Seal of the Minister for  
Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THIS AQUACULTURE LICENCE**

1. **Licensed Area**

- 1.1. The area specified in *Schedule 1* attached (143.01 hectares) (labelled T12/37A1) and outlined in red on the map(s) in *Schedule 1*.
- 1.2. The co-ordinates for the site are based on the Irish National Grid Co-ordinate System.

2. **Species, Cultivation and Method Licensed**

- 2.1. Species to be farmed: **Mussels**
- 2.2. Method: **Bottom Culture** subject to the stocking and/or deployment limits as may be specified in *Schedule 4* attached.
- 2.3. The introduction of seed to the site shall comply with the legislation relating to fish health.

3. **Infrastructure and Site Management**

**Indemnity**

- 3.1. The Licensee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the State, the Minister, his officers, servants or agents against all actions, loss, damage, costs, expenses and any demands or claims howsoever arising in connection with the construction, maintenance or use of any structures, apparatus, equipment, vessel or any other thing used in connection with the licensed operations in the licensed area or in the exercise of the rights granted under the licence and the Licensee shall take such steps as the Minister may specify in order to ensure compliance with this condition.
- 3.2. The duty of maintenance and responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the site rests with the Licensee.

**Design, Arrangement and Maintenance of Structures**

- 3.3. The Licensee shall ensure that any equipment is placed within the licensed area only. Storage or placement of equipment or stock on the foreshore or seashore outside the licensed area is not permitted under any circumstances.
- 3.4. The Licensee shall obtain the prior approval of the Minister to any proposed material change to the plans/drawings or equipment as approved being used during the licensing period as may be specified in *Schedule 2* attached.
- 3.5. The Licensee shall at all times for the duration of the licence keep all equipment used for the purposes of the licensed operations in a good and proper state of repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Minister or other competent State authority.
- 3.6. The Licensee shall ensure that the ends of each fence in the licensed area legibly bear the Aquaculture Licence Number in an indelible weatherproof format.

### Operational Conduct

- 3.7. The Licensee shall conduct its operations in a safe manner and with regard for other persons in the area and the environment and shall ensure that the operations are not injurious to adjacent lands or the public interest (including the environment) and do not interfere with navigation or other lawful activity in the vicinity of the licensed area, and shall comply with any lawful directions issued by the Minister and any other competent State authority in that regard.
- 3.8. The Licensee shall ensure that any aquaculture or other activity conducted under this licence does not adversely affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network (if applicable) through the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats of species and/or through disturbance of the species for which the area have been designated in so far as such a disturbance may be significant in relation to the stated conservation objectives of the site concerned.
- 3.9. If the shellfish are to be harvested using dredges, the Licensee shall ensure that only mussel dredges are used for harvesting the shellfish.
- 3.10. The Licensee shall ensure that all vessels, components thereof and all equipment used in connection with the licensed area are kept properly maintained.
- 3.11. The Licensee shall as soon as possible after the commencement of this licence advise the Department of the quantity of seed placed in the licensed area, the approximate date(s) of the placement and the source(s) of the seed placed and likewise thereafter as and when further seed is so placed.
- 3.12. The Licensee shall advise the Department on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 20XX and on each succeeding 31<sup>st</sup> day of January for each year during which this licence continues in force of the quantity of stock harvested in that year and the approximate date(s) of harvesting.

### Waste Management

- 3.13. The Licensee shall ensure that the licensed and adjoining area shall be kept clear of redundant structures (including apparatus and equipment), waste products and operational litter or debris and shall make provision for the prompt removal and proper disposal of such material. If the Licensee refuses or fails to do so, the Minister may cause the said structures, apparatus, equipment or other thing to be removed and the licensed area restored and shall be entitled to recover from the Licensee as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction all costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with the removal and restoration.

### Inspection

- 3.14. The licensed area and any equipment, structure, thing, or premises wherever situated used in connection with operations carried out in the licensed area shall be open for inspection at any time by an authorised person (within the meaning of Section 292 of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act, 1959 (No. 14 1959) (as amended by Fisheries Act 1980) (No.1 of 1980), a Sea Fisheries Protection Officer (within the meaning of Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006) (No. 8 of 2006) or any other person appointed in that regard by the Minister or other competent State authority.

3.15. The Licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an authorised officer or Sea Fisheries Protection Officer or any person duly appointed by any competent State authority to enable the person or officer enter, inspect, examine, measure and test the licensed area and any equipment, structure, thing or premises used in connection with the operations carried out in the licensed area and to take whatever samples may be deemed appropriate by that person or officer.

3.16. The Licensee shall keep and maintain in the State for inspection on demand by the Minister or a competent State authority, at all times, records of all operations including compliance monitoring and any required follow up action. These records shall be produced by the Licensee on demand by the Minister or other competent State authority and in any event not later than 24 hours from the making of that demand.

3.17. The Licensee shall furnish to the Minister or other competent State authority in the form and at the intervals determined by the Minister or other competent State authority, such information relating to the licensed area as may be required to determine compliance by the Licensee with the terms of this licence and applicable legislation.

4. **Navigation and Safety**

4.1. The Licensee shall ensure that no hazard is caused to the safety of navigation across or near the licensed area in the use of any vessel or sea borne craft. The navigation and safety conditions are specified in *Schedule 3*.

4.2. Prior to commencement of operation the Licensee shall inform the UK Hydrographic Office at Taunton, of the location and nature of the site in order that charts and nautical publications can be updated. Tel: 00 44 1823337900 Fax: 00 44 1823 334077 Email [sdr@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@ukho.gov.uk) and the Licensee shall submit proof to the Department within 14 days of the date of this licence that the UK Hydrographic Office has been so informed.

5. **Monitoring**

5.1. The Licensee shall undertake and/or partake in annual and other monitoring, in particular environmental monitoring, as directed by the Minister or other competent State authority.

6. **Fish Health / Mortality Management / Movement of Fish**

**Fish Health Regulations**

6.1. Before the site is stocked the Licensee shall ensure that a Fish Health Authorisation under statutory provisions giving effect to Council Directive No. 2006/88/EC, as amended, or any other legislative act that replaces that Directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and their products and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals, is in place.

#### Disposal of Mortalities

6.2. The Licensee shall dispose of dead fish in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions and requirements.

#### Movement of Fish

6.3. The Licensee shall comply with any regulation in force governing the movement of fish.

### 7. Duration, Cessation, Review, Revocation, Amendment, Assignment

#### Duration, Cessation

7.1. This Licence shall remain in force until XX XXXXXXXX, 20XX and as long as the accompanying Foreshore Licence remains in force.

#### Review

7.2. The Licensee may apply for a review of the licence at any time after the expiration of three years since the granting of the licence or its last renewal in accordance with section 70 of the Act.

#### Revocation, Amendment

7.3. Subject to the Act, the Minister may revoke or amend the licence if:-

- (a) he considers that it is in the public interest to do so;
- (b) he is satisfied that there has been a breach of any condition specified in the licence e.g., operating outside the licensed area;
- (c) the licensed area to which the licence relates is not being properly maintained;
- (d) water quality results or general performance in the licensed area do not meet the standards set by the Minister or the competent State authority.

#### Assignment

7.4. This Licence shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Minister and may not be assigned during the period of three years, dating from the commencement or renewal of this licence, unless the Minister determines that it may be assigned under condition 7(5) or the provisions of condition set out in condition 7(6) applies.

7.5. A Licensee who considers that there are exceptional reasons for the assignment of the Licence during the first three years, may apply to the Minister, giving those reasons, for a determination that the Licence may be assigned. The Minister may, at his discretion, having considered the reasons given by the Licensee, determine whether or not the Licence may be assigned. The determination of the Minister in this regard is final.

7.6. Where the Licensee is a company (within the meaning of the Companies Acts) and goes into Liquidation (within the meaning of the Companies Acts) in the first three years dating from the commencement of the licence, the Liquidator shall, with the consent of the Minister, be entitled to assign the licence to enable him to discharge any debts of the liquidated company.

7.7. This licence is issued subject to any order that the High Court may make under section 218 of the Companies Act 1963 or otherwise with regard to the assignment of this licence.

8. **Fees**

8.1. The Licensee shall pay to the Minister an annual aquaculture licence fee in accordance with the Aquaculture (Licence Application and Licence Fees) Regulations 1998 (S.I. No. 270/1998) as amended by the Aquaculture (Licence Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I. No. 282 of 2000) or an amount payable under Regulations made under section 64 of the Act.

8.2. The Minister may revoke the licence where the Licensee fails to pay the aquaculture licence fees on demand.

9. **General Terms and Conditions**

9.1. The Licensee shall at all times comply with all laws applicable to aquaculture operations.

9.2. Any reference to a statute or to an act of any institution of the European Union (whether specifically named or not) includes any amendments or re-enactments in force and all statutory instruments, orders, notices, regulations, directions, bye-laws, certificates, permissions and plans made, issued or given effect under such legislation shall remain valid.

9.3. If any condition or part of a condition in this licence is held to be illegal or unenforceable in whole or in part, such condition shall be deemed not to form part of this licence but the enforceability of the remainder of this licence is not affected.

9.4. The Licensee shall at all times hold all necessary licences, consents, permissions, permits or authorisations associated with any activities of the Licensee in connection with the licensed area.

**Notification**

9.5. Without prejudice to any other remedy under the licence or in law, if the Minister is of the view that the Licensee is in breach of any obligation under this licence, the Minister may by notice in writing, require that the Licensee rectifies such breach, within such time as is specified by the Minister. The Licensee shall comply with any direction of the Minister within the time specified in the notice.

9.6. Any notice to be given by the Minister may be transmitted through the Post Office addressed to the Licensee at the last known address of the Licensee.

9.7. The Licensee shall notify the Department within 7 days of any change in the Licensee's address, telephone, e-mail or facsimile number.

**Tax Clearance Certificate**

9.8. During the term of this licence the Licensee shall provide to the Minister on demand a current tax clearance certificate.

#### Companies and Co-operatives

- 9.9. In the event of the licence being granted to a company (within the meaning of the Companies Acts), control of the licensee company shall not change in any respect from the control of the company as existed on the date that the licence was granted so long as this licence shall remain in force save with the prior written permission of the Minister.
- 9.10. In the event of a licence being granted to a company that has been incorporated outside this State, the licensee company shall register with the Companies Registration Office within one month of the establishment of a place of business in the State or alternatively, within one month of the establishment of a branch of the said company in the State and the licensee company shall submit proof to the Department within 14 days of the end of that month that it has been so registered.
- 9.11. Where the Licensee is a Company within the meaning of the Companies Acts, the licensee company shall ensure that it does not become dissolved within the meaning of the Companies Acts for so long as this licence shall remain in force.
- 9.12. In the event of the licence being granted to a society (within the meaning of section 2 of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Act 1978 (No.23 of 1978) the following conditions shall apply:-
- 9.12.1 The rules relating to membership of the society shall enable any resident of the State to become a member of it where the resident fulfils all the conditions laid down by the society for membership of it and the rules shall not lay down different conditions for different classes of people;
- 9.12.2 The rules relating to the society as submitted to the Minister before the grant of this licence shall not be amended subsequently other than with the written permission of the Minister; and
- 9.12.3 The Minister may, if he considers it necessary in the interests of good management of the licensed area, direct that an amendment may be made to the rules of the society and the Licensee shall amend the rules in accordance with that direction.

#### Clearance of site

- 9.13. The Licensee shall, at the Licensee's own expense, if so required by written notice from the Minister and within three weeks after receipt of such notice or on cessation of the licence for any other cause, remove the structures, apparatus, equipment or any other thing to the satisfaction of the Minister. If the Licensee refuses or fails to do so, the Minister may cause the said structures, apparatus, equipment or other thing to be removed and the licensed area restored and shall be entitled to recover from the Licensee as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction all costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with the removal and restoration. The Licensee shall such steps as the Minister may specify in order to secure compliance with this condition.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

**Schedule 1 contains:**

- the co-ordinates of the site based on the Irish National Grid Co-ordinate System and the area of the site
- site map(s)
- a chart showing the location of the site in relation to the surrounding area.

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## **1 NO. SITE AT LOUGH SWILLY CO.DONEGAL**

### **Co-ordinates & Area**

#### **Site T12/037A1 (143.01 Ha)**

The area seaward of the high water mark and enclosed by a line drawn from Irish National Grid Reference point

233144, 426537 to Irish National Grid Reference point  
234036, 425849 to Irish National Grid Reference point  
234793, 424692 to Irish National Grid Reference point  
234012, 424692 along high water mark to Irish National Grid Reference point  
232625, 426255 to the first mentioned point.

and Excluding the Area Defined Below

The area seaward of the high water mark and enclosed by a line drawn from Irish National Grid Reference point

233156, 426270 to Irish National Grid Reference point  
233369, 426083 to Irish National Grid Reference point  
233304, 426009 to Irish National Grid Reference point  
233091, 426196 to the first mentioned point.



