

### BAKKAFROST SCOTLAND

Our aim is to be the leading, most sustainable salmon producer in Scotland.

#### **Our values**

#### **PROVENANCE**

Committed to provenance

#### **PASSION**

Passion of our people

#### RESPECT

Respect for our natural environment and our communities

#### **Our Healthy Living pillars**

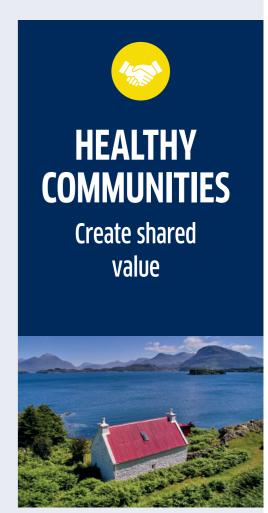
We prioritise absolute quality and integrity from loch to plate with sustainability at the heart. Our Healthy Living Plan sets out our commitment to sustainability across our 5 pillars.











#### **Our Value Chain**

We are engaged in all stages of the value chain ensuring total value chain integrity and full traceability.



FRESHWATER



MARINE



HARVESTING



PROCESSING

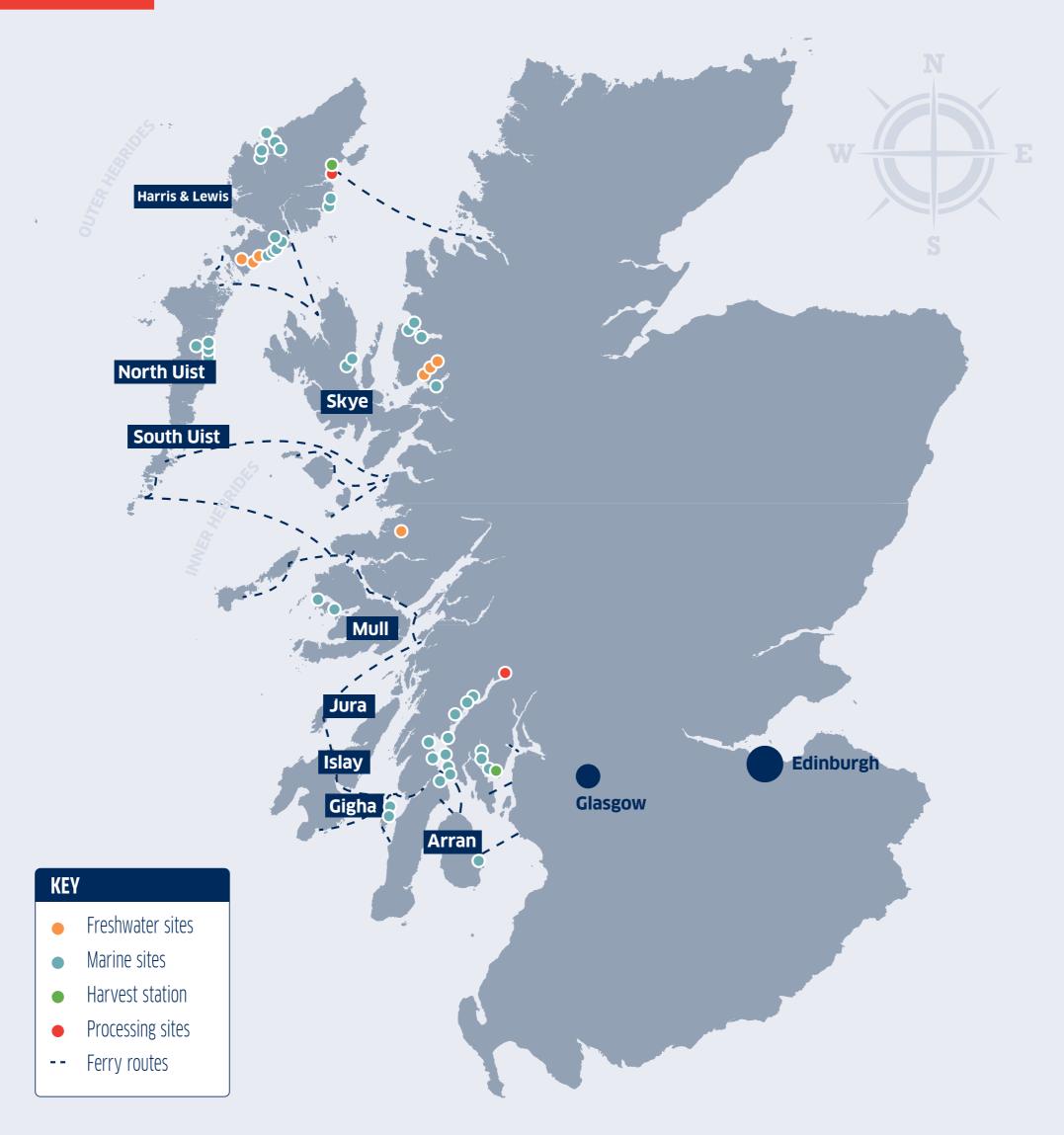


SERVED WITH PRIDE





### OUR LOCATIONS





#### **Recent awards**











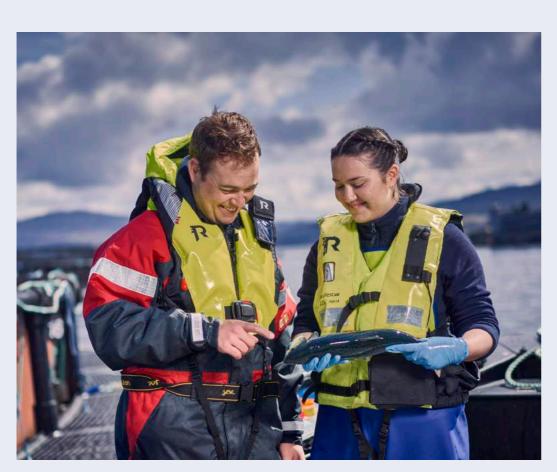








# HEALTH & WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP









#### **Accreditations & certifications**

















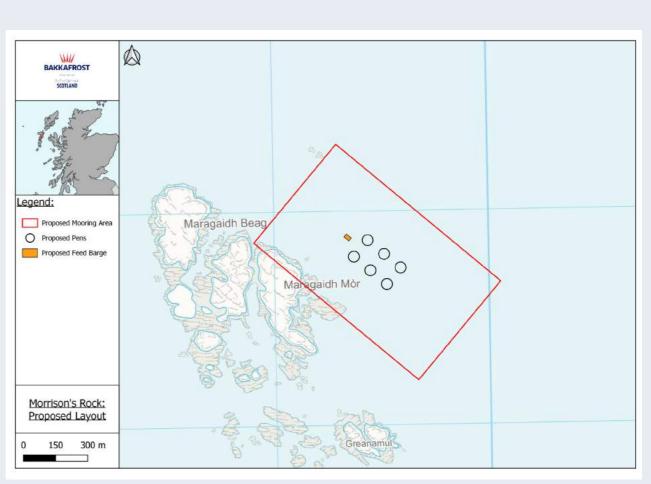


## MORRISON'S ROCK PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

#### **Project overview**

The Proposed Development is located on the northeast coast of the Isle of Benbecula. This proposal has innovation at its heart, insuring robust fish health and welfare and environmental sustainability. The Proposed Development will be located in a high energy environment and will use the latest technology to ensure minimal environmental interaction.

MORRISON'S ROCK PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT				
Total surface area	1.28 ha			
Pen size	160m (circumference)			
Pen Number	6			
Groups	1 (2 x 3 pen layout)			
Feed Barge Location	A single feed barge permanently moored to the north of the pen group			









### ECONOMIC BENEFIT

We are committed to creating shared value in the rural communities in which we live and work.

#### **Community charter**

Our Community Charter pledges our commitment to our people, suppliers and communities.



