



December 8, 2022

PUP No. 877-0010-22-25

Via email: sam.tomkinson@griegseafood.com

Attn: Sam Tomkinson

Grieg Seafood BC Ltd.
106-1180 Ironwood Street
Campbell River, BC V9W 5P7

Dear Permit Holder:

Enclosed is Pesticide Use Permit No. 877-0010-22-25, issued under the provisions of the *Integrated Pest Management Act*. Your attention is respectfully directed to the terms and conditions outlined in the permit that must be complied with.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure that all activities conducted under this permit are carried out with due regard to the rights of third parties and comply with other applicable legislation that may be in force.

This decision may be appealed to the Environmental Appeal Board in accordance with Section 14 of the *Integrated Pest Management Act*. An appeal must be delivered within 30 days from the date that notice of this decision is given. For further information, please contact the Environmental Appeal Board at (250) 387-3464.

Administration of this permit will be carried out by staff from the Environmental Protection Division's Regional Operations Branch. Plans, data and reports pertinent to the permit are to be submitted by email or electronic transfer to the director, designated officer, or as further instructed.

Yours truly,

Cassandra Caunce, BSc.
Director, South Authorizations
for Administrator, *Integrated Pest Management Act*



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

PESTICIDE USE PERMIT

No. 887-0010-22-25

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Integrated Pest Management Act

Grieg Seafood BC Ltd.
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is authorized to use pesticides subject to the conditions listed below. Contravention of any of these conditions is a violation of the *Integrated Pest Management Act* and may result in prosecution.

1. Purpose of the Permit

- 1.1 This permit has been issued for the management of post-chalimus stage sea lice (*Lepeophtheirus spp* and *Caligus spp*) on farmed Atlantic salmon at facilities in Nootka Sound as shown on the attached maps. The permit authorizes the use of the pesticide Interox Paramove 50 (active ingredient hydrogen peroxide) administered using the well-boat or tarpaulin treatment methods. This use is authorized as part of an integrated pest management program for sea lice management and is necessary as part of an effective resistance management strategy for chemotherapeutant use at these sites.

2. Treatment Dates

- 2.1 The pesticide use described herein may be conducted from seven days after the date of publication of the permit, as described in condition 4.2, until the permit expires on December 8, 2025.

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3. Authorized Pesticide Use

- 3.1 Pesticide use by the permit holder must be for the sole purpose of treating post-chalimus stage sea lice (*Lepeophtheirus spp* and *Caligus spp*) on farmed Atlantic salmon at six locations (Atrevida, Concepcion, Gore, Muchalat North, Muchalat South and Williamson) as shown on the attached maps.
- 3.2 The pesticide listed below is approved for use under the terms of this permit. The permit holder must utilize the lowest effective application rates where treatment objectives may still be achieved.

Trade Name	Active Ingredient (a.i.)	Product P.C.P. No.	Application Rate of Interlox Paramove 50 (g/L)	Maximum Total Number of Treatments (per pen per year)
Interlox Paramove 50	Hydrogen Peroxide	31393	1200-1800 mg/L Concentration	6
Interlox Paramove 50	Hydrogen Peroxide	31393	2.4 -3.6 g/L in Sea Water	6

As per the above table, the permit holder is authorized to conduct a maximum of six Interlox Paramove 50 treatments per pen per year, of which a maximum of two treatments may be conducted using the tarpaulin method.

4. Notifications

- 4.1 Within seven days of permit issuance, the permit holder must post a copy of the permit on the Grieg Seafood BC Ltd. website and make a copy available for viewing by any member of the public at the Grieg Seafood office in Gold River, BC. The permit must remain accessible at these locations as described above until one week after the permit has expired.
- 4.2 Within 15 days permit issuance, the permit holder must publish a notice in the Gold River Buzz. The published notice must contain the following information:
- a) name, address and telephone number of the permit holder;
 - b) permit number;
 - c) purpose of pesticide use;
 - d) pesticide(s) to be used (trade name, P.C.P. No. and active ingredient);
 - e) method of pesticide application;
 - f) map(s) showing the location of the treatment area;
 - g) projected dates of project commencement and completion;

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- h) information on where copies of the permit and map of the treatment area may be examined in detail; and
- i) information on how and when the public can contact the permit holder to obtain any pesticide use and related integrated pest management information.