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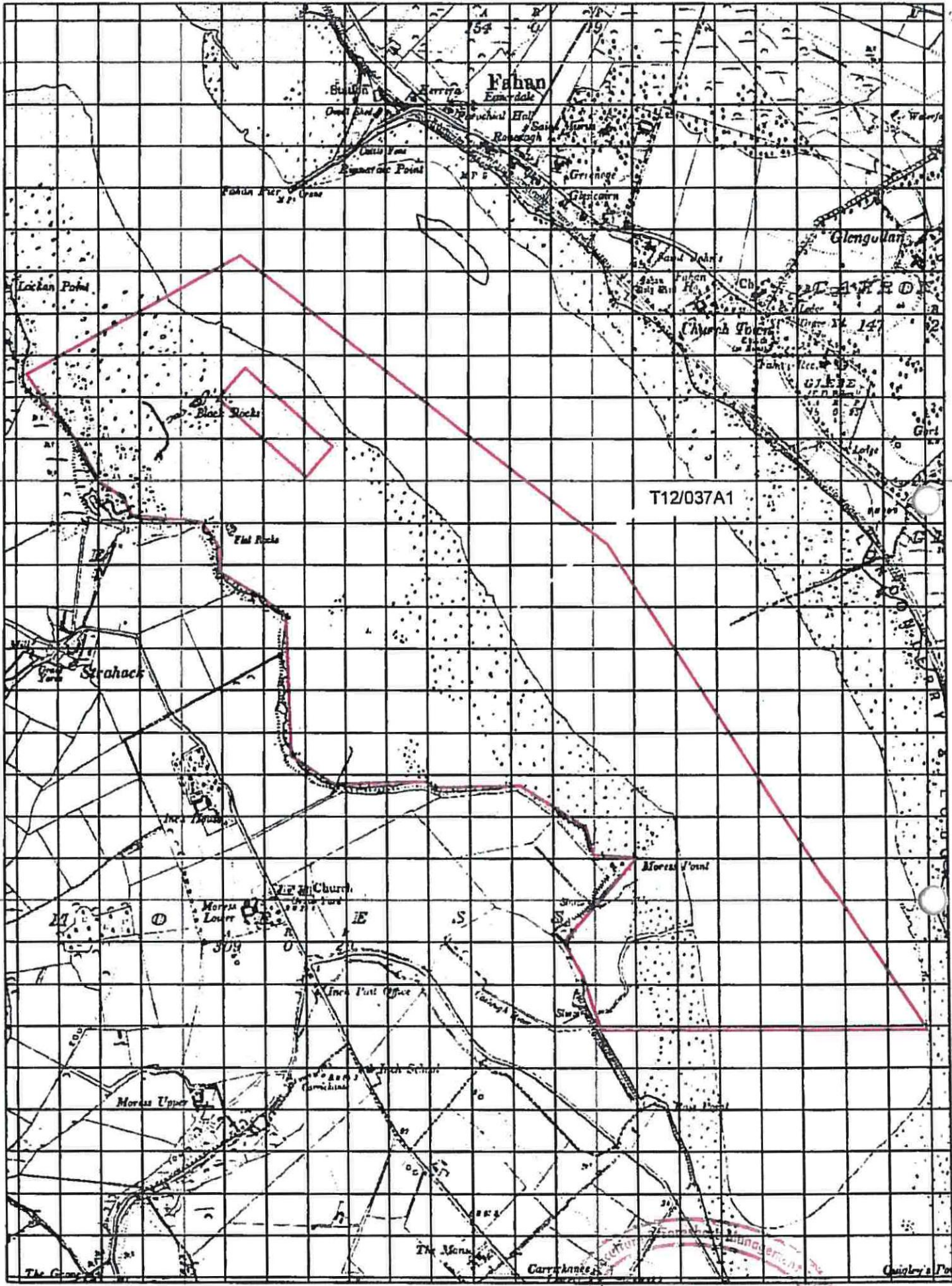
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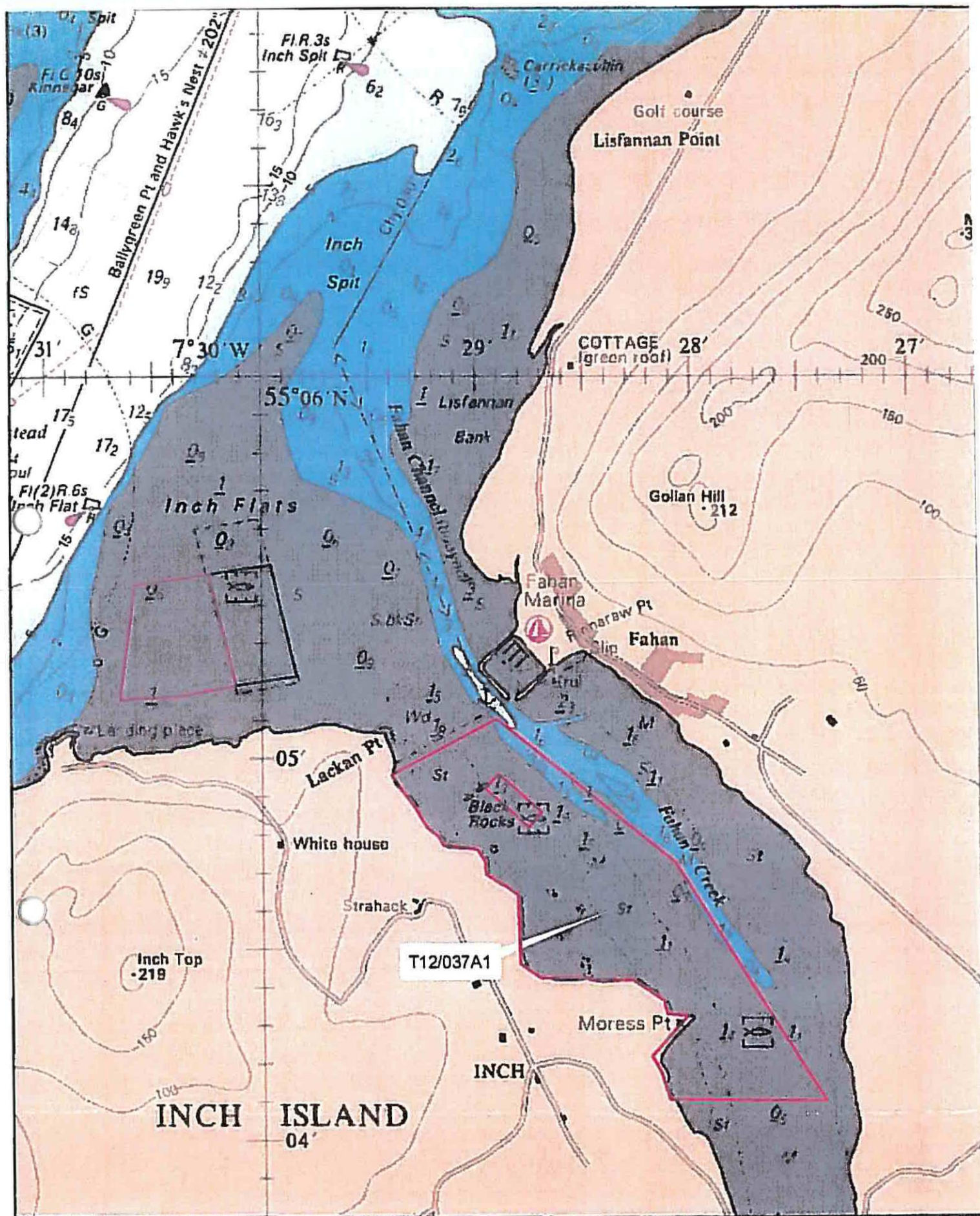
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Aqua Culture Sites  
Site Status  
Application  
Licence  
Consent  
Refused  
Withdrawn  
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Amended  
Other

Sites highlighted in red denotes Application  
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Part of Admiralty Chart No =2697-0

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**Aquaculture Sites**  
Site Status  
Application  
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Revoked



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## **SCHEDULE 2**

- the approved plans and drawing(s) (if applicable)
  1. Bottom Culture (no structures) – therefore, not applicable.

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## **SCHEDULE 3**

- navigation and safety conditions.

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## **SCHEDULE 4**

- the stocking and/or equipment deployment conditions (if applicable).

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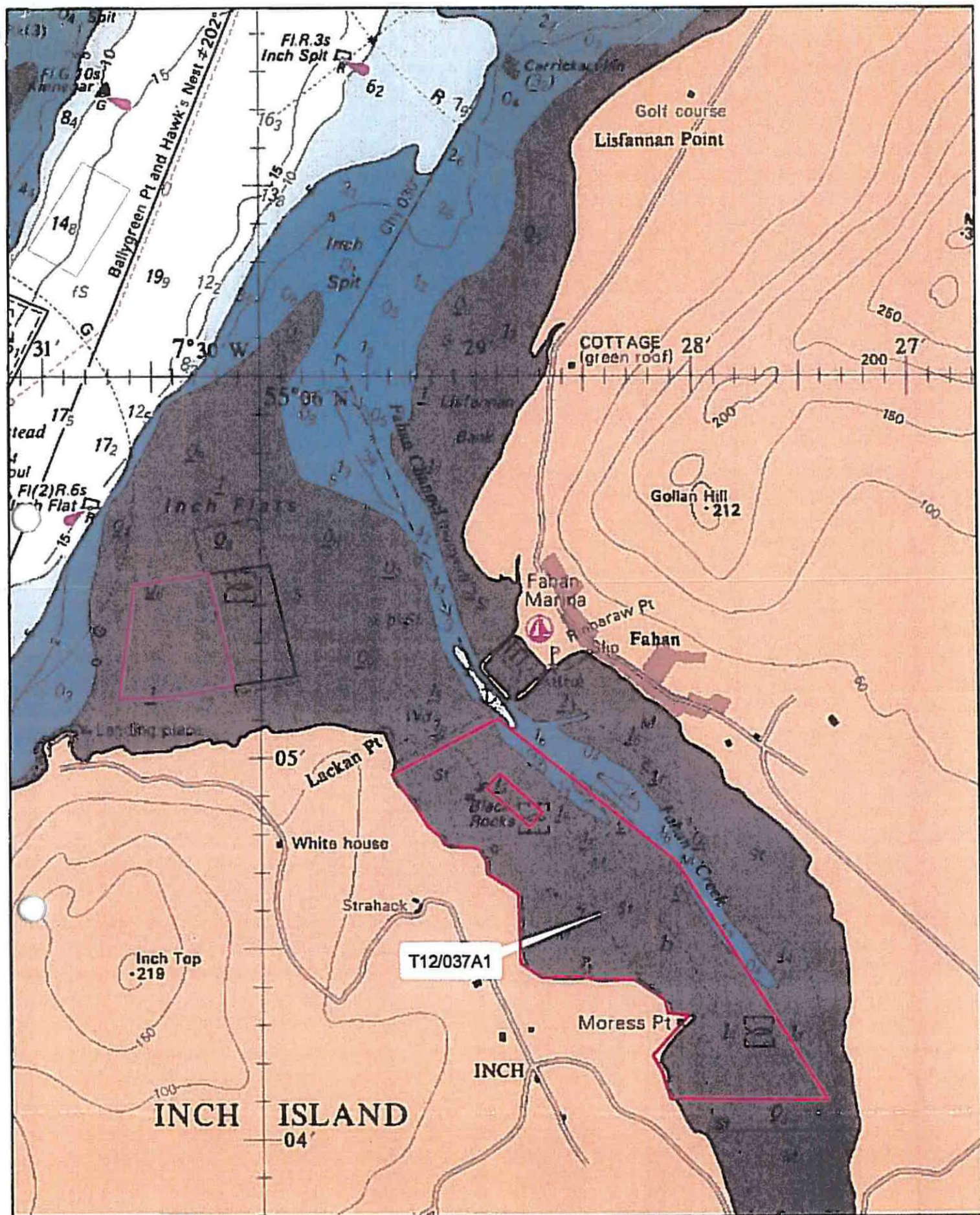
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**Site T12/37 A2**

**AQUACULTURE LICENCE**

**AQUACULTURE MARINE SHELLFISH**  
**INTER/SUB-TIDAL**  
**(Structures e.g. trestles)**

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(hereinafter referred to as the "Licensee") for the cultivation of Pacific oysters on a site in Lough Swilly, Co. Donegal as specified in Schedule 1 attached (numbered T12/37 A2) and indicated by a red line on the attached map in accordance with the plans and drawing(s) in Schedule 2 attached as approved of by the Minister, subject to the Act and Regulations made under the Act and to the terms and conditions set out in the attached pages.

This Aquaculture Licence shall remain in force for a maximum period of ten (10) years commencing on XX XXXXXXXXXXXX 20XX, provided for so long as the Foreshore Licence issued on XX XXXXXXXXXXXX 20XX, under Section 3(1) of the Foreshore Act 1933 (No.12 of 1933) in respect of the same site for the purpose referred to is in force.

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of the Ministers and Secretaries Act 1924 to  
authenticate the Seal of the Minister for  
Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THIS AQUACULTURE LICENCE

### 1. Licensed Area

- 1.1 The area specified in *Schedule 1* attached (2.79 hectares) (labelled T12/37A2) and outlined in red on the map(s) in *Schedule 1*.
- 1.2 The co-ordinates for the site are based on the Irish National Grid Co-ordinate System.

### 2. Species, Cultivation and Method Licensed

- 2.1. Species to be farmed: Pacific oysters
- 2.2. Method: Bag and Trestle Single-layer/Bags subject to the stocking and/or deployment limits as may be specified in *Schedule 4* attached.
- 2.3. The introduction of seed to the site shall comply with the legislation relating to fish health.

