



# Marine Management Organisation

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**[By email only]**

29 August 2025

Dear Mr Henderson

## **Seaweed Farm, North Cornwall - L/2023/00169/1**

As you are aware, following the submission of information from the Save Port Isaac Bay Group (SPIBG) relating to your marine licence, L/2023/00169/1, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) commissioned Royal Haskoning DHV (RHDHV) to undertake a review of the application documents, specifically in relation to the farm structure and mooring design. We have received the attached report from Royal Haskoning DHV ("the RHDHV Report"). The RHDHV Report states that it is not possible to ascertain from the information included in the Marine Licence application and related application documents, whether the seaweed farm licenced under L/2023/00169/1 can withstand the anticipated forces at the proposed location.

The MMO wrote to you on 23 June 2025 setting out that it is minded to suspend Marine Licence L/2023/00169/1. The MMO has considered your email comments dated 5 August 2025 in response to that letter. That suspension notice has now been served.

Under section 72 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 ("MCAA"), the MMO has the power to vary, suspend or revoke a licence granted by it if it appears to us that the licence ought to be suspended or revoked

- (a) because of a change in circumstances relating to the environment or human health;
- (b) because of increased scientific knowledge relating to either of those matters;
- (c) in the interests of safety of navigation;
- (d) for any other reason that appears to the authority to be relevant.

On the basis of the information provided within the RHDHV Report, at this time, under section 72 MCAA the MMO would like to give Penmayn Ltd the opportunity to respond to the issues raised in the report. As such the MMO consider that a suspension of the licence



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would be appropriate to allow you the time to review the report and provide a response. The MMO has suspended Marine Licence L/2023/00169/1 to prevent the activities taking place under the licence whilst you review and respond to the issues raised in the RHDHV Report.

If you satisfy the MMO that the design of the seaweed farm is safe, having taken into consideration the site suitability in relation to the structure and potential damage, then we will lift the suspension. However, should you not be able to satisfy us further that the activities under the licence can be carried out safely, then we may exercise our powers to revoke the licence.

In order to progress this matter, the MMO has set out the following steps-

- 1) Marine Licence L/2023/00169/1 will be varied to include a condition requiring information which sets out that the design of the seaweed farm is safe, having taken into consideration the site suitability in relation to the structure and potential damage.
- 2) Penmayn Limited to submit information via the condition to satisfy the condition added to that the design of the seaweed farm is safe, having taken into consideration the site suitability in relation to the structure and potential damage as set out above.
- 3) The MMO will consult with independent experts on the information provided.
- 4) Where the MMO is satisfied that the design of the seaweed farm is safe the condition will be discharged and the suspension lifted. However, should you not be able to satisfy us further that the activities under the licence can be carried out safely, then we may exercise our powers to revoke the licence.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,



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