4.3 The permit holder must conduct any additional notification with other parties, as agreed upon with those parties during the consultation process.

4.4 At least 24 hours prior to any pesticide use, the permit holder must post signs advising of the upcoming pesticide use at the access points to each facility being treated. These postings must be maintained for the duration of the pesticide use. The signs must be waterproof, be a minimum of 279 mm by 432 mm in size (i.e. 11" x 17"), and have the heading "Pesticide Use Notice" (in 25 mm lettering) and contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- a) the trade names and active ingredients of each pesticide to be used;
- b) the date or range of dates for the pesticide use;
- c) precautions to be taken by all employees needed to minimize exposure to the pesticides and residues;
- d) the Pesticide Use Permit number; and
- e) how to obtain additional information about the pesticide or pesticide use.

4.5 The permit holder must make detailed information on the proposed, current and past pesticide use under this permit readily available to anyone that accesses or uses the general area adjacent to the treated areas. Treatment information must be of sufficient detail to allow the accurate delineation of areas where pesticide use has or will occur.

4.6 The permit holder must ensure that all personnel involved in the project are:

- a) notified of this permit;
- b) provided a copy of the permit; and
- c) familiar with the terms and conditions of the permit and any permit amendments prior to any pesticide use.

4.7 At least three days and no more than 35 days before conducting each pesticide treatment authorized under this permit, the permit holder must provide a treatment notice to ipmreporting@gov.bc.ca that includes the location, application method, date and approximate time of treatment. Immediate notification must be provided when a pending treatment has been cancelled, delayed or deferred.



5. Integrated Pest Management Requirements

5.1 The permit holder must make all reasonable efforts to remove moribund fish as necessary.

5.2 The permit holder must follow the procedures outlined in the “Net Pen Sites Sea Lice Monitoring SOP 2.7.2.2” -Grieg Seafood BC Ltd., May 2017 (or most current version) document for correctly identifying sea lice and monitoring populations of *Lepeophtheirus spp* and *Caligus spp*. The permit holder must ensure that the Standard Operating Procedures relating to identification and monitoring are kept up to date through the duration of the permit.

5.3 The permit holder must verify one of the following circumstances exist before conducting treatment:

- a) A pre-established threshold of motile *Lepeophtheirus* sea lice per fish per site has been exceeded. (This may be a threshold required to maintain compliance with the company’s Marine Finfish Aquaculture Licence under the *Fisheries Act*, or it may be established by the veterinarian responsible for fish stock health to achieve management objectives, or it may be established as part of an Area Based Management Plan.); or
- b) When treatment of sea lice is deemed necessary by the veterinarian responsible for fish stock health to prevent the infestation of a site when fish are being moved between pens, or for other management objectives.

5.4 After each pesticide application, the permit holder must conduct a post-application monitoring of sea lice populations in accordance with the permit holder’s “Net Pen Sites Sea Lice Monitoring SOP 2.7.2.2” - Grieg Seafood BC Ltd. (May 2017 or most current version) document for sea lice monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the pesticide application.

5.5 The permit holder must undertake ongoing research efforts to investigate the feasibility of additional sea lice control methods, including, but not limited to, the use of mechanical removal technology, cleaner fish, and freshwater treatments.

6. Restrictions

6.1 The permit holder must ensure pesticide-treated waters from well-boats is released only while the vessel is in motion, in locations that are a minimum of 200 m away from shore, OR the well-boat must employ a filtration system that is capable of filtering 100% of waste water through a minimum 150 micron filter prior to discharge.

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6.2 Tarpaulin treatments may only be conducted if fish size limitations are exceeded, or if sea lice outbreaks exceed the treatment capability of well-boat assets.

6.3 The permit holder is limited to a maximum of 2 tarpaulin treatments per pen per year.

6.4 For all tarpaulin treatments, the permit holder must employ a sea lice recapture device, consisting of a collection trough, water pumps, and a screen to capture dislodged sea lice, and make reasonable attempts to recover dislodged sea lice during treatment.