### 3. Infrastructure and Site Management

#### Indemnity

- 3.1. The Licensee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the State, the Minister, his officers, servants or agents against all actions, loss, damage, costs, expenses and any demands or claims howsoever arising in connection with the construction, maintenance or use of any structure, apparatus, equipment or any other thing used in connection with the licensed operation in the licensed area or in the exercise of the rights granted under the licence and the Licensee shall take such steps as the Minister may specify in order to ensure compliance with this condition.
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#### Design, Arrangement and Maintenance of Structures

- 3.3. The Licensee shall ensure that the equipment (including all flotation, mooring and anchoring devices) is placed within the licensed area only. Storage or placement of equipment or stock on the foreshore or seashore outside the licensed area is not permitted under any circumstances.
- 3.4. The Minister may direct as to the deployment of apparatus and flotation devices and their colour, within the site.
- 3.5. The Licensee shall obtain the prior approval of the Minister to any proposed material change to the plan/drawings or equipment as approved being used during the licensing period as specified in *Schedule 2* attached.

- 3.6. The Licensee shall at all times for the duration of the licence keep all equipment used for the purposes of the licensed operations in a good and proper state of repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Minister or other competent State authority.
- 3.7. The Licensee shall ensure that each trestle grouping/pole and all flotation and mooring devices in the licensed area legibly bear the Aquaculture Licence Number in an indelible weatherproof format.

#### Operational Conduct

- 3.8. The Licensee shall conduct its operations in a safe manner and with regard for other persons in the area and the environment and shall ensure that the operations are not injurious to adjacent lands or the public interest (including the environment) and do not interfere with navigation or other lawful activity in the vicinity of the licensed area, and shall comply with any lawful directions issued by the Minister and any other competent State authority in that regard.
- 3.9. The Licensee shall ensure that any aquaculture or other activity conducted under this licence does not adversely affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network (if applicable) through the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats of species and/or through disturbance of the species for which the area has been designated in so far as such a disturbance may be significant in relation to the stated conservation objectives of the site concerned.
- 3.10. The Licensee shall ensure that tractors (or other vehicles) accessing and leaving the site adhere strictly to approved access and egress routes as specified in Schedule 1 attached. Full compliance is required in order to minimise disturbance to the foreshore and nature. All drivers shall be made fully aware of the specific route approved.
- 3.11. The Licensee shall ensure that journeys back and forth on the approved access and egress routes are kept to the minimum necessary.
- 3.12. The Licensee shall ensure that all tractors/towing vehicles to be used for aquaculture purposes on the foreshore are fitted with efficient exhaust/silencers/mufflers and that vibration noise from tractors and machinery is kept to a minimum.
- 3.13. The Licensee shall ensure that all vehicles are properly maintained so as to prevent leakages of oils, fuels, grease etc.
- 3.14. The Licensee shall ensure that all vehicles move slowly at all times on the foreshore, that engine revolution is kept to a minimum and that engines are turned off when not in use.
- 3.15. The Licensee shall ensure that if more than one vehicle is needed on the shore that all vehicles, where possible, arrive and depart together.
- 3.16. The Licensee shall so organise its operations in consultation with other licensed operators to ensure that the total number of vehicles and harvesting machines on the foreshore on any one day is kept to the minimum necessary.

- 3.17. The Licensee shall ensure that when carrying out aquaculture work on the foreshore, dogs owned or under the control of the Licensee shall not be present, in order to minimise disturbance to the birdlife in the area.
- 3.18. The Licensee shall ensure that best practice is employed to keep structures and netting clean at all times and any biofouling by alien invasive species shall be removed and disposed of in a responsible manner. In particular, in 'Natura 2000' sites care must be taken to ensure that any biofouling by alien invasive species will not pose a risk to the conservation features of the site. Measures to be undertaken are set out in the draft Marine Code of Practice prepared by Invasive Species Ireland and can be found on the web site at: <http://invasivespeciesireland.com/>.

#### Waste Management

- 3.19. The Licensee shall ensure that the licensed and adjoining area shall be kept clear of all redundant structures (including apparatus, equipment and/or uncontained stock), waste products and operational litter or debris and shall make provision for the prompt removal and proper disposal of such material. If the Licensee refuses or fails to do so, the Minister may cause the said structures, apparatus, equipment or other thing to be removed and the licensed area restored and shall be entitled to recover from the Licensee as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction all costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with the removal and restoration.

#### Inspection

- 3.20. The licensed area and any equipment, structure, thing, or premises wherever situated used in connection with operations carried out in the licensed area shall be open for inspection at any time by an authorised person (within the meaning of Section 292 of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959) (No. 14 of 1959) (as amended by Fisheries Act 1980) (No. 1 of 1980), a Sea Fisheries Protection Officer (within the meaning of Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006) (No. 8 of 2006) or any other person appointed in that regard by the Minister or other competent State authority.
- 3.21. The Licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an authorised officer or a Sea Fisheries Protection Officer or any person duly appointed by any competent State authority to enable the person or officer enter, inspect, examine, measure and test the licensed area and any equipment, structure, thing or premises used in connection with the operations carried out in the licensed area and to take whatever samples may be deemed appropriate by that person or officer.
- 3.22. The Licensee shall keep and maintain in the State for inspection on demand by the Minister or a competent State authority, at all times, records of all operations including compliance monitoring and any required follow up action. These records shall be produced by the Licensee on demand by the Minister or other competent State authority and in any event not later than 24 hours from the making of that demand.
- 3.23. The Licensee shall furnish to the Minister or other competent State authority in the form and at the intervals determined by the Minister or other competent State

authority, such information relating to the licensed area as may be required to determine compliance by the Licensee with the terms of this licence and applicable legislation.

4. **Navigation and Safety**

4.1. The Licensee shall ensure that Statutory Sanction from the Commissioners of Irish Lights is in place prior to the commencement of operations, regarding all aids to navigation. Statutory Sanction forms are available at <http://www.cil.ie/safety-navigation/statutory-sanction.aspx>.

4.2. The Licensee shall ensure that the site is marked in accordance with the requirements of both the Marine Survey Office and the Commissioners of Irish Lights as specified in *Schedule 3*.

The navigation marking detail is as illustrated in *Schedule 3*.

4.3. The Licensee shall comply with any specification requirement relating to navigational aids, flotation and mooring devices, supporting marking posts/poles, as required by the Minister or any other competent State authority.

4.4. Prior to commencement of operation the Licensee shall inform the UK Hydrographic Office at Taunton, of the location and nature of the site in order that charts and nautical publications can be updated. Tel: 00 44 1823337900 Fax: 00 44 1823 284077 Email: [sdr@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@ukho.gov.uk) the Licensee shall submit proof to the Department within 14 days of the date of this licence that the UK Hydrographic Office has been so informed.

5. **Monitoring**

5.1. The Licensee shall undertake and/or partake in monitoring, in particular environmental monitoring, as directed by the Minister or other competent State authority.

6. **Fish Health / Mortality Management / Movement of Fish**

**Fish Health Regulation**

6.1. Before the site is stocked the Licensee shall ensure that a Fish Health Authorisation under statutory provisions giving effect to Council Directive No. 2006/88/EC, as amended, or any other legislative act that replaces that Directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and their products, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals, is in place.

**Disposal of Mortalities**

6.2. The Licensee shall dispose of dead fish in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions and requirements.

**Movement of Fish**

6.3. The Licensee shall comply with any regulations in force governing the movement of fish.

7. **Duration, Cessation, Review, Revocation, Amendment, Assignment**

**Duration, Cessation**

7.1. This Licence shall remain in force until XX XXXXXXXXXX, 20XX and as long as the accompanying Foreshore Licence remains in force.

**Review**

7.2. The Licensee may apply for a review of the licence at any time after the expiration of three years since the granting of the licence or its last renewal in accordance with section 70 of the Act.

**Revocation, Amendment**

7.3. Subject to the Act, the Minister may revoke or amend the licence if:-

- (a) he considers that it is in the public interest to do so;
- (b) he is satisfied that there has been a breach of any condition specified in the licence e.g., operating outside the licensed area;
- (c) the licensed area to which the licence relates is not being properly maintained;
- (d) water quality results or general performance in the licensed area do not meet the standards set by the Minister or the competent State authority.

**Assignment**

7.4. This Licence shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Minister and may not be assigned during the period of three years, dating from the commencement or renewal of this licence, unless the Minister determines that it may be assigned under condition 7(5) or the condition set out in 7(6) applies.

7.5. A Licensee who considers that there are exceptional reasons for the assignment of the Licence during the first three years, may apply to the Minister, giving those reasons, for a determination that the Licence may be assigned. The Minister may, at his discretion, having considered the reasons given by the Licensee, determine whether or not the Licence may be assigned. The determination of the Minister in this regard is final.

7.6. Where the Licensee is a company (within the meaning of the Companies Acts) and goes into Liquidation (within the meaning of the Companies Acts) in the first three years dating from the commencement of the licence, the Liquidator shall, with the consent of the Minister, be entitled to assign the licence to enable him to discharge any debts of the liquidated company.

7.7. This licence is issued subject to any order that the High Court may make under section 218 of the Companies Act 1963 or otherwise with regard to the assignment of this licence.

8. **Fees**

8.1. The Licensee shall pay to the Minister an annual aquaculture licence fee in accordance with the Aquaculture (Licence Application and Licence Fees) Regulations 1998(S.I. No. 270/1998) as amended by the Aquaculture (Licence

Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I. No. 282 of 2000) or an amount payable under Regulations made under section 64 of the Act.

- 8.2. The Minister may revoke the licence where the Licensee fails to pay the aquaculture licence fees on demand.

9. **General Terms and Conditions**

- 9.1. The Licensee shall at all times comply with all laws applicable to aquaculture operations.
- 9.2. Any reference to a statute or an act of an institution of the European Union (whether specifically named or not) includes any amendments or re-enactments in force and all statutory instruments, orders, notices, regulations, directions, bye-laws, certificates, permissions and plans made, issued or given effect under such legislation shall remain valid.
- 9.3. If any condition or part of a condition in this licence is held to be illegal or unenforceable in whole or in part, such condition shall be deemed not to form part of this licence but the enforceability of the remainder of this licence is not affected.
- 9.4. The Licensee shall at all times hold all necessary licences, consents, permissions, permits or authorisations associated with any activities of the Licensee in connection with the licensed area.

**Notification**

- 9.5. Without prejudice to any other remedy under the licence or in law, if the Minister is of the view that the licensee is in breach of any obligation under this licence, the Minister may, by notice in writing, require that the Licensee rectifies such breach, within such time as is specified by the Minister. The Licensee shall comply with any direction of the Minister within the time specified in the notice.
- 9.6. Any notice to be given by the Minister may be transmitted through the Post Office addressed to the licensee at the last known address of the Licensee.
- 9.7. The Licensee shall notify the Minister within 7 days of any change in the Licensee's address, telephone, e-mail or facsimile number.

**Tax Clearance Certificate**

- 9.8. During the term of this licence the Licensee shall provide to the Minister on demand a current tax clearance certificate.

**Companies and Co-operatives**

- 9.9. In the event of the licence being granted to a company (within the meaning of the Companies Acts), control of the licensee company shall not change in any respect from the control of the company as existed on the date that the licence was granted so long as this licence shall remain in force save with the prior written permission of the Minister.

- 9.10. In the event of a licence being granted to a company that has been incorporated outside this State, the licensee company shall register with the Companies Registration Office within one month of the establishment of a place of business in the State or alternatively, within one month of the establishment of a branch of the said company in the State and the licensee company shall submit proof to the Department within 14 days of the end of that month that it has been so registered.
- 9.11. Where the licensee is a company within the meaning of the Companies Acts, the licensee company shall ensure that it does not become dissolved within the meaning of the Companies Acts for so long as this licence shall remain in force.
- 9.12. In the event of the licence being granted to a society (within the meaning of section 2 of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Act 1978 (No.23 of 1978) the following conditions shall apply:-
- 9.12.1. The rules relating to membership of the society shall enable any resident of the State to become a member of it where the resident fulfils all the conditions laid down by the society for membership of it and the rules shall not lay down different conditions for different classes of people;
- 9.12.2. The rules relating to the society shall be submitted to the Minister before the grant of this licence shall not be amended subsequently other than with the written permission of the Minister; and
- 9.12.3. The Minister may, if he considers it necessary in the interests of good management of the licensed area, direct that an amendment may be made to the rules of the society, and the Licensee shall amend the rules in accordance with that direction.

