

This lease made in duplicate the 24th day of April, 2024,

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 -

Chris Strickland
Shelley Strickland
7738 Pictou Landing Road
RR #1 Trenton, NS
B0K 1X0

hereinafter referred to as "**the Lessee**"

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 renew aquaculture licenses and aquaculture leases;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Act the Lessee was issued Aquaculture Lease No. 1378 on May 14, 2014 for a term of ten years from March 1, 2014 to March 1, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Lessee wishes to renew aquaculture Lease No. 1378;

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. The Administrator hereby grants to the Lessee a lease to use a 12.24 hectare area located in the body of waters known as Merigomish Harbour, Pictou County, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Agreement (the "site") for the bottom without gear cultivation of American oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), Bay quahog (*Mercenaria mercenaria*) and Bay scallop (*Argopecten irradians*).
2. The term of this lease shall be for twenty years from March 2, 2024 to March 1, 2044, with the right of renewal, in accordance with the terms of the Act and the Regulations.
3. The Lessee shall pay to the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board an annual fee as set out in the Regulations. The annual payment must be received by the anniversary date of the lease. Late payments are subject to a fee as set out in the Regulations.
4. The undertakings set out in Schedule "B" to this lease (the "undertakings"), form part of this Agreement, and the Lessee hereby agrees to comply with any conditions or limitations contained in the undertakings unless compliance for leasing purposes is expressly waived by the Administrator. The Lessee is responsible for confirming any undertakings and ensuring compliance with them.

5. Except to the extent restricted by an enactment or this lease, the Lessee has, for aquacultural purposes, the exclusive right to use the leased sub-aquatic lands and water column.
6. The Lessee shall allow access to the site by the general public for recreational activities. The general public is not permitted to carry out American oyster, Bay quahog or Bay scallop harvest, enhancement, or husbandry activities at the site.
7. The Lessee agrees to comply with any permits, protocols, approvals, licenses or permissions (the "licensing requirements") which may be required under the laws of the relevant municipality, the Province or Canada. The Lessee is responsible for confirming any licensing requirements and ensuring compliance with them.
8. This lease must not be assigned without the written approval of the Administrator. If the Lessee is a corporation, any change in the right to control the corporation shall be deemed to be an assignment.
9. In the event that the Lessee 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, the Administrator may revoke this lease and this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect subject only to the right of His Majesty the King in right of the Province of Nova Scotia ("His Majesty") to claim for damages.
10. The Lessee must adhere to the Farm Management Plan, as it is in effect for this lease from time to time, and any failure to adhere to the Farm Management Plan is a breach of this lease.
11. This lease does not include any rights as to minerals in or on the site.
12. The Lessee shall submit to the Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the "Minister") an annual report stating such information as the Minister requires concerning the Lessee's use and the productivity of the site.
13. Following the completion of a performance review, in accordance with the Regulations, of the aquaculture operation subject to this lease, the Administrator may vary any terms or conditions of this lease in order to address any concerns raised in the performance review.
14. The Lessee is hereby prohibited from using the site in any way that would interfere with other leased aquaculture operations.
15. The Lessee is hereby aware that the placing of an anchor or driving of stakes, within the limits of the site by persons other than the Lessee, provided such are included in legitimate operations incidental to fishing or catching any kind of fish other than species type, and that placing of buoys or stakes by the proper authorities, for navigation purposes, shall not be deemed as interference with the proper cultivation of the site by the Lessee.
16. If the Administrator, in his or her sole discretion, is of the opinion that the aquaculture activities authorized by this lease are detrimental to or interfere with other leased facilities, the Administrator may revoke this lease without compensation.
17. The Administrator may revoke this lease without advance notice or compensation if the Lessee 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. If the Lessee fails to perform any of its obligations under this lease, the Minister may have the obligations performed, with the amount of any costs incurred to be a debt due to His Majesty, for which His Majesty shall have a first priority charge on the aquacultural produce within the site.
19. If the Lessee is in breach of any term of this lease and such breach is not corrected within the time period set out in the notice from the Administrator, the Administrator may revoke this lease without further notice or compensation.
20. Should it become necessary for His Majesty to expropriate the Lessee's rights under this lease, it is hereby agreed that the value of the lease for purposes of expropriation compensation shall not exceed the depreciated value of improvements made by the Lessee that cannot be removed from the site. No compensation may be claimed for the cancellation of this lease where compensation is paid or payable in relation to the expropriation of a lease for the same site.
21. Any notices required to be given under this lease may be sent by regular mail to the parties at their addresses set out in the heading of this Agreement, and notice will be deemed to have been received by the intended recipient thereof five business days from the date on which the notice is post-marked. The parties, by agreement, may effect notice by any other means. The Lessee must notify the Administrator of any change of address within thirty (30) days.
22. Nothing in this Agreement shall be taken as a warranty by the Administrator that the site may be used now or in the future by the Lessee 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.
23. This lease shall be subject to the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia and the parties hereby agree to attorn to its courts.
24. This lease 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