6.5 The permit holder must visually monitor for any potential impacts to non-target organisms during the release of pesticide-treated waters from the well-boat.

6.6 For tarpaulin treatments only, the permit holder must conduct water sampling to determine levels of hydrogen peroxide in the water both inside and outside the pen, at various times post-treatment, in accordance with the following guidelines:

a) Number of samples required

One water sample is required for each location, depth, and time described below.

b) Depth of samples

For each sample location, water samples within the pen must be taken at two different depths: 1m and 5m. For each sample location, water samples outside of the pen must be taken at three different depths: 1m, 5m, and 20m.

c) Timing of sampling

Both within and outside of the pen, samples at each sampling location and depth must be collected at regular intervals of not more than 30 minutes post-treatment, to document the clearance of hydrogen peroxide from in and around the pen. Sampling at each location and depth may stop once a “not detectable” result is obtained.

d) Location of samples

Within the pen, the sample locations may be chosen by the permit holder. Outside of the pen, water samples will be taken at the outside edge of the treated pen (at the three depths of 1m, 5m, and 20m) and at 30m from the edge of the pen (samples also taken at the three depths of 1m, 5m, and 20m). The location of sampling at the edge of the proposed drift area will align with the direction of the prevailing current. If hydrogen peroxide is detected at any location or depth, sampling will be repeated at regular intervals of not more than 30 minutes until a ‘not detectable’ result is obtained. In addition, if hydrogen peroxide is detected at the location 30m from the pen, an additional sample location 45m beyond the 30m location must be added.

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Sampling at this location will continue at regular intervals of not more than 30 minutes until a 'not detectable' result is obtained.

- 6.7 Pesticide use must be conducted under the direction of a provincially licensed veterinarian, by applicators with valid certificates in the *marine aquaculture* category, and in accordance with any additional treatment-specific training required by the pesticide manufacturer.
- 6.8 The permit holder must ensure that a copy of the certificate of all certified applicators conducting the pesticide use is at or near the treatment location during the pesticide use.
- 6.9 The permit holder must comply with the requirements of the label for the pesticide used.
- 6.10 The permit holder must comply with all applicable regulations under the *Integrated Pest Management Act*.
- 6.11 This permit is not transferable without the written approval of the Administrator.

7. Record Keeping

- 7.1 For each treatment location and day of pesticide use under this permit, the permit holder must keep a record containing the following information:
 - a) the treatment location;
 - b) the name and certificate number(s) of the pesticide applicator certificate holder(s) who used the pesticide;
 - c) the date and time of the pesticide use;
 - d) the pre- and post-treatment sea lice monitoring results;
 - e) the specific threshold and/or justification for the pesticide application determined by the veterinarian responsible for fish stock health;
 - f) the trade name of the pesticide used and its registration number under the federal Pest Control Product Act;
 - g) the method and rate of application and the total quantity used;
 - h) the water temperature and direction of the tide at the time of the release of treated water from the well-boat;
 - i) direction and speed of the well-boat at the time of release of treated water;
 - j) the distance from shore of the well-boat at the time the treated water is released; and
 - k) the details of impacts (if any observed) on non-target organisms during the release of pesticide-treated waters.
 - l) for tarpaulin treatments only, the results of the water monitoring requirements specified in condition 6.5.

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8. Reporting

8.1 The permit holder must submit an annual report for each calendar year via email to ipmreporting@gov.bc.ca on or before January 31 of the next calendar year. The first report is due January 31, 2023. The report must include the following information:

- a) The total quantity of Interlox Paramove 50 used in the calendar year at all sites.
- b) For each aquaculture facility site treated with Interlox Paramove 50:
 - i. Date or date range of treatments, if treatments for one site were conducted over multiple days;
 - ii. For well-boat treatments, total number of well-boat loads;
 - iii. Average load biomass (kgs);
 - iv. Pre-treatment sea lice levels;
 - v. Post-treatment sea lice levels;
 - vi. % efficacy of the treatment;
 - vii. Total volume of water treated; and
 - viii. Total quantity of Interlox Paramove 50 used.
 - ix. For tarpaulin treatments, the results of the water monitoring requirements specified in condition 6.5
- c) A summary statement indicating what, if any, effects on non-target organisms were observed during the treatments.
- d) A summary of the sea lice re-capture efforts conducted, including an estimate of the percent of dislodged sea lice captured for each treatment.
- e) A summary of any non-chemical treatments for sea lice control conducted, including the type and number of non-chemical treatments conducted in the calendar year.
- f) A summary of the number of SLICE (active ingredient emamectin benzoate) treatments conducted at all sites, including the date ranges associated with these treatments and the volume of SLICE used for each treatment.
- g) A summary of the ongoing research efforts by the permit holder to investigate the feasibility of additional non-chemical sea lice control methods, including, but not limited to, the use of mechanical removal technology, cleaner fish, and freshwater treatments.

8.2 The permit holder must report any effects on non-target organisms observed as a result of the release of pesticide-treated waters from the well-boat as soon as practicable to the Administrator via ipmreporting@gov.bc.ca.

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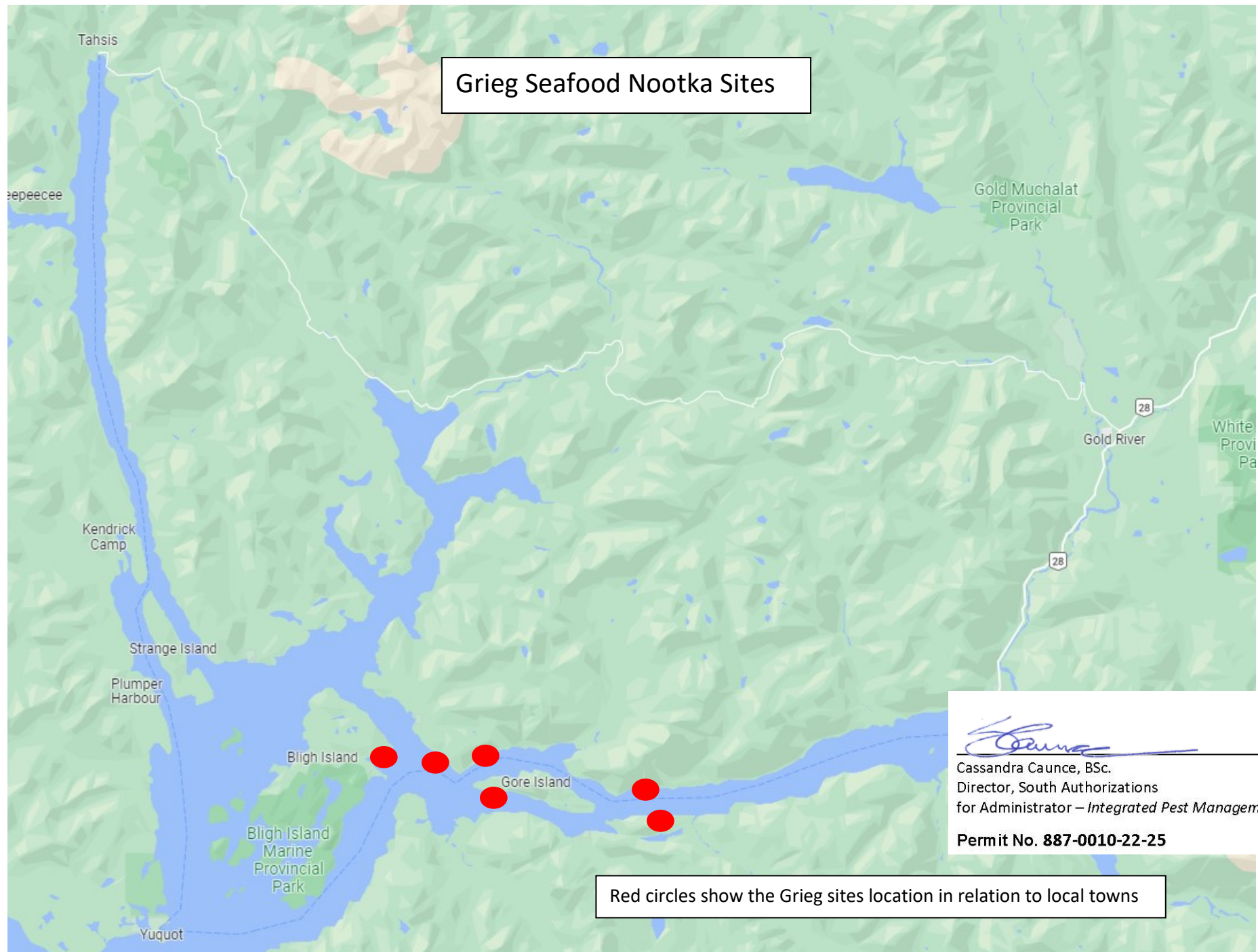