#### **People**

Committed to creating and retaining value and long term employment in our communities.

**Under the Proposed Development...** 



New full time jobs created

Permanent, year round employment

14

Across the existing **two fish farms** accessed from **Kallin harbour** 



#### **Suppliers**



**Committed to sourcing locally** 

where possible



Over £8m total proposed investment in the development

£4m+

**OPEX** spend across **100+ suppliers** in the **Western Isles** in **2021 and 2022** 

£2m+

**CAPEX spend** across **100+ suppliers** in the **Western Isles** in **2021 and 2022** 

£90m

spend across 636 Scottish based
suppliers 2022



### ECONOMIC BENEFIT

Committed to being an active and integral part of our communities.

#### **Community fund**

Offering grants of up to £10,000 for local groups, causes and projects which focus on creating a stronger community by promoting health and wellbeing, stewardship of the natural environment or economic development.

Over
120
local community causes
supported since 2017





### THE PLANNING PROCESS

#### **Proposed Development**

The Proposed Development will have a surface area of 1.28 ha, meaning that under the 'Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009' the Proposed Development is defined as 'Local Development'.

Under Schedule 2 of the 'Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017', the Proposed Development is required to undergo full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

THERE ARE 5 KEY STAGES TO THE EIA PROCESS					
1.	2.	3.	4.	<b>5.</b>	
Screening and scoping (complete)	Preparation of the EIA report (current phase)	Application Submission	Decision making	Post-decision actions	

#### Timeline and next steps

April 2022	June 2022	June 2022	November 2022	<b>July 2023</b>
Pre-application discussions started with local stakeholders	Screening and scoping request submitted to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Screening Opinion issued by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Scoping Opinion issued by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Proposed submission date of application



## COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR SCOPING OPINION

#### **KEY ASPECTS REQUIRING FURTHER ASSESSMENT**

#### **Landscape and visual**

The Comhairle agreed that the Proposed Development is unlikely to have a significant effect on landscape, seascape, and visual resource of the local area and that an LVIA will be sufficient to assess the effects upon the small number of receptors with line of sight to the Proposed Development.

#### **Nature conservation**

An assessment should be made of potential impacts on;

- Benthic habitats and species (including Priority Marine Features);
- Wild salmonid populations;
- The Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC;
- SPAs with breeding northern gannet; and
- Local pinniped populations.

#### **Water environment**

The Comhairle note that nutrient enhancement is unlikely to be significant. However, an assessment should be undertaken and provided as part of the EIA.

#### **Operational measures**

Details of stocking, fallowing, working procedures and practices and contingencies should be provided to demonstrate how effects upon the receiving environment will be minimised.

#### **Economic considerations**

The assessment should identify direct and indirect benefits associated with procurement, construction and operation of the Proposed Development including consequences for the viability of the business and the maintenance of employment and the creation of new job opportunities including displacement of inshore fishery activity.

#### Navigation, Anchorage, Commercial Fisheries and other Non-Recreational Maritime Uses

The assessment should consider potential conflict with established marine users and should detail the outcome of consultation with representative bodies.

#### Waste management

The Comhairle state that non-fish waste can be scoped out due to BFS holding ISO 14001 certification. However, the Comhairle request a specific Waste Management Plan that details the arrangements for fish waste management.

#### Harbour and shorebase use

The Comhairle request detail on the mitigation proposed to avoid and reduce impacts upon other users of Kallin harbour.



### YOUR OPINION

#### We value your feedback



We are committed to engaging with and listening to you during the process and would encourage you to discuss our proposals with us and provide feedback.

Please speak to a member of the team or you can get in touch with us by emailing: **communities@bakkafrost.com** or visit **bakkafrostscotland.com** 

The opportunity to provide formal feedback to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar on the Proposed Development will be available after the application has been submitted.





### NATURE CONSERVATION

### Potential impacts on benthic habitats and species

#### **KEY ASPECTS**

Drop Down Camera (DDC) and grab sample surveys have been completed to assess the benthic environment.

