

This licence made in duplicate this 17th day of FEBRUARY, 20 15.

BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, in right of the Province of Nova Scotia, represented in this behalf by the Honourable Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as "**THE MINISTER**"

OF THE ONE PART

- and -

Brian Howard



hereinafter referred to as "**THE LICENCEE**"

OF THE OTHER PART

WHEREAS the Minister, 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 grant aquaculture licences for the purpose of conducting aquaculture in Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the Licencee wishes to conduct aquaculture in the Province.

1. The Minister hereby grants to the Licencee a licence to use a 8.16 hectare area located in the body of waters known as Tracadie West Arm, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Agreement (the "site") for the bottom (seeding only) cultivation of American oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*).
2. The term of this licence shall be for ten years commencing on the 1st day of November, 2014 to the 1st day of November, 2024, with the right of renewal, in accordance with the terms of the Act and the Regulations.
3. The Licencee shall pay to the Minister an annual fee as set out in the Regulations. The first payment is due upon issuance of the licence, with further annual payments due in full within sixty (60) days after each anniversary of the granting of the licence.
4. Any undertakings set out in Schedule "B" to this licence ("undertakings"), form part of this Agreement, and the Licencee hereby agrees to comply with any conditions or limitations contained in these undertakings unless compliance for licensing purposes is expressly waived by the Minister. The Licencee is responsible for confirming any undertakings and ensuring compliance with them.
5. The Licencee shall allow access to the site by the general public for recreational activities. The general public is not permitted to carry out American oyster harvest, enhancement, or husbandry activities at the site.
6. The Licencee agrees to comply with any permits, protocols, approvals, licenses or permissions ("licensing requirements") which may be required under the laws of the relevant municipality, the Province or Canada. The Licencee is responsible for confirming any licensing requirements and ensuring compliance with them.

7. This licence may not be assigned without the express written consent of the Minister. If the Licencee is a corporation, any change in the right to control the corporation shall be deemed to be an assignment. No assignment shall be binding on the Minister until approved by him.
8. The Minister will not normally approve of a licence assignment unless the site has been in production for a period of at least one year
9. In the event that the Licencee 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, then, at the option of the Minister, this licence shall terminate and be of no further force and effect subject only to the right of the Minister to claim for damages.
10. The Licencee agrees to comply with any environmental monitoring program requirements determined by the Minister. Any data required under the program shall be submitted to the Minister for purposes of site evaluation and may be made public in whole or in part.
11. The Licencee shall submit to the Minister an annual report stating such information as the Minister requires concerning the Licencee's use and the productivity of the site.
12. Except to the extent restricted by an enactment or this licence, the Licencee has, for aquacultural purposes, the exclusive right to use the licenced sub-aquatic lands and water column. This licence does not include any rights to the surface water of the site
13. The Licencee is hereby prohibited from using the site in any way that would interfere with other licenced aquaculture operations.
14. If the Minister, in his sole discretion, is of the opinion that the aquaculture activities authorized by this licence are detrimental to or interfere with previously licenced facilities, the Minister may cancel this licence upon reasonable notice without compensation.
15. If, in the opinion of the Minister, the Licencee fails to utilize all of the site for aquaculture purposes, the Minister may, in his sole discretion, cancel that portion of the site that is unused.
16. The Minister may cancel this licence without advance notice or compensation if the Minister, in his sole discretion, finds any form of disease on the site which could adversely affect either aquatic flora or fauna, or render the aquacultural produce unsuitable for human consumption.
17. The Minister may cancel this licence without advance notice or compensation if the Licencee is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of any law of the Province or Canada relating to fishery activities.
18. The Licencee shall immediately remove from the site and safely dispose of any contaminated substance in accordance with the laws of the Province and the laws of Canada.
19. If the Licencee fails to perform any of its obligations under this licence, the Minister may perform them at the Licencee's expense. In addition to any other remedies available, the Minister shall have a first priority charge for the amount due to him on the aquacultural produce within the site.
20. If the Licencee is in breach of any term of this licence and such breach is not corrected within the time period set out in the notice from the Minister, the Minister may cancel this licence without further notice or compensation.