- 8.3 Upon request from the Administrator, the permit holder must provide water treatment calculations and dose rates associated with the planned or undertaken pesticide use.
- 8.4 Pesticide spills that result in impacts not authorized by or consistent with this permit, must be immediately reported to Emergency Management BC at 1-800-663-3456. Spill-affected areas must be immediately evaluated and cleaned-up/decontaminated as appropriate. As soon as practicable, the permit holder must provide the Administrator with reports via email to ipmreporting@gov.bc.ca on the nature of the spill, any impacts as well as any clean-up/decontamination activities planned or undertaken.
- 8.5 If the permit holder believes that the permit holder or another person has contravened the *Integrated Pest Management Act* or Regulation in a manner involving the release of pesticide into the environment, the permit holder must give written notice to the Administrator as soon as practicable.
- 8.6 If the permit holder believes that non-compliance with any of the terms and conditions of this permit has occurred, the permit holder must give written notice to the Administrator via email to ipmreporting@gov.bc.ca as soon as practicable. The permit holder must undertake actions to evaluate the potential impact of the non-compliance on human health and or the environment.

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Grieg Seafood Nootka Sites



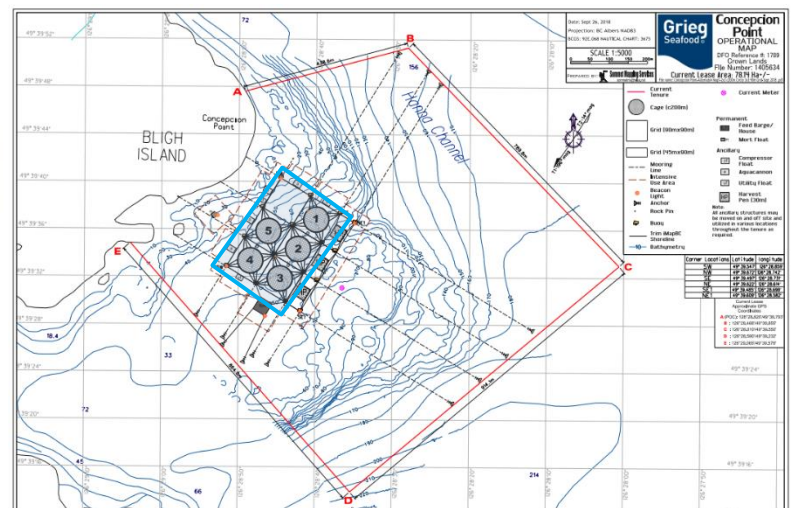
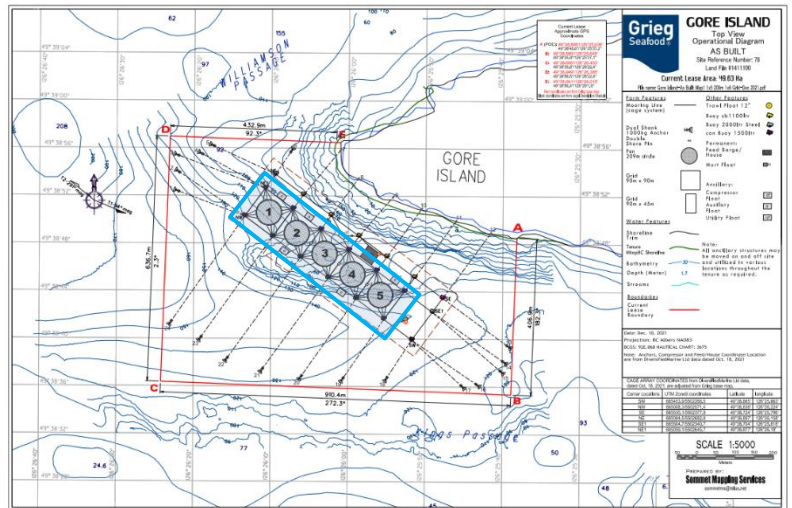
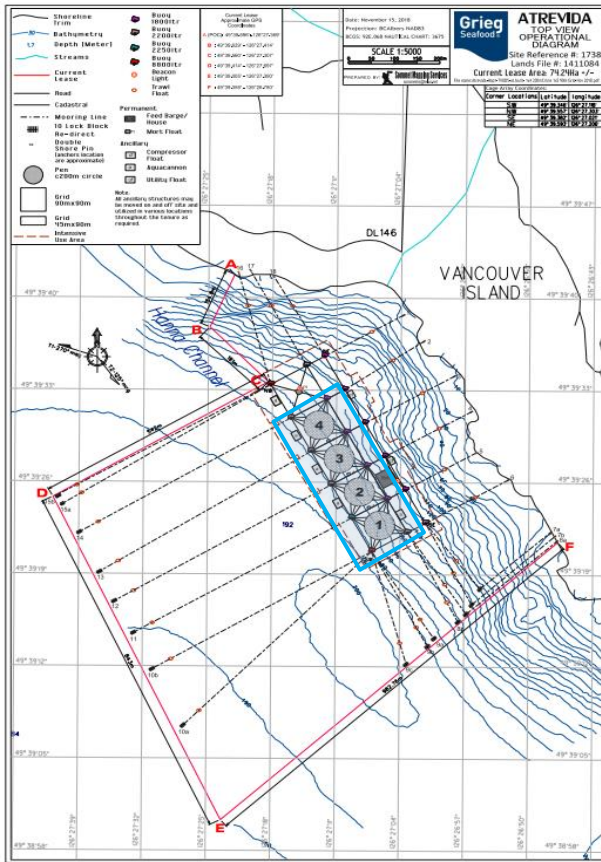
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Grieg Sites in Nootka Sound