Detailed benthic habitat maps of the development location have been prepared.

The following habitats have been identified as being of conservation interest:

- Priority Marine Features: Kelp beds (A3.222) and northern sea fan and sponge communities (A4.2 and isolated examples within A5.44); and
- Annex I (92/43/EEC) Habitats: Bedrock reef habitats.

The potential impacts of the Proposed Development on these habitats as well as the general benthic environment will be assessed in the EIA to determine the significance of the effect in relation to the EIA regulations.

### Potential impacts on the northern gannet SPAs.

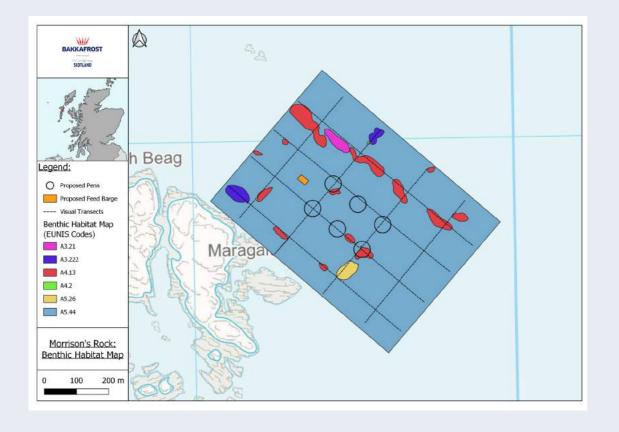
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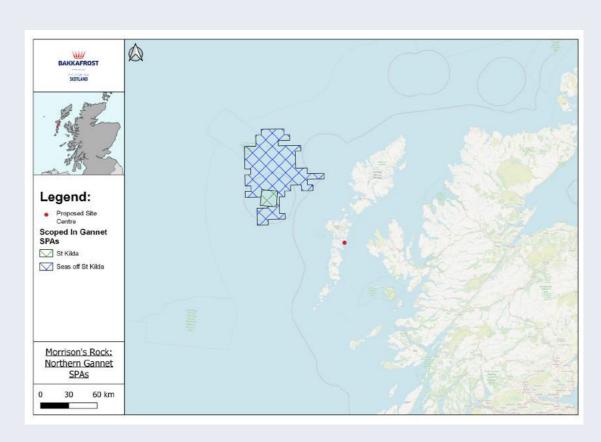
We have determined the potential for connectivity between the Proposed Development and northern gannet SPAs through analysis of mean foraging range data.

Potential connectivity exists through the potential for entanglement and entrapment in the proposed pole-mounted top net system.

The proposed pole-mounted top net system will align with best practice guidance provided by NatureScot.

These interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA report.







### NATURE CONSERVATION

### Potential impacts on wild salmonid populations

### Potential impacts on the Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC

#### **KEY ASPECTS**

We have consulted with the Western Isles District Salmon Fisheries Board to inform our understanding of the wild salmonid populations in the wider area.

Detailed sea lice dispersal modelling will be undertaken for the Proposed Development to assess potential effects.

The Proposed Development may interact with local wild salmonids through; potential for sea lice transfer, potential for disease transfer and potential for genetic introgression.

These interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.