Clearance of Site

- 9.13. The Licensee shall, at the Licensee's own expense, if so required by written notice from the Minister and within three weeks after receipt of such notice or on cessation of the licence for any other cause, remove the structures, apparatus, equipment or any other thing to the satisfaction of the Minister. If the Licensee refuses or fails to do so, the Minister may cause the said structures, apparatus, equipment or other thing to be removed and the licensed area restored and shall be entitled to recover from the Licensee as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction all costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with the removal and restoration. The Licensee shall take such steps as the Minister may specify in order to secure compliance with this condition.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

**Schedule 1 contains:**

- **the co-ordinates of the site based on the Irish National Grid Co-ordinate System and the area of the site**
- **site map(s) which also shows the access/egress route to and from the site**
- **a chart showing the location of the site in relation to the surrounding area.**

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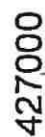
**Co-ordinates & Area**

**Site T12/037A2 (2.79 Ha)**

The area seaward of the high water mark and enclosed by a line drawn from Irish National Grid Reference point

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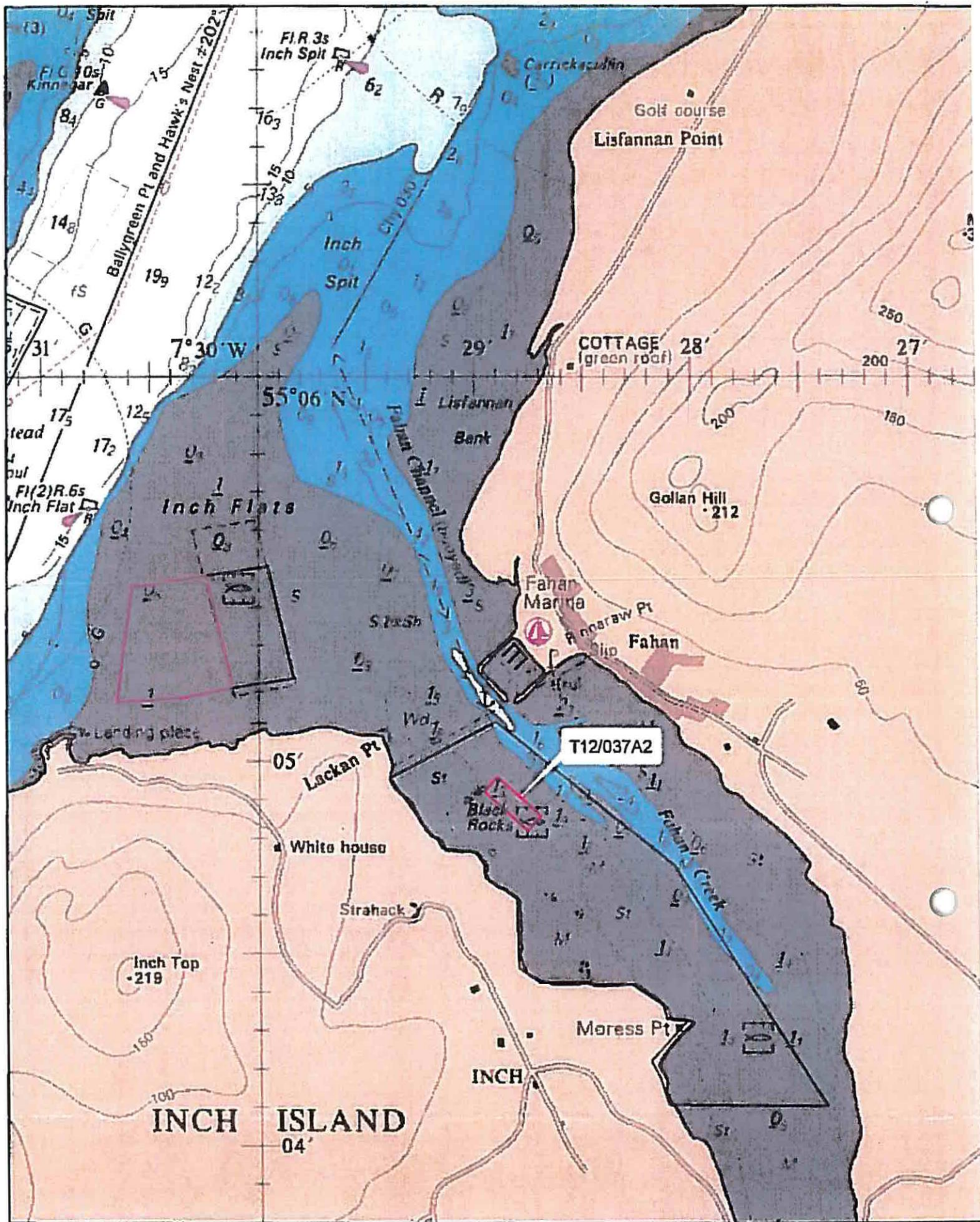
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## **SCHEDULE 2**

**Schedule 2 contains:**

- **the approved plans and drawing(s)**

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Layout Drawing  
SITE T12/307A2

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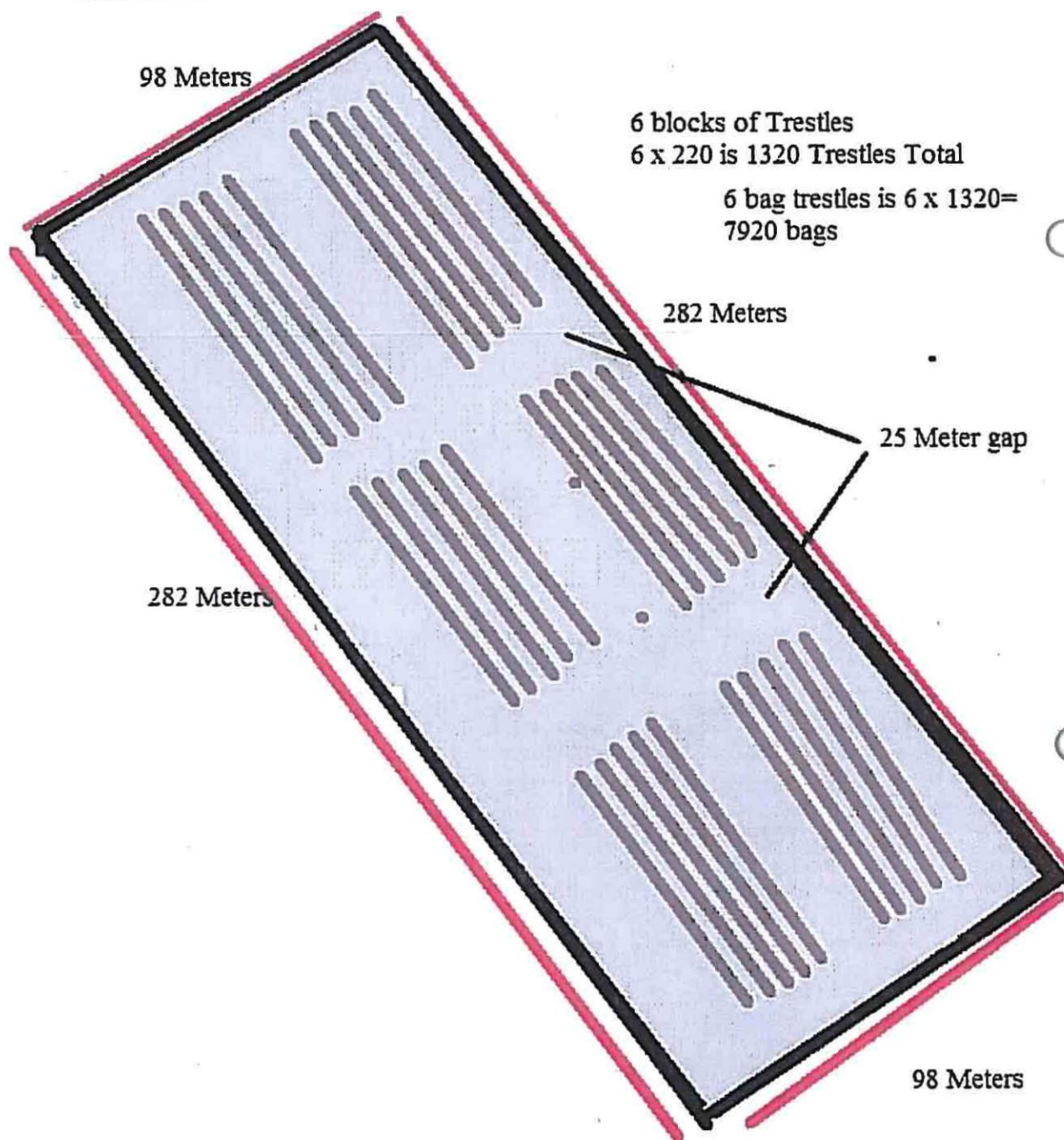
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Lough Swilly Shellfish  
Farm

22 trestles/Row.  
Trestles arranged  
in twin rows

Access lane of 5  
meters wide  
between twin rows



### **SCHEDULE 3**

- **Requirements of CIL**

- That the applicant secures Statutory Sanction from the Commissioner of Irish Lights for the aids to navigation that are required and approved by the Marine Survey Office. These aids should be in place before the development on the site commences.

- **requirements of the MSO / the navigation marking detail.**

- Site to be marked in with yellow spars with a yellow Saint Andrews Cross as topmark to be located at each of the four corner of the site. Topmarks to be visible at all stages of the tide at a height of two metres above the water.

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## **SCHEDULE 4**

**Schedule 4 contains:**

- **Triploid Seed to be used as standard**

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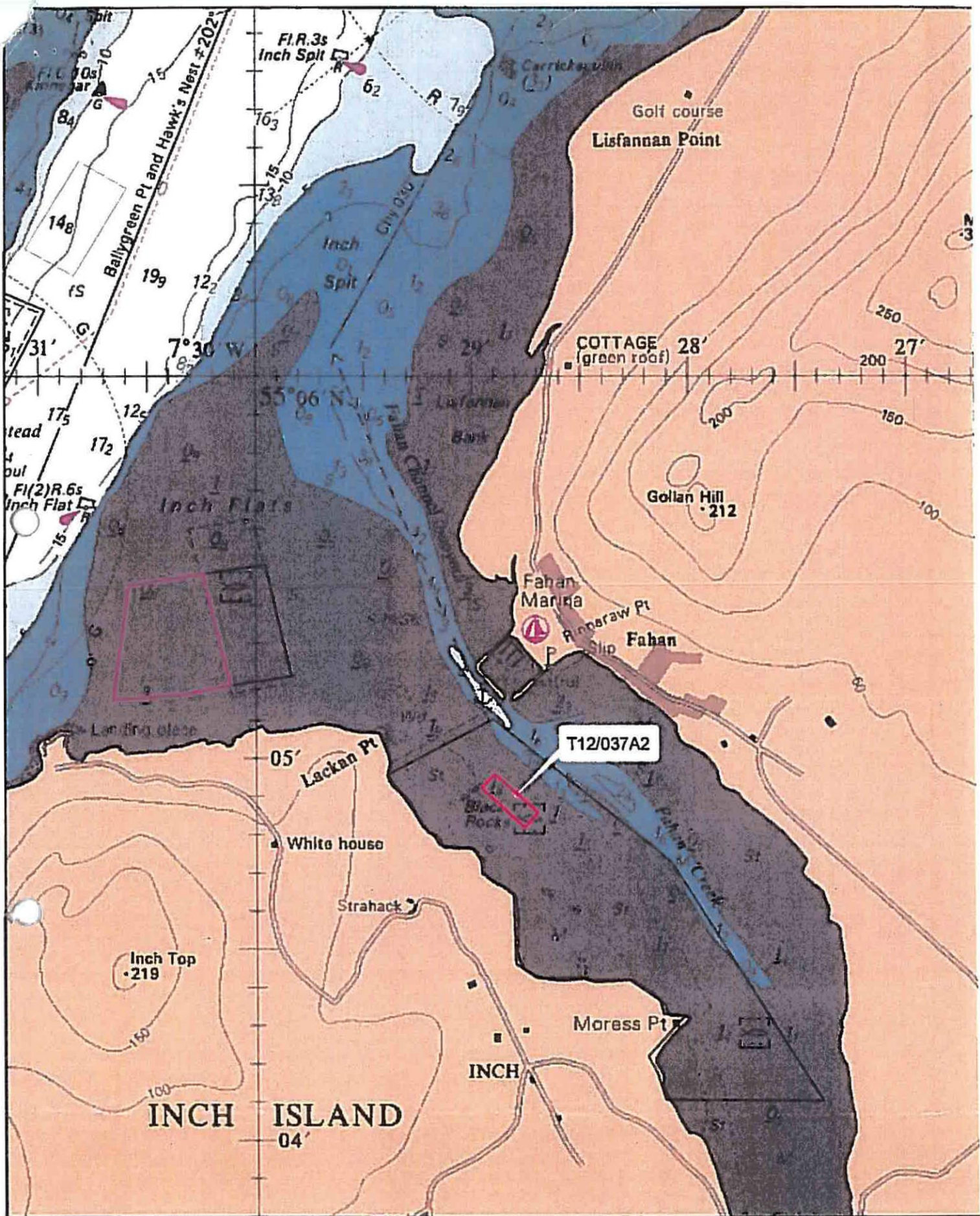
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**Aquaculture Sites**  
not other waters

**Site Status**

- Application
- Granted
- Refused
- Revoked
- Revised
- Superimposed
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**T12/37**

**Site T12/37 B1**

**AQUACULTURE LICENCE**

**AQUACULTURE MARINE SHELLFISH**  
**SEA-BED CULTURE/BOTTOM CULTURE**

**Lough Swilly Shellfish Growers Co-Operative  
Society Limited**

**Lough Swilly**

**Co. Donegal**

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**AQUACULTURE LICENCE NO. XXXX**

**GRANTED UNDER THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997 (NO. 23 of 1997)**

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 (No. 23 of 1997), (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") grants an Aquaculture Licence to:

**Lough Swilly Shellfish Co-Operative Society Limited**  
**Lough Swilly**  
**Co. Donegal**

(hereinafter referred to as the "Licensee") for the cultivation of mussels on a site in Lough Swilly, Co. Donegal as specified in Schedule 1 attached (numbered T12/37B1) and indicated by a red line on the attached map, as approved of by the Minister, subject to the Act and Regulations made under the Act and to the terms and conditions set out in the attached pages.

This Aquaculture Licence shall remain in force for a maximum period of ten (10) years commencing on XX/XXXXXX/XX 20XX, provided for so long as the Foreshore Licence granted on XX/XXXXXXXXXX 20XX, under Section 3 (1) of the Foreshore Act 1933 (No. 2 of 1933) in respect of the same site for the purpose referred to is in force.