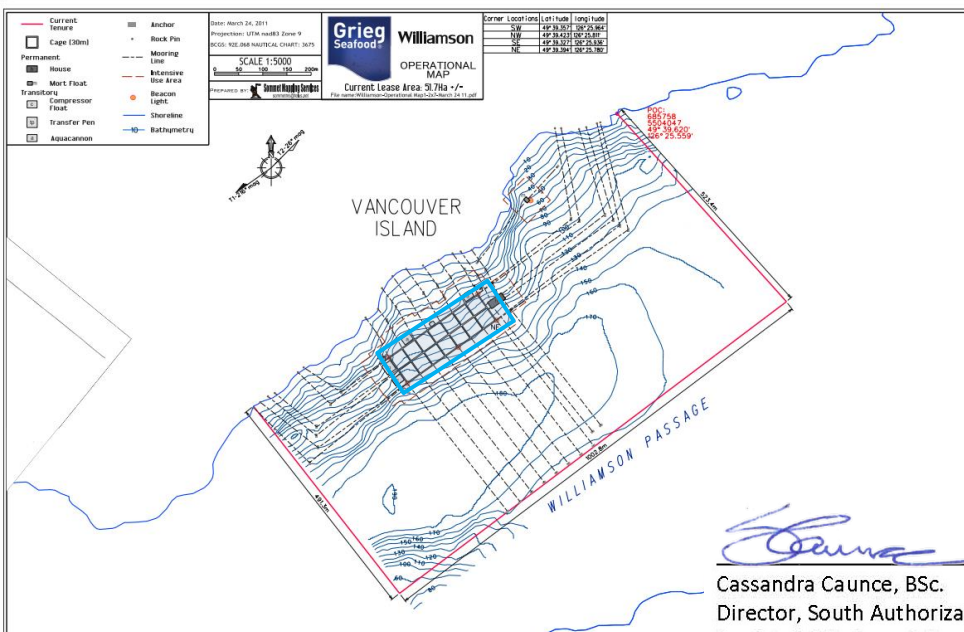
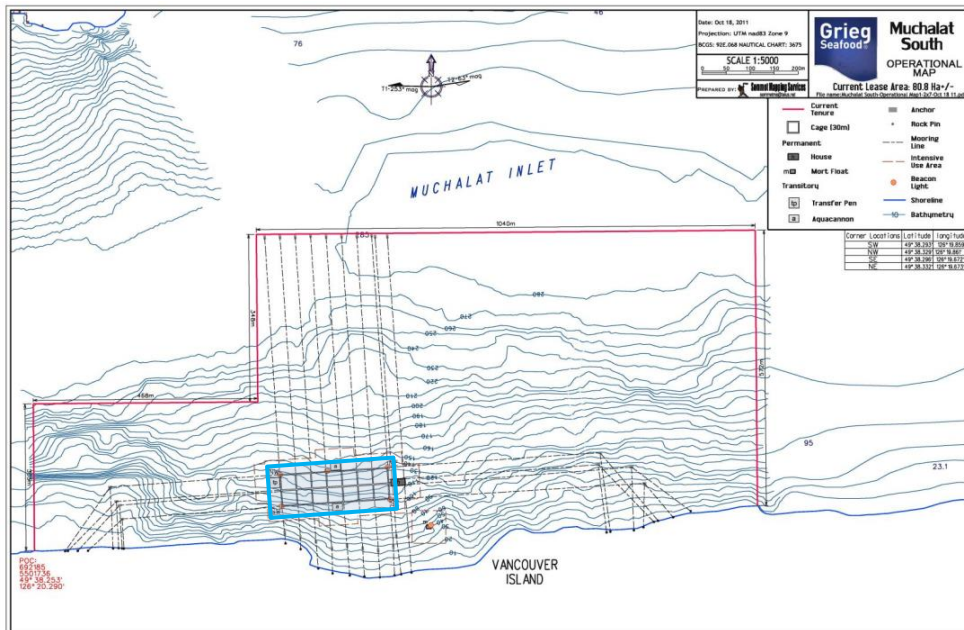
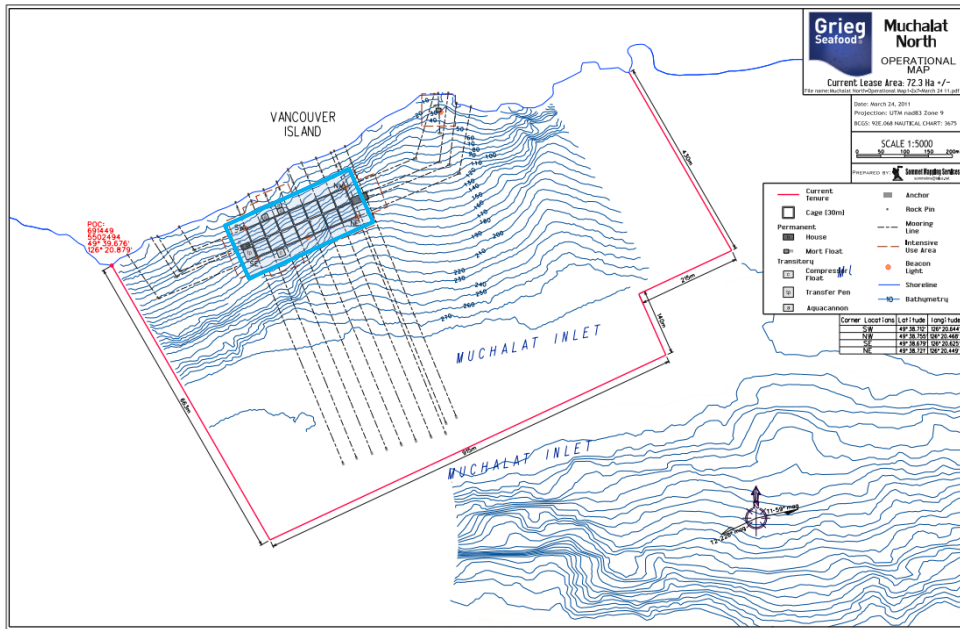
Approximate Treatment Areas





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