HIS MAJESTY THE KING
in right of the Province of Nova Scotia, as
represented by the Administrator, Nova Scotia
Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

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Robert Ceschiutti, Administrator, Nova Scotia
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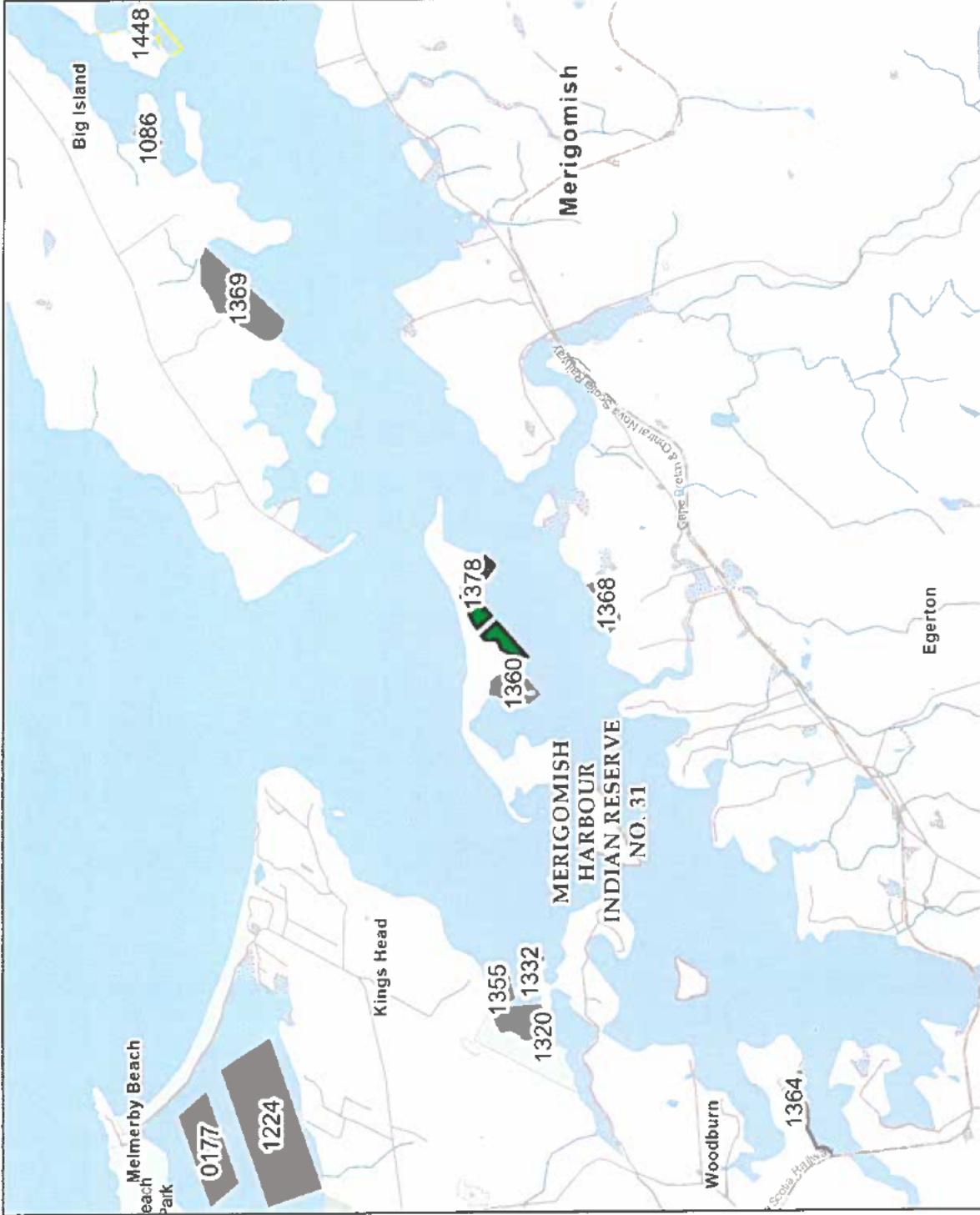
SCHEDULE A



Aquaculture Site 1378

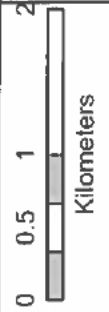
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License/Lease Holder	County	Waterbody	Hectares	Species Type	Chart
Chris and Shelly Strickland	Pictou	Merigomish Harbour	12.24	Shellfish	4445

