

CERTIFICATE OF RENEWAL

Of

AQUACULTURE LICENCE NO. 181


Dated 15 DECEMBER 1999

GRANTED TO

**BUNCRANA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION
ANGLING CENTRE
CASTLE LANE
BUNCRANA
CO. DONEGAL**

This is to certify that the above mentioned licence has been renewed, for the period up to and including 15th December 2007, subject to the terms and conditions thereof and subject to the provisions of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997 (No.23).

Signed: _____


A person authorised under Section 15 of the Minister and Secretaries Act, 1924, to authenticate the seal of the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

28 May 2003.

AQUACULTURE LICENCE NO. 181
GRANTED UNDER THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997
(NO. 23)

AGREEMENT made the 15 December, 1999, between the Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister"), of the one part, and

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(hereinafter referred to as the "Licensee") of the other part, whereby the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997 (No. 23) grants an Aquaculture Licence for the for the culture of salmon at Sledran Glen, Corvan, Co Donegal, in accordance with plans approved of by the Minister, subject to the provisions of the Act referred to and to the terms and conditions set out in the Schedule attached.

Subject as aforesaid, this Aquaculture Licence shall remain in force for a maximum of 3 years from the 12th day of December, 1999

SCHEDULE AQ 181

TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO APPLY TO 3-YEAR AQUACULTURE LICENCE FOR THE BUNCRANA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION TO OPERATE A SALMON HATCHERY AT SLEDTRAN GLEN, CORVAN, CO DONEGAL

General

1. Subject to the provisions of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997, this Licence shall remain in force for a maximum of THREE years from the date of grant.
2. This Licence is valid only so long as the layout of the hatchery conforms to the plans submitted to and approved of by the Minister and for so long as the licence granted by Donegal County Council on 27 January, 1999 to discharge effluent from the hatchery (or a further such licence granted by the said Council or by the Environmental Protection Agency) remains in force.
3. The Licensee shall comply with such instructions as the Minister may issue from time to time for the proper operation of the hatchery, including in particular instructions issued in relation to any of the matters referred to in the following paragraphs.
4. The Licensee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the State, the Minister, his officers, servants or agents against all actions, loss, claims, damages, costs, expenses or demands arising in any manner whatsoever in connection with the construction, maintenance or use of any structures, apparatus equipment or other thing used in the exercise of the rights granted under this Licence and the Licensee shall take all steps specified in order to ensure compliance with this condition.
5. In the event of neglect or abandonment of the hatchery, the Minister shall take such action as he thinks fit (including the disposal of any fish there) and the Licensee shall be liable to reimburse the Minister the expense involved in so doing.
6. This Licence is not to be construed as authorising the Licensee in any way to interfere with or infringe the rights of any other person.

7. The Minister shall be at liberty at any time to revoke or amend the Licence if he considers that it is in the public interest to do so, or if he is satisfied that there has been a breach of any condition specified in the Licence, or in the event of water quality results or general performance at the hatchery not meeting the standards set by the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources (hereinafter referred to as the Department). Any such revocation or amendment shall be subject to the provisions of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997, or any amendment thereto.

Stocking etc, restrictions

8. No fish other than salmon from the River Crana shall be bred and handled at the hatchery.
9. Broodstock shall be captured as near as possible to the face of the Pollan Reservoir under the supervision of the Northern Regional Fisheries Board and shall not be kept in the hatchery later than the 31st day of January of each year.
10. Not more than 100,000 unfed salmon fry shall be produced annually at the hatchery and they shall be used only for restocking the River Crana System above the Pollan Reservoir.
11. Such precautions shall be taken by the Licensee as the Minister may specify from time to time in relation to the introduction of salmon (including ova) into the hatchery, including disease free certification and any adaptation of methods of operation or type of installation at the hatchery.
12. No Salmon (including ova and fry thereof) shall be sold or disposed of to any person or in any way transferred outside the hatchery (except in any case to which paragraph 18 refers) save in accordance with the prior written permission of the Minister.