- 21. Should it become necessary for the Minister to expropriate the Licencee's rights under this licence, it is hereby agreed that the value of the licence for purposes of expropriation compensation shall not exceed the depreciated value of improvements made by the Licencee that cannot be removed from the site. No compensation may be claimed for the cancellation of this licence where compensation is paid or payable in relation to the expropriation of a licence for the same area.
- 22. Any notices required to be given under this licence may be sent to the parties at their addresses set out in the heading of this Agreement. Nothing in this section prohibits the giving of notice by any other means. The Licencee must notify the Minister of any change of address within thirty (30) days.
- 23. Nothing in this Agreement shall be taken as a warranty by the Minister that the site may be used now or in the future by the Licencee for aquaculture purposes. The Minister assumes no responsibility whatsoever for any private property rights or for the actions of other levels of government which may interfere with the use of the site for aquaculture purposes.
- 24. This licence shall be subject to the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia and the parties hereby agree to attorn to its courts.
- 25. This licence shall be subject to any changes made from time to time in the Act, the Regulations or any other relevant legislation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
in the presence of

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
in right of the Province of Nova Scotia

[Redacted Signature]

Witness

[Redacted Signature]

Minister of the Nova Scotia Department
of Fisheries and Aquaculture



[Redacted Signature]

Witness

[Redacted Signature]

Brian Howard



SCHEDULE A

GPS CO-ORDINATE INFORMATION SHEET

Application #: 1386
Applicant: Brian Howard
Location: Tracadie West Arm County: Antigonish
Hydrographic Chart: 4447 Orthophoto #:
Dimensions of site: Approx. 740m x 162m x 135m Size: Approx. 8.16 ha
780m x 235m

Approximate Co-ordinates of Application:

Datum used: NAD 83

Centre co-ordinates (approx.) Lat. 45° 38' 09.10"
Long. -61° 40' 35.10"

Corner #1	Lat. 45° 38' 10.47" Long. -61° 40' 18.70"	Corner #2	Lat. 45° 38' 01.58" Long. -61° 40' 36.17"
Corner #3	Lat. 45° 38' 00.80" Long. -61° 40' 43.60"	Corner #4	Lat. 45° 38' 05.19" Long. -61° 40' 43.32"
Corner #5	Lat. 45° 38' 16.81" Long. -61° 40' 24.49"		

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: Jan 13 / 2015

NOTE: THESE CO-ORDINATES ARE NOT FROM A LEGAL SURVEY.



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Application Information	
Proponent :	Brian Howard
Site Location :	Tracadie West Arm
Dimensions :	740m x 162m x 135m x 780m x 235m
Area :	8.16 ha

Issued Lease Proposed Lease	Low Water Mark
Species: American Oysters	

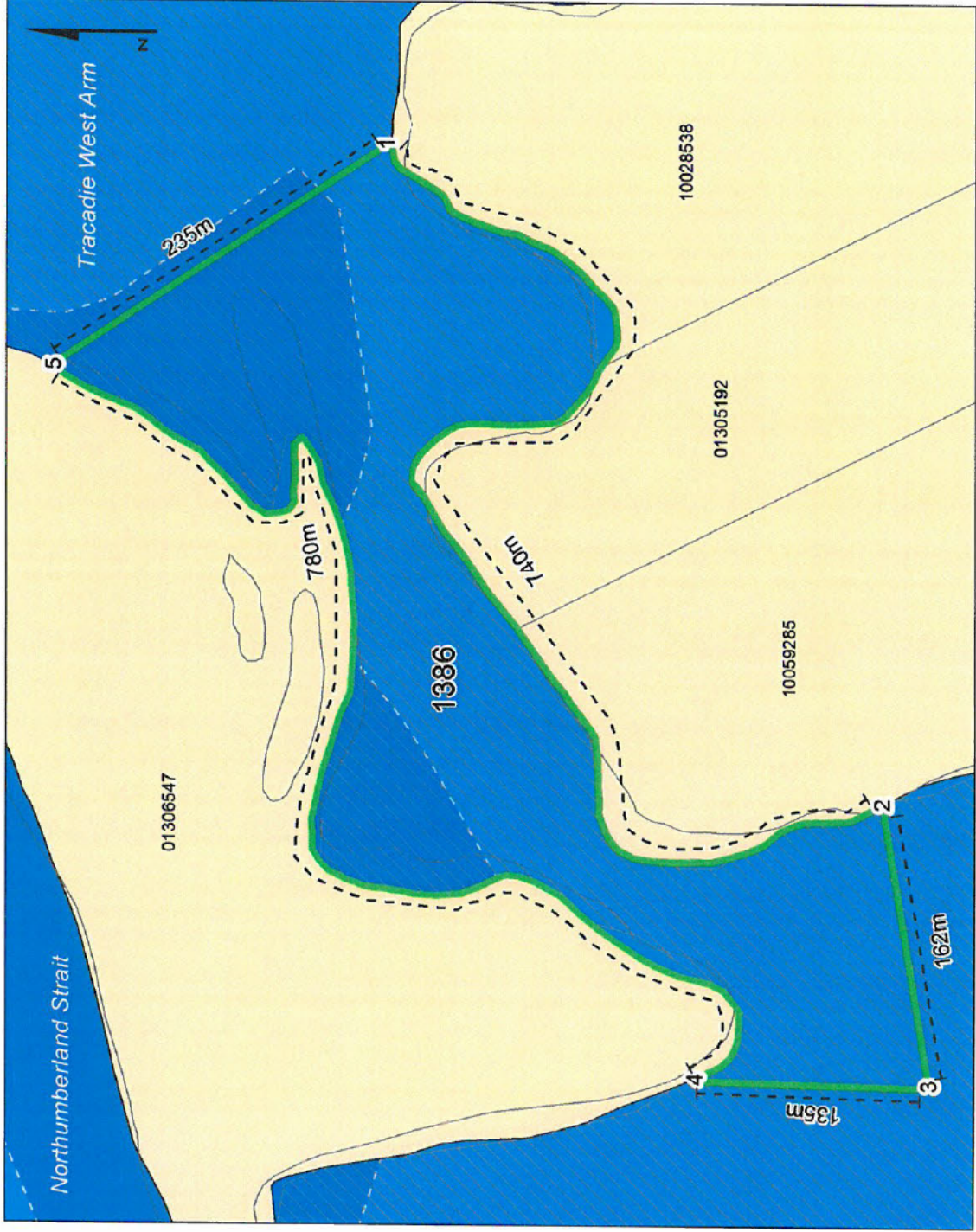
Chart No. 4447	Signature
NOVASCOTIA Fisheries and Aquaculture	Proponent :
	Date : <i>Jan 13 / 2015</i>
	Drawn by : Matthew King, Nov 10, 2014