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A person authorised under Section 15(1)  
of the Ministers and Secretaries Act 1924 to  
authenticate the Seal of the Minister for  
Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THIS AQUACULTURE LICENCE

### 1. Licensed Area

- 1.1. The area specified in *Schedule 1* attached (85.01 hectares) (labelled T12/37B1) and outlined in red on the map(s) in *Schedule 1*.
- 1.2. The co-ordinates for the site are based on the Irish National Grid Co-ordinate System.

### 2. Species, Cultivation and Method Licensed

- 2.1. Species to be farmed: Mussels
- 2.2. Method: Bottom Culture subject to the stocking and/or deployment limits as may be specified in *Schedule 4* attached.
- 2.3. The introduction of seed to the site shall comply with the legislation relating to fish health.

### 3. Infrastructure and Site Management

#### Indemnity

- 3.1. The Licensee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the State, the Minister, his officers, servants or agents against all actions, loss, damage, costs, expenses and any demands or claims howsoever arising in connection with the construction, maintenance or use of any structures, apparatus, equipment, vessel or any other thing used in connection with the licensed operation in the licensed area or in the exercise of the rights granted under the licence and the Licensee shall take such steps as the Minister may specify in order to ensure compliance with this condition.

- 3.2. The duty of maintenance and responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the site rests with the Licensee.

#### Design, Arrangement and Maintenance of Structures

- 3.3. The Licensee shall ensure that any equipment is placed within the licensed area only. Storage or placement of equipment or stock on the foreshore or seashore outside the licensed area is not permitted under any circumstances.
- 3.4. The Licensee shall obtain the prior approval of the Minister to any proposed material change to the plans/drawings or equipment as approved being used during the licensing period as maybe specified in *Schedule 2* attached.
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- 3.6. The Licensee shall ensure that the ends of each fence in the licensed area legibly bear the Aquaculture Licence Number in an indelible weatherproof format.

### Operational Conduct

- 3.7. The Licensee shall conduct its operations in a safe manner and with regard for other persons in the area and the environment and shall ensure that the operations are not injurious to adjacent lands or the public interest (including the environment) and do not interfere with navigation or other lawful activity in the vicinity of the licensed area, and shall comply with any lawful directions issued by the Minister and any other competent State authority in that regard.
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- 3.9. If the shellfish are to be harvested using dredges, the Licensee shall ensure that only mussel dredges are used for harvesting the shellfish.
- 3.10. The Licensee shall ensure that all vessels, components thereof and all equipment used in connection with the licensed area are kept properly maintained.
- 3.11. The Licensee shall as soon as possible after the commencement of this licence advise the Department of the quantity of seed placed in the licensed area, the approximate date(s) of the placement and the source(s) of the seed placed and likewise thereafter as and when further seed is so placed.
- 3.12. The Licensee shall advise the Department on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 20XX and on each succeeding 31<sup>st</sup> day of January for each year during which this licence continues in force of the quantity of stock harvested in that year and the approximate date(s) of harvesting.

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4. **Navigation and Safety**

4.1. The Licensee shall ensure that no hazard is caused to the safety of navigation across or near the licensed area in the use of any vessel or sea borne craft. The navigation and safety conditions are specified in Schedule 3.

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6.2. The Licensee shall dispose of dead fish in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions and requirements.

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6.3. The Licensee shall comply with any regulation in force governing the movement of fish.

### **7. Duration, Cessation, Review, Revocation, Amendment, Assignment**

#### Duration, Cessation

7.1. This Licence shall remain in force until XX XXXXXXXX, 20XX and as long as the accompanying Foreshore Licence remains in force.

#### Review

7.2. The Licensee may apply for a review of the licence at any time after the expiration of three years since the granting of the licence or its last renewal in accordance with section 70 of the Act.

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7.3. Subject to the Act, the Minister may revoke or amend the licence if:-

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- site map(s)
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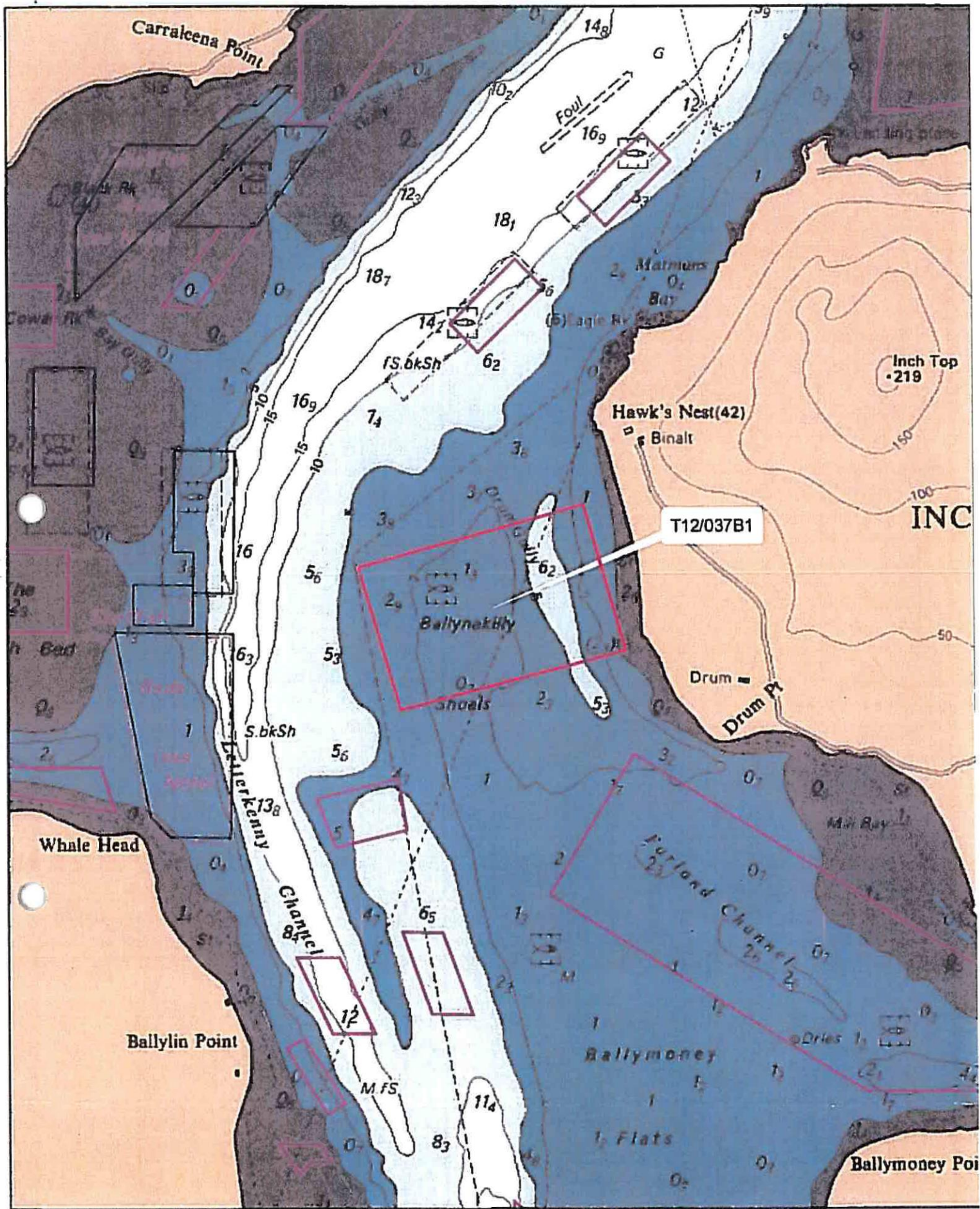
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## **SCHEDULE 2**

- **the approved plans and drawing(s) (if applicable)**
  1. Bottom Culture (no structures) – therefore, not applicable.

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### **SCHEDULE 3**

- **navigation and safety conditions.**

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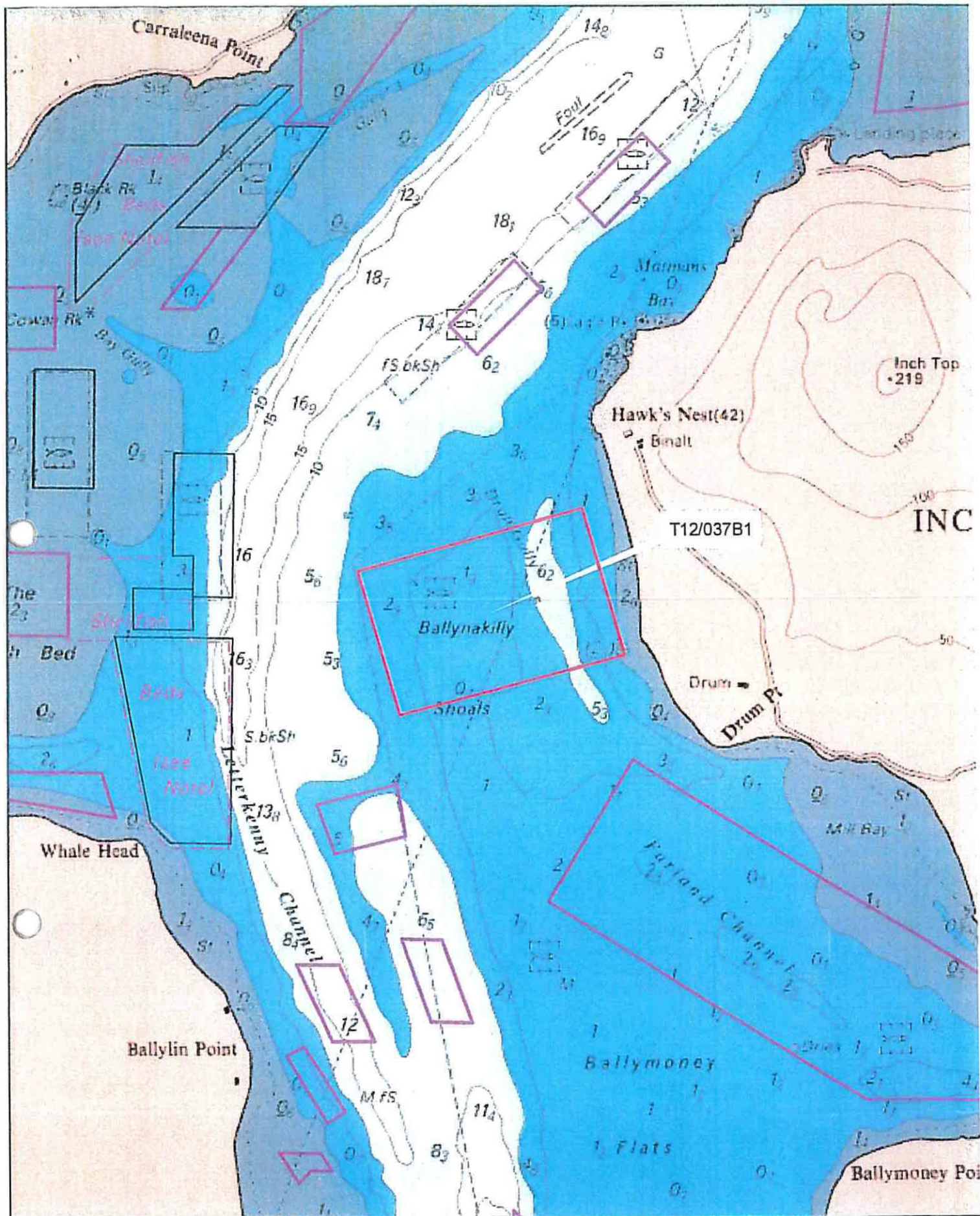
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**Site T12/37 B2**

**AQUACULTURE LICENCE**

**AQUACULTURE MARINE SHELLFISH**  
**SEA-BED CULTURE/BOTTOM CULTURE**

**Lough Swilly Shellfish Growers Co-Operative  
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**Lough Swilly**

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**AQUACULTURE LICENCE NO. XXXX**

**GRANTED UNDER THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997 (NO. 23 of 1997)**

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 (No. 23 of 1997), (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") grants an Aquaculture Licence to:

**Lough Swilly Shellfish Co-Operative Society Limited**  
**Lough Swilly**  
**Co. Donegal**

(hereinafter referred to as the "Licensee") for the cultivation of mussels on a site in Lough Swilly, Co. Donegal as specified in Schedule 1 attached (numbered T12/37B2) and indicated by a red line on the attached map as approved of by the Minister, subject to the Act and Regulations made under the Act and to the terms and conditions set out in the attached pages.

This Aquaculture Licence shall remain in force for a maximum period of ten (10) years commencing on XX/XXXXXX/XX 20XX, provided for so long as the Foreshore Licence granted on XX/XXXXXXXXXX 20XX, under Section 3 (1) of the Foreshore Act 1933 (No. 2 of 1933) in respect of the same site for the purpose referred to is in force.

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A person authorised under Section 15(1)  
of the Ministers and Secretaries Act 1924 to  
authenticate the Seal of the Minister for  
Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THIS AQUACULTURE LICENCE

### 1. Licensed Area

- 1.1. The area specified in *Schedule 1* attached (177.78 hectares) (labelled T12/37B2) and outlined in red on the map(s) in *Schedule 1*.
- 1.2. The co-ordinates for the site are based on the Irish National Grid Co-ordinate System.