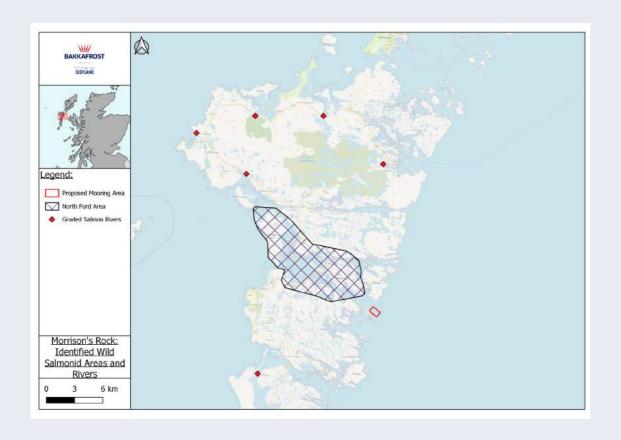
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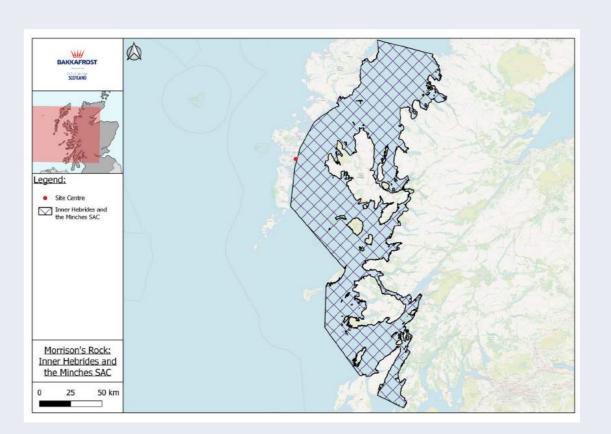
We have developed an understanding of the baseline environment and of harbour porpoise utilisation of the immediate and wider marine environment.

Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADDs) will not be deployed as standard practice at the Proposed Development. Instead, the site will use proactive, passive predator control measures.

The Proposed Development may interact with harbour porpoise through; marine vessel activity, underwater noise and entanglement.

These interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.







## OTHER MARINE USERS & ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

### Interactions with other marine users

#### Potential impacts on socioeconomic receptors

#### **KEY ASPECTS**

We have identified the marine industries that have potential connectivity with the Proposed Development.

We have undertaken thorough pre-application consultation with the identified marine industries and representative bodies to ensure that their interests are considered.

The Proposed Development has been designed and located to avoid and reduce potential interactions, wherever possible, based on available data.

The potential interactions will be fully assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.

#### **KEY ASPECTS**

We have determined the baseline socio-economic condition of the region.

We have undertaken an analysis to understand the direct, indirect, and induced Gross Value Added (GVA) economic contribution that the Proposed Development would generate.

We have also undertaken an analysis to determine the contribution the Proposed Development would make to direct, indirect and induced employment.

These interactions will be fully detailed and assessed and any mitigation deemed necessary detailed in the EIA Report.



