

This lease made in duplicate this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

**BETWEEN:**

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN**, in right of the Province of Nova Scotia, as represented by the Administrator, Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, as appointed under section 54A of the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, SNS 1996, c. 25,

hereinafter referred to as "**THE ADMINISTRATOR**"

OF THE ONE PART

- and -

Cape Breton Bivalve Inc.  
c/o James Kennedy  
PO Box 5609  
Louisbourg, NS  
B1C2L8

hereinafter referred to as "**THE LESSEE**"

OF THE OTHER PART

**WHEREAS** the Administrator, under the provisions of the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, S.N.S. 1996, Chapter 25 (the "Act") and the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations (the "Regulations"), is authorized to renew aquaculture licences and aquaculture leases;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the Act the Lessee was issued Aquaculture Lease No. 1374 on July 22, 2015 for a term of five years from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020;

**AND WHEREAS** the Lessee wishes to renew aquaculture Lease No. 1374;

**NOW THEREFORE** in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Administrator hereby grants to the Lessee a lease to use a 38.27 hectare area located in the body of waters known as St. Anns Harbour, Victoria County, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Agreement (the "site") for the suspended cultivation of Blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*).
2. The term of this lease shall be for twenty years commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020, to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2040 with the right of renewal, in accordance with the terms of the Act and the Regulations.
3. The Lessee shall pay to the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board an annual fee as set out in the Regulations. The annual payment must be received by the anniversary date of the lease. Late payments are subject to a fee as set out in the Regulations.
4. The undertakings set out in Schedule "B" to this lease (the "undertakings"), form part of this Agreement, and the Lessee hereby agrees to comply with any conditions or limitations contained in the undertakings unless compliance for leasing purposes is expressly waived by the Administrator. The Lessee is responsible for confirming any undertakings and ensuring compliance with them.
5. Except to the extent restricted by an enactment or this lease, the Lessee has, for aquacultural purposes, the exclusive right to use the leased sub-aquatic lands and water column.
6. The Lessee agrees to comply with any permits, protocols, approvals, licenses or permissions (the "licensing requirements") which may be required under the laws of the

relevant municipality, the Province or Canada. The Lessee is responsible for confirming any licensing requirements and ensuring compliance with them.

7. This lease must not be assigned without the written approval of the Administrator. If the Lessee is a corporation, any change in the right to control the corporation shall be deemed to be an assignment.
8. In the event that the Lessee shall cease conducting an aquaculture business in the normal course, become insolvent, make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, suffer or permit the appointment of a receiver of its business assets, or avail itself of any proceeding in bankruptcy under any statute relating to insolvency or the protection of rights of creditors, the Administrator may revoke this lease and this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect subject only to the right of Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Nova Scotia ("Her Majesty") to claim for damages.
9. The Lessee must adhere to the Farm Management Plan, as it is in effect for this lease from time to time, and any failure to adhere to the Farm Management Plan is a breach of this lease.
10. This lease does not include any rights as to minerals in or on the site.
11. The Lessee shall submit to the Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the "Minister") an annual report stating such information as the Minister requires concerning the Lessee's use and the productivity of the site.
12. Following the completion of a performance review, in accordance with the Regulations, of the aquaculture operation subject to this lease, the Administrator may vary any terms or conditions of this lease in order to address any concerns raised in the performance review.
13. The Lessee is hereby prohibited from using the site in any way that would interfere with other leased aquaculture operations.
14. If the Administrator, in his or her sole discretion, is of the opinion that the aquaculture activities authorized by this lease are detrimental to or interfere with other leased facilities, the Administrator may revoke this lease without compensation.
15. The Administrator may revoke this lease without advance notice or compensation if the Lessee is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of any law of the Province or Canada relating to fishery activities.
16. If the Lessee fails to perform any of its obligations under this lease, the Minister may have the obligations performed, with the amount of any costs incurred to be a debt due to Her Majesty, for which Her Majesty shall have a first priority charge on the aquacultural produce within the site.
17. If the Lessee is in breach of any term of this lease and such breach is not corrected within the time period set out in the notice from the Administrator, the Administrator may revoke this lease without further notice or compensation.
18. Should it become necessary for Her Majesty to expropriate the Lessee's rights under this lease, it is hereby agreed that the value of the lease for purposes of expropriation compensation shall not exceed the depreciated value of improvements made by the Lessee that cannot be removed from the site. No compensation may be claimed for the cancellation of this lease where compensation is paid or payable in relation to the expropriation of a lease for the same site.
19. Any notices required to be given under this lease may be sent by regular mail to the parties at their addresses set out in the heading of this Agreement, and notice will be deemed to have been received by the intended recipient thereof five business days from the date on which the notice is post-marked. The parties, by agreement, may effect notice by any other means. The Lessee must notify the Administrator of any change of address within thirty (30) days.