### 2. Species, Cultivation and Method Licensed

- 2.1. Species to be farmed: Mussels
- 2.2. Method: Bottom Culture subject to the stocking and/or deployment limits as may be specified in *Schedule 4* attached.
- 2.3. The introduction of seed to the site shall comply with the legislation relating to fish health.

### 3. Infrastructure and Site Management

#### Indemnity

- 3.1. The Licensee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the State, the Minister, his officers, servants or agents against all actions, loss, damage, costs, expenses and any demands or claims howsoever arising in connection with the construction, maintenance or use of any structures, apparatus, equipment, vessel or any other thing used in connection with the licensed operation in the licensed area or in the exercise of the rights granted under the licence and the Licensee shall take such steps as the Minister may specify in order to ensure compliance with this condition.
- 3.2. The duty of maintenance and responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the site rests with the Licensee.

#### Design, Arrangement and Maintenance of Structures

- 3.3. The Licensee shall ensure that any equipment is placed within the licensed area only. Storage or placement of equipment or stock on the foreshore or seashore outside the licensed area is not permitted under any circumstances.
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- 3.5. The Licensee shall at all times for the duration of the licence keep all equipment used for the purposes of the licensed operations in a good and proper state of repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Minister or other competent State authority.
- 3.6. The Licensee shall ensure that the ends of each fence in the licensed area legibly bear the Aquaculture Licence Number in an indelible weatherproof format.

### Operational Conduct

- 3.7. The Licensee shall conduct its operations in a safe manner and with regard for other persons in the area and the environment and shall ensure that the operations are not injurious to adjacent lands or the public interest (including the environment) and do not interfere with navigation or other lawful activity in the vicinity of the licensed area, and shall comply with any lawful directions issued by the Minister and any other competent State authority in that regard.
- 3.8. The Licensee shall ensure that any aquaculture or other activity conducted under this licence does not adversely affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network (if applicable) through the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats of species and/or through disturbance of the species for which the area have been designated in so far as such a disturbance may be significant in relation to the stated conservation objectives of the site concerned.
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- 3.11. The Licensee shall as soon as possible after the commencement of this licence advise the Department of the quantity of seed placed in the licensed area, the approximate date(s) of the placement and the source(s) of the seed placed and likewise thereafter as and when further seed is so placed.
- 3.12. The Licensee shall advise the Department on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 20XX and on each succeeding 31<sup>st</sup> day of January for each year during which this licence continues in force of the quantity of stock harvested in that year and the approximate date(s) of harvesting.

### Waste Management

- 3.13. The Licensee shall ensure that the licensed and adjoining area shall be kept clear of redundant structures (including apparatus and equipment), waste products and operational litter or debris and shall make provision for the prompt removal and proper disposal of such material. If the Licensee refuses or fails to do so, the Minister may cause the said structures, apparatus, equipment or other thing to be removed and the licensed area restored and shall be entitled to recover from the Licensee as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction all costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with the removal and restoration.

### Inspection

- 3.14. The licensed area and any equipment, structure, thing, or premises wherever situated used in connection with operations carried out in the licensed area shall be open for inspection at any time by an authorised person (within the meaning of Section 292 of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act, 1959 (No. 14 1959) (as amended by Fisheries Act 1980) (No.1 of 1980), a Sea Fisheries Protection Officer (within the meaning of Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006) (No. 8 of 2006) or any other person appointed in that regard by the Minister or other competent State authority.

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4. **Navigation and Safety**

4.1. The Licensee shall ensure that no hazard is caused to the safety of navigation across or near the licensed area in the use of any vessel or sea borne craft. The navigation and safety conditions are specified in Schedule 2.

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6. **Fish Health / Mortality Management / Movement of Fish**

**Fish Health Regulations**

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#### Movement of Fish

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### 7. Duration, Cessation, Review, Revocation, Amendment, Assignment

#### Duration, Cessation

7.1. This Licence shall remain in force until XX XXXXXXXX, 20XX and as long as the accompanying Foreshore Licence remains in force.

#### Review

7.2. The Licensee may apply for a review of the licence at any time after the expiration of three years since the granting of the licence or its last renewal in accordance with section 70 of the Act.

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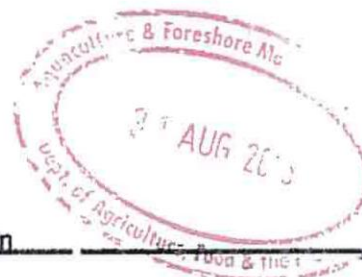
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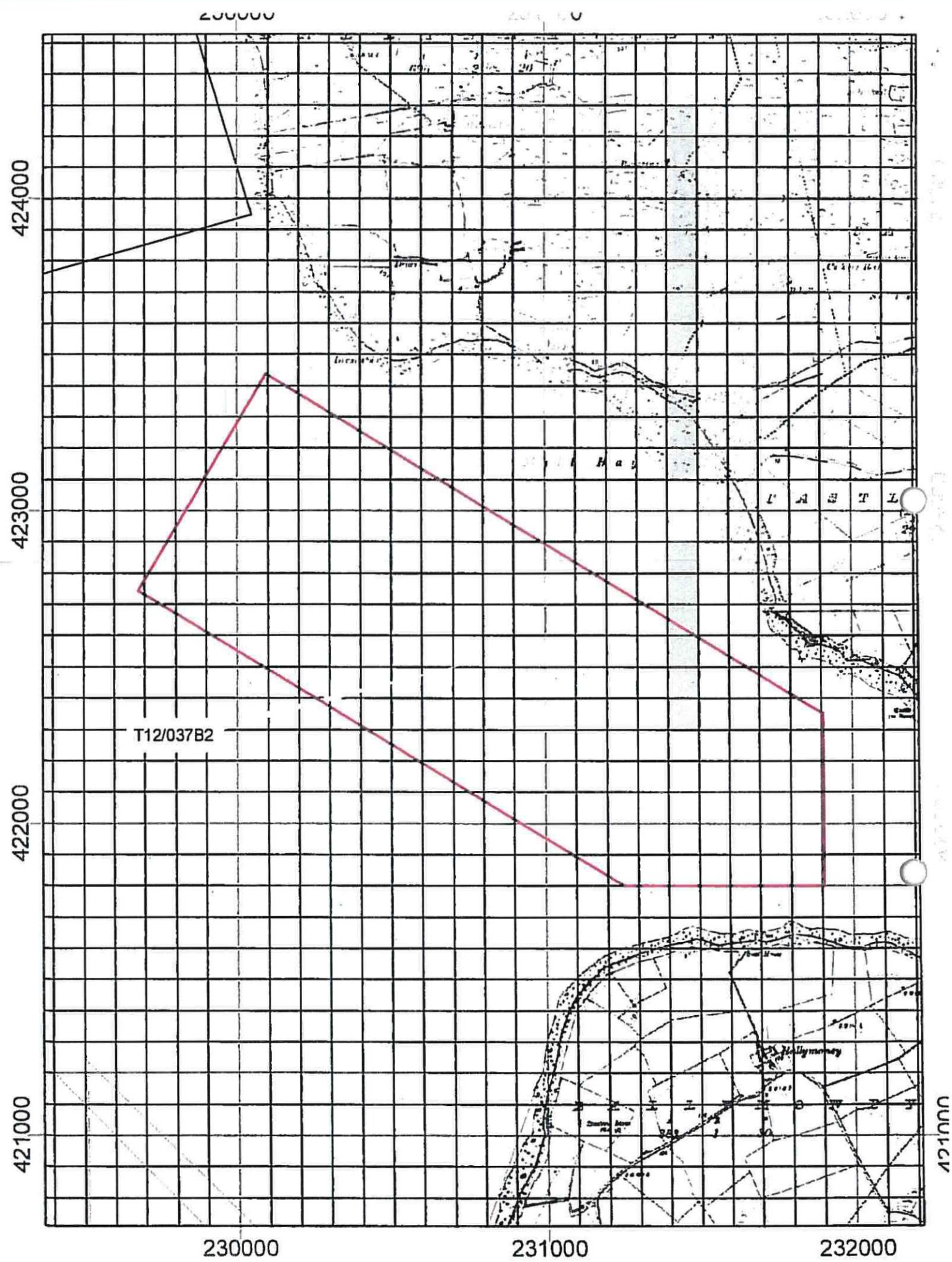
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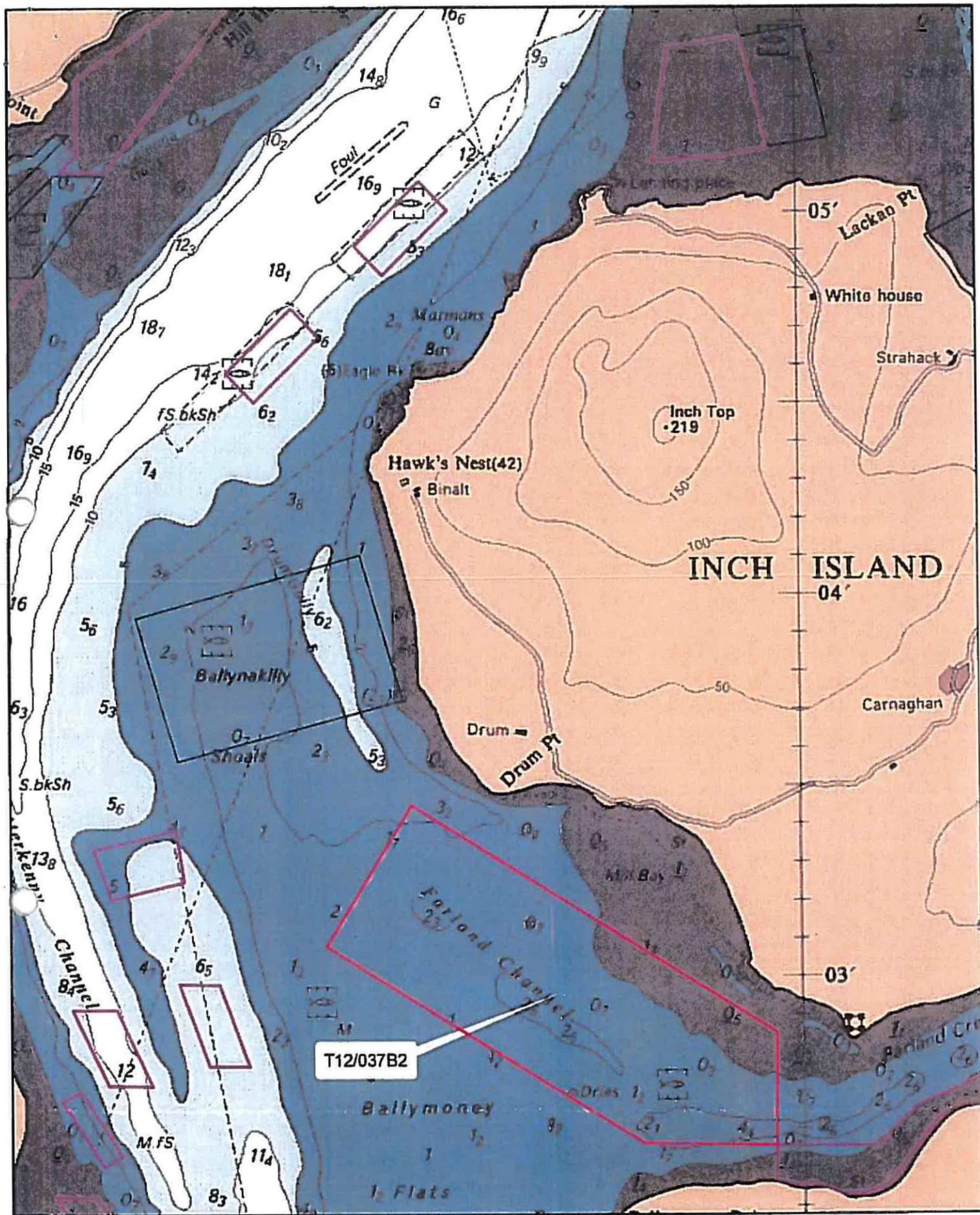
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**INTER/SUB-TIDAL**  
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**AQUACULTURE LICENCE NO. XXXX**

**GRANTED UNDER THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997 (NO. 23 of 1997)**

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997 (No. 23 of 1997) (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), grants an Aquaculture Licence to:

**Lough Swilly Shellfish Growers Co-Operative Society Limited**  
**Station House**  
**Malin Road**  
**Carndonagh**  
**Co.Donegal**

(hereinafter referred to as the "Licensee") for the cultivation of Pacific oysters on a site in Lough Swilly, Co. Donegal as specified in Schedule 1 attached (numbered T12/37 B3) and indicated by a red line on the attached map in accordance with the plans and drawing(s) in Schedule 2 attached as approved of by the Minister, subject to the Act and Regulations made under the Act and to the terms and conditions set out in the attached pages.

This Aquaculture Licence shall remain in force for a maximum period of ten (10) years commencing on XX XXXXXXXXXX 20XX, provided for so long as the Foreshore Licence granted on XX XXXXXXXXXX 20XX, under Section 3(1) of the Foreshore Act 1933 (No.12 of 1933) in respect of the same site for the purpose referred to is in force.

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A person authorised under Section 15(1)  
of the Ministers and Secretaries Act 1924 to  
authenticate the Seal of the Minister for  
Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THIS AQUACULTURE LICENCE

### 1. Licensed Area

- 1.1 The area specified in *Schedule 1* attached (23.76 hectares) (labelled T12/37 B3) and outlined in red on the map(s) in *Schedule 1*.
- 1.2 The co-ordinates for the site are based on the Irish National Grid Co-ordinate System.