Proposed Application
 Other Issued Experimental
 Other Issued Lease



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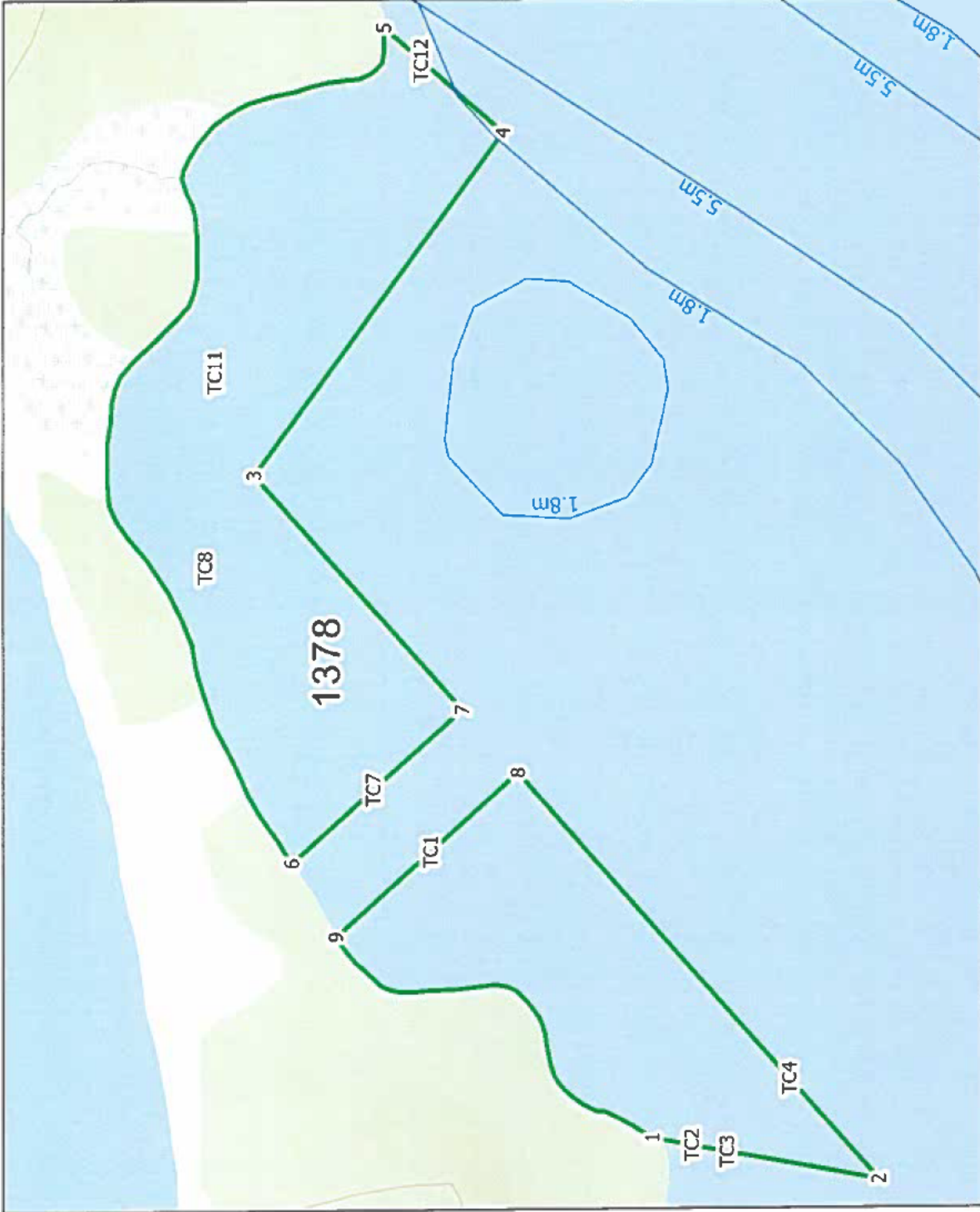
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County Pictou
Waterbody Merigomish Harbour
Hectares 12.24
Species Type Shellfish
Chart 4445

Proposed Application



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Schedule "B"

This Schedule sets out any undertakings required of the Lessee:

The Lessee undertakes to the following:

1. The Lessee shall adhere to the following site marking requirements:
 - a. Mark each corner and angle of the lease from May 1 to November 30, annually;
 - b. Mark each corner and angle of the lease with a cautionary yellow buoy of a minimum 16 inches in diameter;
 - c. Display "PRIV" in black, on opposite sides of each buoy; and
 - d. At 1 corner buoy, display in black, the licence/lease number, licence holder's name and contact phone number.

2. The Lessee shall submit an annual report (in addition to Annual Productions Statistics) dealing with the enhancement efforts. The details and format of the report shall be determined by the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The report shall include information such as the following:
 - a. Stock assessment;
 - b. Broodstock manipulations;
 - c. Seed collection activities;
 - d. Predator control activities; and
 - e. Other information may be required.