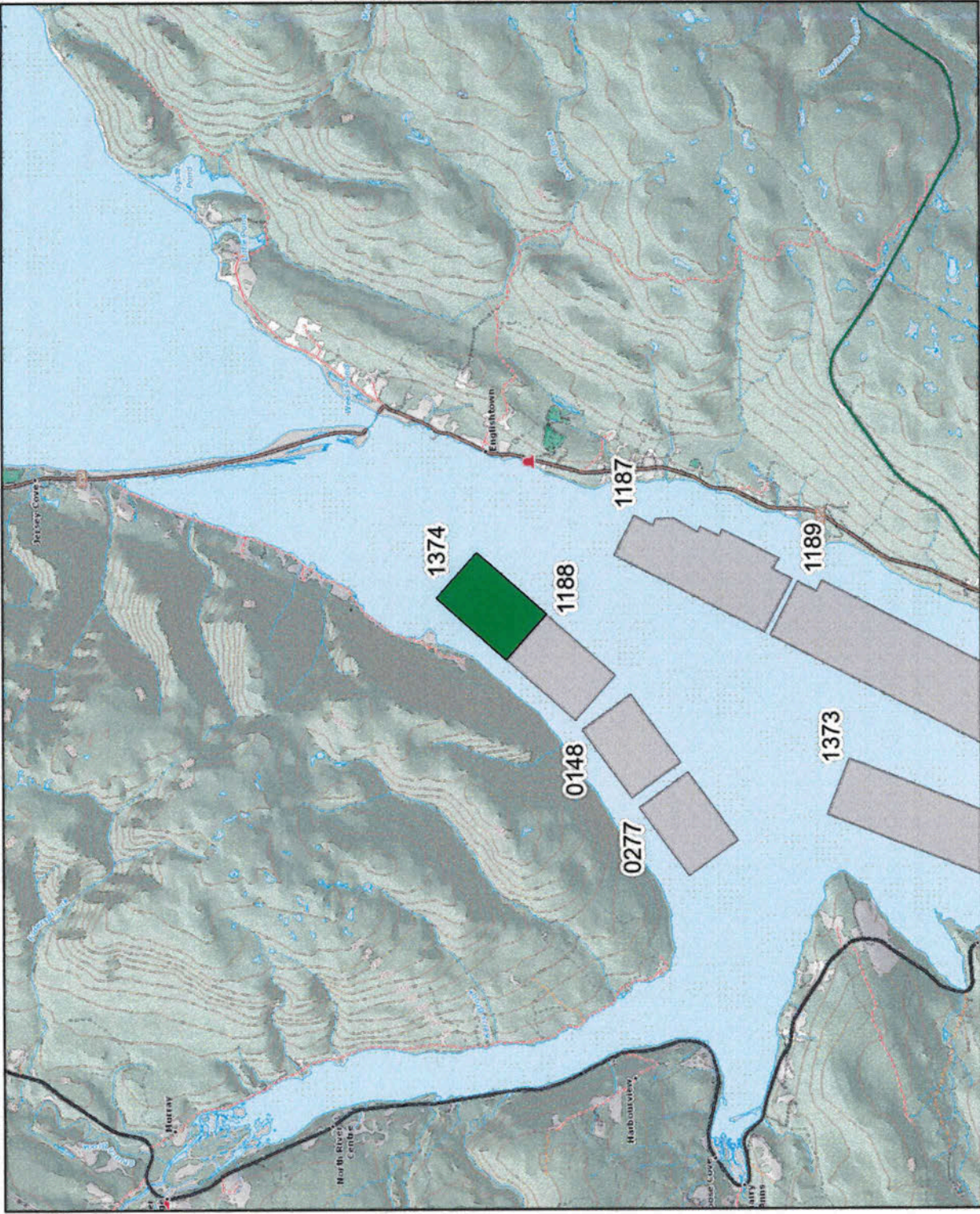
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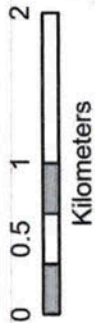
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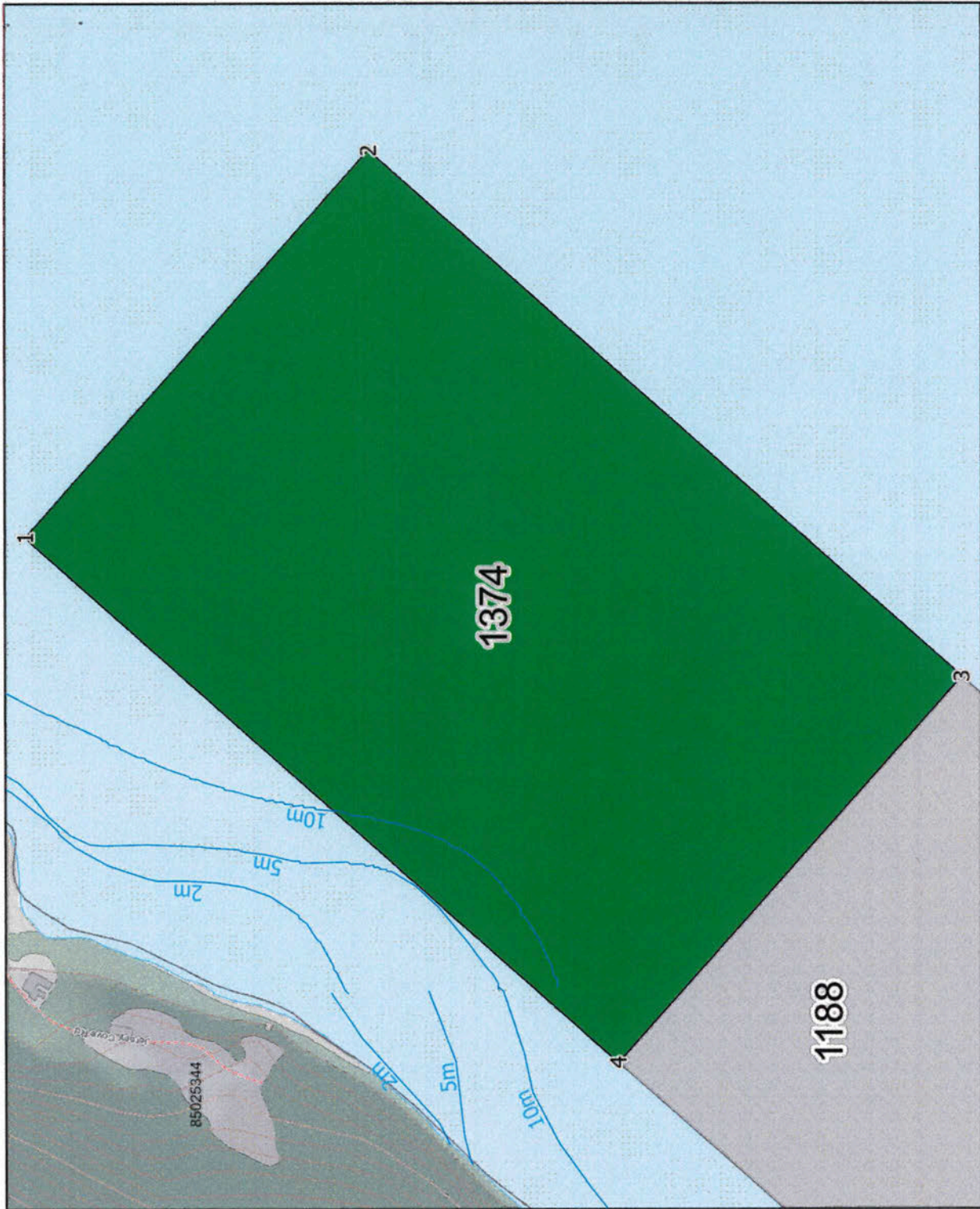


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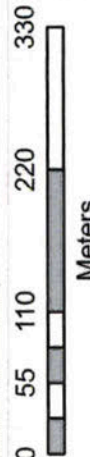
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## **Schedule "B"**

This Schedule sets out any undertakings required of the Lessee.

The Lessee undertakes to:

1. The Lessee will participate in a Community Liaison Committee as established by the Minister.
2. The Lessee undertakes it will comply with an environmental monitoring plan in conjunction with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in compliance with the Former Agreement. The monitoring plan and results of the monitoring will be made available to the Community Liaison Committee and provided to the Minister on a yearly basis.
3. The Lessee will comply with an "Industry Code of Practice" that is acceptable to the Minister. The Lessee will continue to abide by federal mitigation measures contained in the Former Agreement until the Industry Code of Practice has been finalized and acceptable in writing by the Minister or someone authorized on the Minister's behalf.
4. In addition to complying with the Industry Code of Practice, the Lessee agrees to ensure that the longlines will be submerged to a depth of 6 metres except during harvesting, socking and maintenance activities thereby reducing the attraction of birds to the culture site.