### 2. Species, Cultivation and Method Licensed

- 2.1. Species to be farmed: pacific oysters
- 2.2. Method: Bag and Trestle Single-layer subject to the stocking and/or deployment limits as may be specified in *Schedule 4* attached.
- 2.3. The introduction of seed to the site shall comply with the legislation relating to fish health.

### 3. Infrastructure and Site Management

#### Indemnity

- 3.1. The Licensee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the State, the Minister, his officers, servants or agents against all actions, loss, damage, costs, expenses and any demands or claims howsoever arising in connection with the construction, maintenance or use of any structure, apparatus, equipment or any other thing used in connection with the licensed operation in the licensed area or in the exercise of the rights granted under the licence and the Licensee shall take such steps as the Minister may specify in order to ensure compliance with this condition.
- 3.2. The duty of maintenance and responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the site rests with the Licensee.

#### Design, Arrangement and Maintenance of Structures

- 3.3. The Licensee shall ensure that the equipment (including all flotation, mooring and anchoring devices) is placed within the licensed area only. Storage or placement of equipment or stock on the foreshore or seashore outside the licensed area is not permitted under any circumstances.
- 3.4. The Minister may direct as to the deployment of apparatus and flotation devices and their colour, within the site.
- 3.5. The Licensee shall obtain the prior approval of the Minister to any proposed material change to the plan/drawings or equipment as approved being used during the licensing period as specified in *Schedule 2* attached.

- 3.6. The Licensee shall at all times for the duration of the licence keep all equipment used for the purposes of the licensed operations in a good and proper state of repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Minister or other competent State authority.
- 3.7. The Licensee shall ensure that each trestle grouping/pole and all flotation and mooring devices in the licensed area legibly bear the Aquaculture Licence Number in an indelible weatherproof format.

#### Operational Conduct

- 3.8. The Licensee shall conduct its operations in a safe manner and with regard for other persons in the area and the environment and shall ensure that the operations are not injurious to adjacent lands or the public interest (including the environment) and do not interfere with navigation or other lawful activity in the vicinity of the licensed area, and shall comply with any lawful directions issued by the Minister and any other competent State authority in that regard.
- 3.9. The Licensee shall ensure that any aquaculture or other activity conducted under this licence does not adversely affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network (if applicable) through the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats of species and/or through disturbance of the species for which the area has been designated in so far as such a disturbance may be significant in relation to the stated conservation objectives of the site concerned.
- 3.10. The Licensee shall ensure that tractors (or other vehicles) accessing and leaving the site adhere strictly to approved access and egress routes as specified in Schedule 1 attached. Full compliance is required in order to minimise disturbance to the foreshore and habitat. All drivers shall be made fully aware of the specific route approved.
- 3.11. The Licensee shall ensure that journeys back and forth on the approved access and egress routes are kept to the minimum necessary.
- 3.12. The Licensee shall ensure that all tractors/towing vehicles to be used for aquaculture purposes on the foreshore are fitted with efficient exhaust/silencers/mufflers and that vibration noise from tractors and machinery is kept to a minimum.
- 3.13. The Licensee shall ensure that all vehicles are properly maintained so as to prevent leakages of oils, fuels, grease etc.
- 3.14. The Licensee shall ensure that all vehicles move slowly at all times on the foreshore, that engine revolution is kept to a minimum and that engines are turned off when not in use.
- 3.15. The Licensee shall ensure that if more than one vehicle is needed on the shore that all vehicles, where possible, arrive and depart together.
- 3.16. The Licensee shall so organise its operations in consultation with other licensed operators to ensure that the total number of vehicles and harvesting machines on the foreshore on any one day is kept to the minimum necessary.

3.17. The Licensee shall ensure that when carrying out aquaculture work on the foreshore, dogs owned or under the control of the Licensee shall not be present, in order to minimise disturbance to the birdlife in the area.

3.18. The Licensee shall ensure that best practice is employed to keep structures and netting clean at all times and any biofouling by alien invasive species shall be removed and disposed of in a responsible manner. In particular, in 'Natura 2000' sites care must be taken to ensure that any biofouling by alien invasive species will not pose a risk to the conservation features of the site. Measures to be undertaken are set out in the draft Marine Code of Practice prepared by Invasive Species Ireland and can be found on the web site at: <http://invasivespeciesireland.com/>.

#### Waste Management

3.19. The Licensee shall ensure that the licensed and adjoining area shall be kept clear of all redundant structures (including apparatus, equipment and/or uncontained stock), waste products and operational litter or debris and shall make provision for the prompt removal and proper disposal of such material. If the Licensee refuses or fails to do so, the Minister may cause the said structures, apparatus, equipment or other thing to be removed and the licensed area restored and shall be entitled to recover from the Licensee as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction all costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with the removal and restoration.

#### Inspection

3.20. The licensed area and any equipment, structure, thing, or premises wherever situated used in connection with operations carried out in the licensed area shall be open for inspection at any time by an authorised person (within the meaning of Section 292 of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959) (No. 14 of 1959) (as amended by Fisheries Act 1980) (No. 1 of 1980), a Sea Fisheries Protection Officer (within the meaning of Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006) (No. 8 of 2006) or any other person appointed in that regard by the Minister or other competent State authority.

3.21. The Licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an authorised officer or a Sea Fisheries Protection Officer or any person duly appointed by any competent State authority to enable the person or officer enter, inspect, examine, measure and test the licensed area and any equipment, structure, thing or premises used in connection with the operations carried out in the licensed area and to take whatever samples may be deemed appropriate by that person or officer.

3.22. The Licensee shall keep and maintain in the State for inspection on demand by the Minister or a competent State authority, at all times, records of all operations including compliance monitoring and any required follow up action. These records shall be produced by the Licensee on demand by the Minister or other competent State authority and in any event not later than 24 hours from the making of that demand.

3.23. The Licensee shall furnish to the Minister or other competent State authority in the form and at the intervals determined by the Minister or other competent State

authority, such information relating to the licensed area as may be required to determine compliance by the Licensee with the terms of this licence and applicable legislation.

#### 4. Navigation and Safety

4.1. The Licensee shall ensure that Statutory Sanction from the Commissioners of Irish Lights is in place prior to the commencement of operations, regarding all aids to navigation. Statutory Sanction forms are available at <http://www.cil.ie/safety-navigation/statutory-sanction.aspx>.

4.2. The Licensee shall ensure that the site is marked in accordance with the requirements of both the Marine Survey Office and the Commissioners of Irish Lights as specified in *Schedule 3*.

The navigation marking detail is as illustrated in *Schedule 3*.

4.3. The Licensee shall comply with any specification requirement relating to navigational aids, flotation and mooring devices, supporting marking posts/poles, as required by the Minister or any other competent State authority.

4.4. Prior to commencement of operation the Licensee shall inform the UK Hydrographic Office at Taunton, of the location and nature of the site in order that charts and nautical publications can be updated. Tel: 00 44 1823337900 Fax: 00 44 1823 284077 Email: [sdr@kml.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@kml.gov.uk) the Licensee shall submit proof to the Department within 14 days of the date of this licence that the UK Hydrographic Office has been so informed.

#### 5. Monitoring

5.1. The Licensee shall undertake and/or partake in monitoring, in particular environmental monitoring, as directed by the Minister or other competent State authority.

#### 6. Fish Health / Mortality Management / Movement of Fish

##### Fish Health Regulation

6.1. Before the site is stocked the Licensee shall ensure that a Fish Health Authorisation under statutory provisions giving effect to Council Directive No. 2006/88/EC, as amended, or any other legislative act that replaces that Directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and their products, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals, is in place.

##### Disposal of Mortalities

6.2. The Licensee shall dispose of dead fish in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions and requirements.

##### Movement of Fish

6.3. The Licensee shall comply with any regulations in force governing the movement of fish.

7. **Duration, Cessation, Review, Revocation, Amendment, Assignment**

**Duration, Cessation**

7.1. This Licence shall remain in force until XX XXXXXXXXXX, 20XX and as long as the accompanying Foreshore Licence remains in force.

**Review**

7.2. The Licensee may apply for a review of the licence at any time after the expiration of three years since the granting of the licence or its last renewal in accordance with section 70 of the Act.

**Revocation, Amendment**

7.3. Subject to the Act, the Minister may revoke or amend the licence if:-

- (a) he considers that it is in the public interest to do so
- (b) he is satisfied that there has been a breach of any condition specified in the licence e.g., operating outside the licensed area,
- (c) the licensed area to which the licence relates is not being properly maintained,
- (d) water quality results or general performance in the licensed area do not meet the standards set by the Minister or the competent State authority.

**Assignment**

7.4. This Licence shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Minister and may not be assigned during the period of three years, dating from the commencement or renewal of this licence, unless the Minister determines that it may be assigned under condition 7(5) or the condition set out in 7(6) applies.

7.5. A Licensee who considers that there are exceptional reasons for the assignment of the Licence during the first three years, may apply to the Minister, giving those reasons, for a determination that the Licence may be assigned. The Minister may, at his discretion, having considered the reasons given by the Licensee, determine whether or not the Licence may be assigned. The determination of the Minister in this regard is final.

7.6. Where the Licensee is a company (within the meaning of the Companies Acts) and goes into Liquidation (within the meaning of the Companies Acts) in the first three years dating from the commencement of the licence, the Liquidator shall, with the consent of the Minister, be entitled to assign the licence to enable him to discharge any debts of the liquidated company.

7.7. This licence is issued subject to any order that the High Court may make under section 218 of the Companies Act 1963 or otherwise with regard to the assignment of this licence.

8. **Fees**

8.1. The Licensee shall pay to the Minister an annual aquaculture licence fee in accordance with the Aquaculture (Licence Application and Licence Fees) Regulations 1998(S.I. No. 270/1998) as amended by the Aquaculture (Licence

Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I. No. 282 of 2000) or an amount payable under Regulations made under section 64 of the Act.

- 8.2. The Minister may revoke the licence where the Licensee fails to pay the aquaculture licence fees on demand.

9. **General Terms and Conditions**

- 9.1. The Licensee shall at all times comply with all laws applicable to aquaculture operations.
- 9.2. Any reference to a statute or an act of an institution of the European Union (whether specifically named or not) includes any amendments or re-enactments in force and all statutory instruments, orders, notices, regulations, directions, bye-laws, certificates, permissions and plans made, issued or given effect under such legislation shall remain valid.
- 9.3. If any condition or part of a condition in this licence is held to be illegal or unenforceable in whole or in part, such condition shall be deemed not to form part of this licence but the enforceability of the remainder of this licence is not affected.
- 9.4. The Licensee shall at all times hold all necessary licences, consents, permissions, permits or authorisations associated with any activities of the Licensee in connection with the licensed area.

**Notification**

- 9.5. Without prejudice to any other remedy under the licence or in law, if the Minister is of the view that the licensee is in breach of any obligation under this licence, the Minister may, by notice in writing, require that the Licensee rectifies such breach, within such time as is specified by the Minister. The Licensee shall comply with any condition of the Minister within the time specified in the notice.
- 9.6. Any notice to be given by the Minister may be transmitted through the Post Office addressed to the licensee at the last known address of the Licensee.
- 9.7. The Licensee shall notify the Minister within 7 days of any change in the Licensee's address, telephone, e-mail or facsimile number.

**Tax Clearance Certificate**

- 9.8. During the term of this licence the Licensee shall provide to the Minister on demand a current tax clearance certificate.

**Companies and Co-operatives**

- 9.9. In the event of the licence being granted to a company (within the meaning of the Companies Acts), control of the licensee company shall not change in any respect from the control of the company as existed on the date that the licence was granted so long as this licence shall remain in force save with the prior written permission of the Minister.

- 9.10. In the event of a licence being granted to a company that has been incorporated outside this State, the licensee company shall register with the Companies Registration Office within one month of the establishment of a place of business in the State or alternatively, within one month of the establishment of a branch of the said company in the State and the licensee company shall submit proof to the Department within 14 days of the end of that month that it has been so registered.
- 9.11. Where the licensee is a company within the meaning of the Companies Acts, the licensee company shall ensure that it does not become dissolved within the meaning of the Companies Acts for so long as this licence shall remain in force.
- 9.12. In the event of the licence being granted to a society (within the meaning of section 2 of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Act 1978 (No.23 of 1978) the following conditions shall apply:-
- 9.12.1. The rules relating to membership of the society shall enable any resident of the State to become a member of it where the resident fulfils all the conditions laid down by the society for membership of it and the rules shall not lay down different conditions for different classes of people;
- 9.12.2. The rules relating to the society submitted to the Minister before the grant of this licence shall not be amended subsequently other than with the written permission of the Minister; and
- 9.12.3. The Minister may, if he considers it necessary in the interests of good management of the licensed area, direct that an amendment may be made to the rules of the society, and the Licensee shall amend the rules in accordance with that direction.