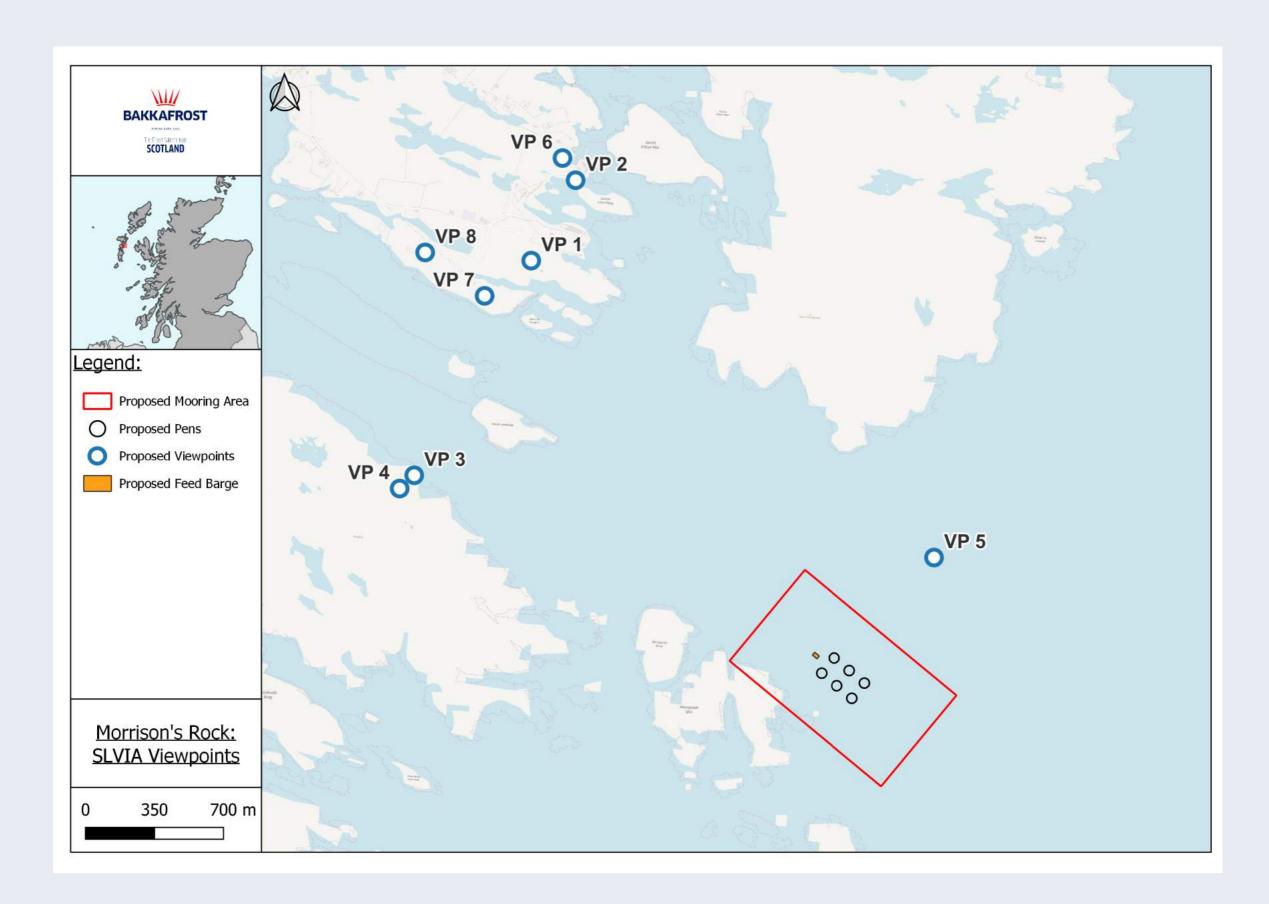
## LANDSCAPE & VISUAL ASSESSMENT

#### **KEY ASPECTS**

Specialist, independent consultancy are undertaking a full Seascape, Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA). Part of this assessment includes preparation of photomontages from selected viewpoints.

Viewpoints have been selected base on the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) and consultation with Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and NatureScot.

The detailed findings of this assessment will be submitted in support of the planning application. The assessment will determine the significance of any effects.





## WATER ENVIRONMENT & NOISE ASSESSMENT

#### **Water environment**

#### **KEY ASPECTS**

We have assessed the potential for nutrient enhancement as a result of the operation of the Proposed Development. Results indicate that enhancement will be of negligible magnitude.

SEPA will review this assessment when the planning application is submitted.

Through the EIA process the impact on the water environment will be fully assessed to determine the significance of any potential effects. This will include assessment of nutrients, chemicals and organic matter in the water environment.

#### **Waste management**

#### **KEY ASPECTS**

We have reviewed our current fish waste management strategy and provided full detail in support of the EIA Report.

We have developed a site specific Fish Mortality Plan for the Proposed Development that outlines the mortality removal procedures that will be implemented during normal operational circumstances and also during event mortality.

As part of the review of our fish waste management strategy for the Proposed Development, we have detailed the SEPA licensed waste disposal sites that we use.

A full assessment of the potential for significant effects as a result of fish waste has been undertaken within the EIA Report, mitigation, where needed, has also been detailed.



## OTHER AREAS OF ASSESSMENT

The following areas have also been considered within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report

KEY ASPECTS	
Consideration of alternatives and site selection	Impacts upon marine and terrestrial cultural heritage
Traffic and transport	Impacts on and resilience to climate change
Vulnerability to disasters and major accidents	Species and habitats of conservation importance
Impacts upon population and human health	Noise