**Aquaculture Site
1386**

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 780m x 235m
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Issued Lease
 EC - Restricted Area

Low Water Mark
 Species: American Oysters

Chart No.
4447



Proponent :
 Date : Jan 13 / 2015

Signature

Drawn by : Matthew King, Nov. 10, 2014

Schedule “B”

This Schedule sets out any undertakings required of the Licencee.

The Licencee undertakes to complete the following report:

The Licencee shall submit an annual report (in addition to Annual Production Statistics) dealing with enhancement efforts. The details and format of the report shall be determined by agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Licencee. The report shall include information such as the following:

- Standard stock assessment
- Broodstock manipulation i.e. thinning, relocation
- Seed collection activities i.e. numbers, size, timing, methods
- Predator control activities for invasive species
- Other information may be required

AMENDMENT TO LICENCE

THIS INDENTURE made in duplicate the 7th day of December, 2022,

BETWEEN:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING, 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 -

FUTURE SEAFOODS INC.

200 Brendel Way
Summerside, PE
C1N 4J8

hereinafter referred to as "**the Licencee**"

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 amend existing aquaculture licences and aquaculture leases;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Act the Licencee was issued Aquaculture Licence No. 1386 on February 17, 2015 for a term of ten years from November 1, 2014 to November 1, 2024, authorizing the bottom (seeding only) cultivation of American oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*);

AND WHEREAS the Licence was assigned to Future Seafoods Inc. on November 26, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Licencee is desirous of amending Licence No. 1386 to permit bottom shellfish with gear method cultivation of American oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), subject to whatever undertakings are prescribed by the Administrator;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein and the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged), the Parties agree as follows:

1. Licence No. 1386 is hereby amended by adding deleting clause 1 and substituting the following as clause 1 "The Administrator hereby grants to the Licencee a licence to use a 8.16 hectare area located in the body of waters known as Tracadie Harbour, Antigonish County, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Agreement (the "site") for the bottom shellfish with gear method and the bottom shellfish without gear method of American oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*)."
2. Except as expressly amended herein Licence No. 1386 shall remain unchanged in full force and effect.

SCHEDULE A



Aquaculture Site

1386

Corner	Latitude	Longitude
1	45° 38' 10.478"	-61° 40' 18.704"
2	45° 38' 1.583"	-61° 40' 36.175"
3	45° 38' 0.800"	-61° 40' 43.600"
4	45° 38' 5.191"	-61° 40' 43.328"
5	45° 38' 16.794"	-61° 40' 24.475"
Centre	45° 38' 9.301"	-61° 40' 33.205"

DATUM: NAD 83 CSRS UTM Zone 20
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License/Lease Holder: Future Seafoods Inc.
 County: Antigonish
 Waterbody: Tracadie, West Arm
 Hectares: 8.16
 Species Type: Shellfish
 Culture Type: Bottom Culture
 Chart: 4447

Amendment Application
 Other Proposed Lease
 NS PIDs
 Other Issued Lease

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