Clearance of Site

- 9.13. The Licensee shall, at the Licensee's own expense, if so required by written notice from the Minister and within three weeks after receipt of such notice or on cessation of the licence for any other cause, remove the structures, apparatus, equipment or any other thing to the satisfaction of the Minister. If the Licensee refuses or fails to do so, the Minister may cause the said structures, apparatus, equipment or other things to be removed and the licensed area restored and shall be entitled to recover from the Licensee as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction all costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with the removal and restoration. The Licensee shall take such steps as the Minister may specify in order to secure compliance with this condition.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

**Schedule 1 contains:**

- **the co-ordinates of the site based on the Irish National Grid Co-ordinate System and the area of the site**
- **site map(s) which also shows the access/egress route to and from the site**
- **a chart showing the location of the site in relation to the surrounding area.**

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## **1 NO. SITE AT LOUGH SWILLY CO.DONEGAL**

### **Co-ordinates & Area**

#### **Site T12/037B3 (23.76 Ha)**

The area seaward of the high water mark and enclosed by a line drawn from Irish National Grid Reference point

231906, 421800 to Irish National Grid Reference point

232400, 421800 to Irish National Grid Reference point

232600, 422000 to Irish National Grid Reference point

233270, 422303 Along high water mark to Irish National Grid Reference Point

231906, 421627 to the first mentioned point.

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Ordnance Survey Ireland Licence No. EN 007641

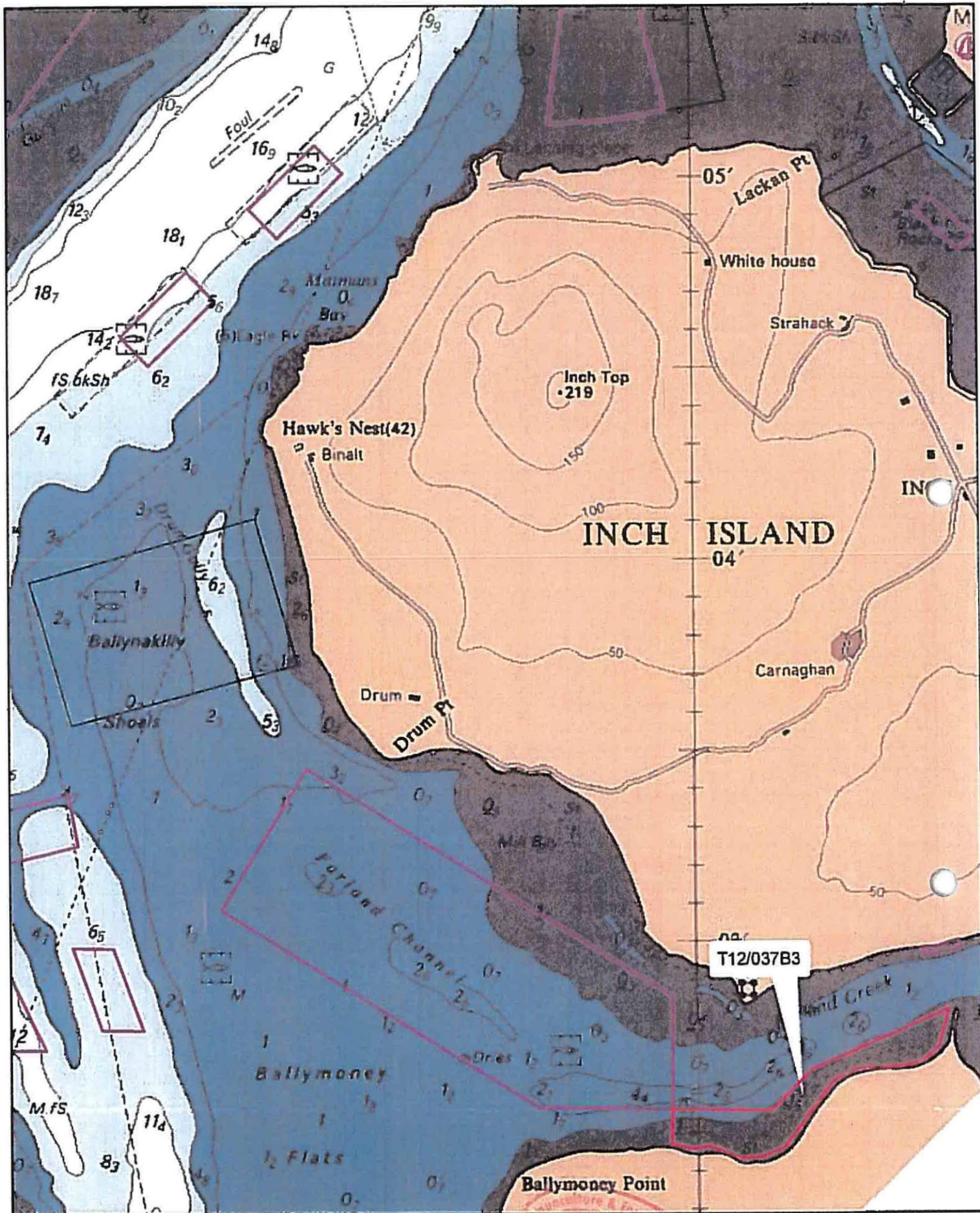
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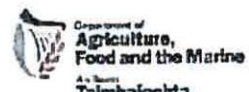
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Site Status

Application

License

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## **SCHEDULE 2**

**Schedule 2 contains:**

- **the approved plans and drawing(s)**

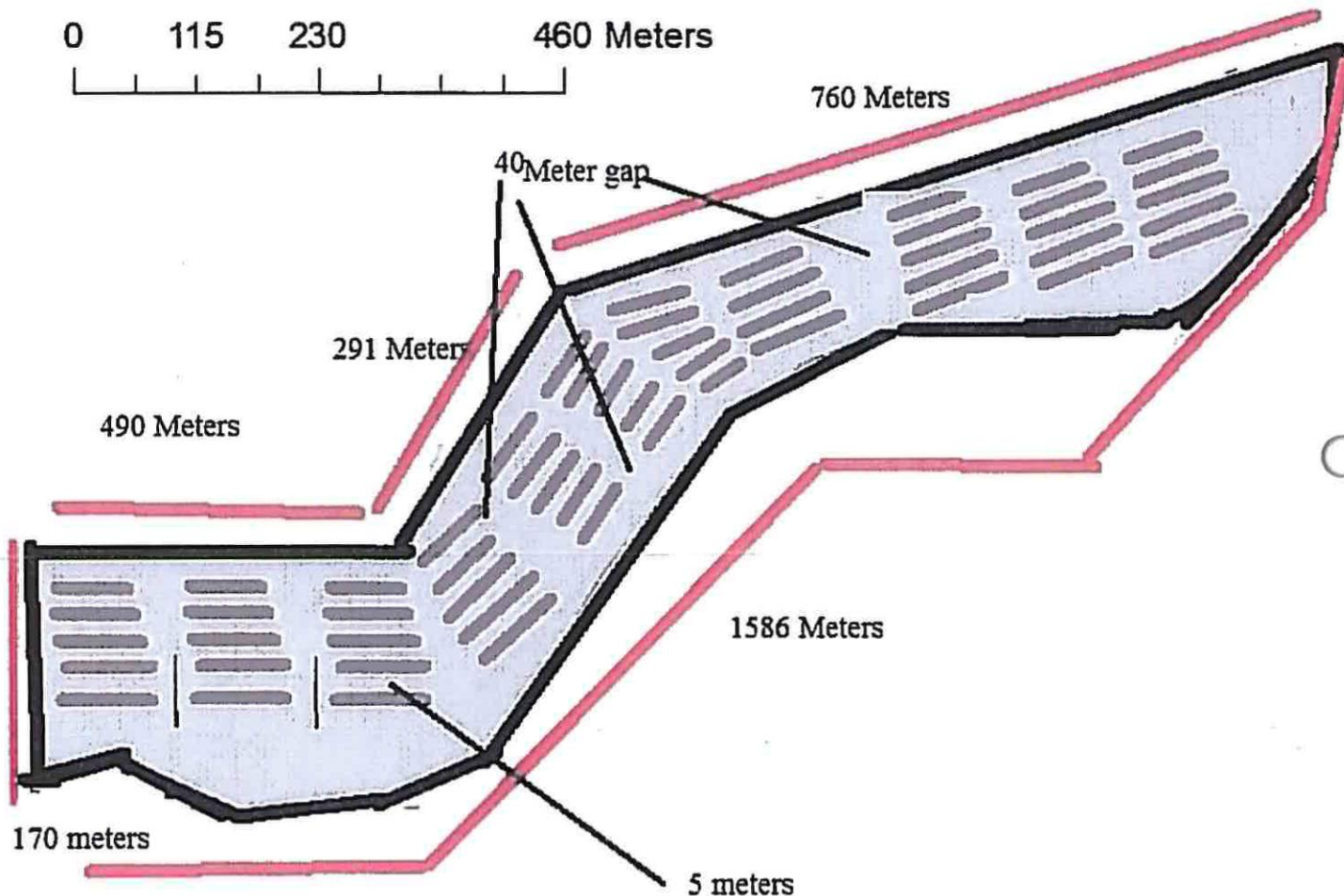
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Trestle Layout Drawing  
T12/037B3

Lough Swilly Trestle  
Layout

Scale: 1:6000

Size: 23.76 HA



25 Trestles/Row  
Triple rows

5 rows per block

375 trestles/ block

11 blocks trestles x 375  
= 4125 trestles

Access lanes of 5  
meters wide  
between triple rows

Corridors 40 meter  
wide

6 bag trestles is 6 x 4125 = 24750  
bags

## SCHEDULE 3

- **Requirements of CIL**

- That the applicant secures Statutory Sanction from the Commissioner of Irish Lights for the aids to navigation that are required and approved by the Marine Survey Office. These aids should be in place before the development on the site commences.

- **requirements of the MSO / the navigation marking detail.**

- Site to be marked in with **seven** yellow spars with a yellow Saint Andrews Cross as topmark to be located as attached chartlet. Topmark to be visible at all stages of the tide at a height of two metres above the water.

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## **SCHEDULE 4**

**Schedule 4 contains:**

- **Triploid Seed to be used as standard**

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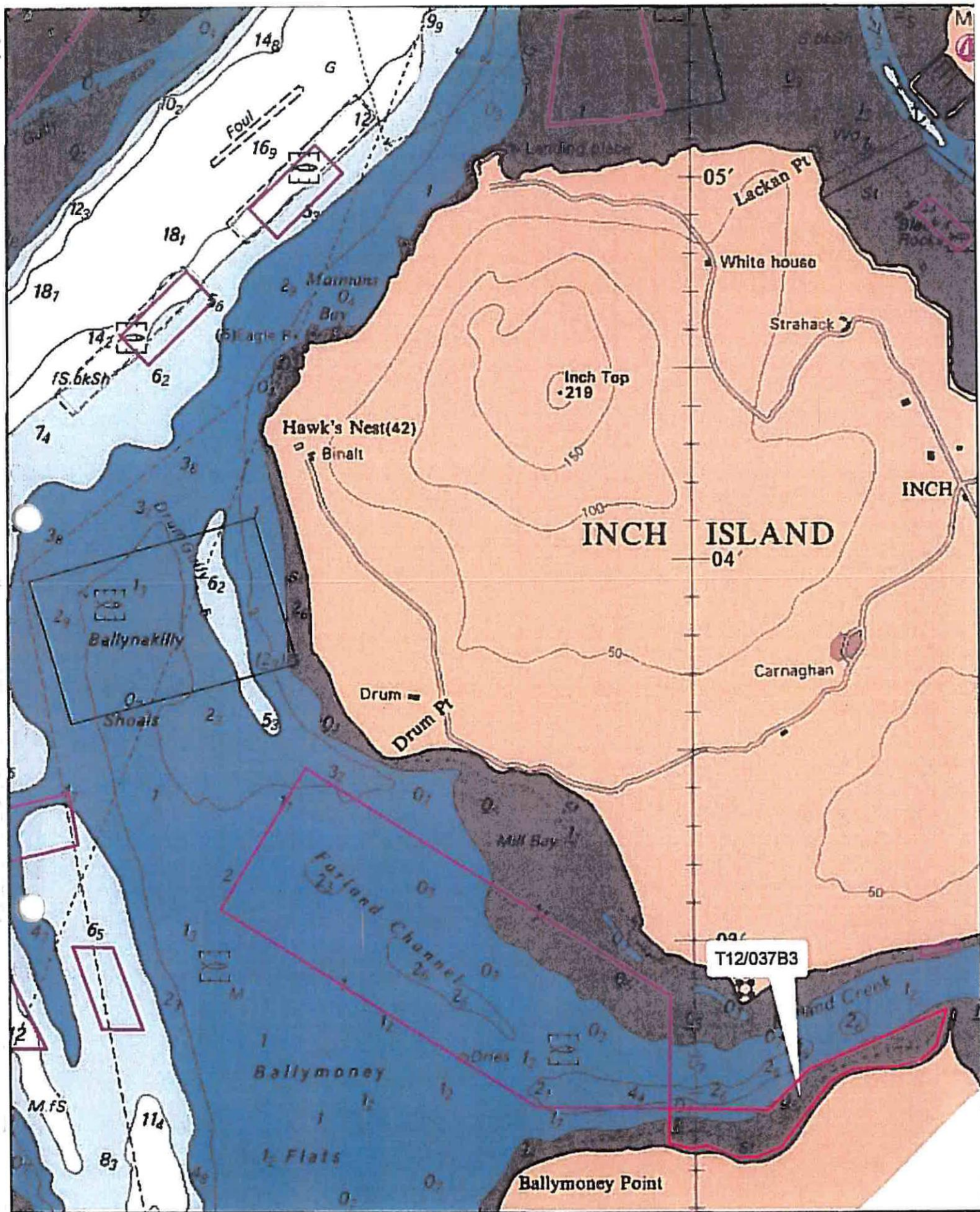
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Not to be used for Navigation

Aqua Culture Sites  
 See Status  
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