Hygiene, Fish Health & Water Quality

13. The Licensee shall make adequate arrangements for the hygienic operation of the hatchery (including proper selection and preparation of food, and proper treatment and disposal of wastes).
14. The Licensee shall make arrangements for the disposal of dead fish in a manner acceptable to Donegal County Council.

15. The Licensee shall carry out regular water quality monitoring at the hatchery and provide such data relating to such monitoring as may be requested from time to time by the Department.
16. The Licensee shall provide and maintain such gratings or other devices at the point of water abstraction from the natural watercourses adjoining the hatchery and also at a point as near as possible to the confluence of the hatchery waste channel and the natural watercourses as will effectually prevent the admission of migratory fish into the hatchery feed channels, the hatchery water waste channels and other watercourses and ponds of the hatchery, and shall make adequate arrangements to ensure the safe passage past the farm of migratory fish, and shall make all necessary provisions to prevent the escape of fish from the ponds and watercourses of the hatchery.
17. The Licensee shall fit adequate anti-predator netting on hatchery structures so as to prevent predation and the possible introduction of disease by predators.
18. The Licensee shall notify the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources (Coastal Zone Administration Division), Leeson Lane, Dublin 2 and the Fish Pathology Unit, Fisheries Research Centre, Marine Institute, Abbotstown, Castleknock, Dublin 15, within twenty-four hours of the appearance or suspected appearance of any disease at the hatchery or abnormal losses or mortalities and shall send samples to the Fish Pathology Unit at the above address in a prescribed manner as and when requested to do so and shall comply with any directions issued by the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources including the treatment, disposal or destruction of stocks of fish at the hatchery in the interests of safeguarding the stocks of fish in the State.
19. The Licensee shall notify the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources (Coastal Zone Administration Division) and the Fish Pathology Unit, at the above address, within twenty-four hours of any escapes of fish from the hatchery and shall keep records of fish escaped, including numbers, origin, types and year classes and shall make these records available to the Department and Fish Pathology Unit on request.
20. No water abstraction for the hatchery shall take place in the period June to October in any year. When abstraction does take place in allowable abstraction periods (November to May inclusive) intake flows must be so regulated that an adequate residual flow is maintained in the natural watercourses at all such times. This residual flow must not fall below 2 l/s at any

time and to be at least one-half of the total flow available at any given time when abstraction is taking place.

21. No obstruction of wild fish shall be caused in the natural watercourses as a result of water diversion/water intake structures for the hatchery. Passage over such structures by wild fish shall be allowed for.

Special requirements on chemical usage

22. All chemicals, antibiotics, disinfectants used at the hatchery shall be used in accordance with instructions issued by the Veterinary Surgeon to the hatchery.

Inspections, records and returns

23. The hatchery and all equipment or premises used in connection with operations carried on at the hatchery shall be open to inspection at any time by any authorised officer (within the meaning of the Fisheries Acts), or any other person appointed by the Minister for the purpose.

24. Records shall be kept at the hatchery of

- all fish stripped, bred, held and handled at the hatchery;
- all chemicals, antibiotics and disinfectants with which the fish have been treated, including quantities and times of use;
- the results of water quality monitoring at the hatchery; and
- water flows and water quality in the natural watercourses from which water is abstracted for the hatchery,

and such records shall be available for inspection at the hatchery at all reasonable times by any inspector appointed for any purpose of the Fisheries Acts.

25. The Licensee shall furnish to the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources (Coastal Zone Administration Division) Leeson Lane, Dublin 2 such returns from the records kept at the hatchery as may be required from time to time by the Department.

**PRESENT when the Seal of Office
of the MINISTER FOR THE MARINE
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
was affixed and was authenticated
by the Signature of:**

THOMAS J. TOBIN

**A person so authorised under
Section 15(1) of the Ministers
and Secretaries Act, 1924 to
authenticate the seal of the
Minister.**

WITNESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: CIVIL SERVANT

SIGNED on behalf of Licensee

in the presence of:

WITNESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: _____