SECTION 20: Blasting

Kingfish Maine proposes to construct an enclosed recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) facility with multiple buildings, together with adjunct facilities and equipment on a property at 9 Mason Bay Road in Jonesport. Geotechnical investigations have been performed to identify depth to ledge. Explorations included borings and probes, conducted in two phases. Refusal, presumed to be bedrock surfaces have been identified and georeferenced to the location of the explorations. These subsurface explorations have been used to identify the approximate ledge profile in the development area of the property. A digital terrain model of the ledge surface has been developed, and mapped for the included area. Appended to this section is a plan of the ledge surface determined by the explorations.

As practicable, excavations for planned subsurface improvements have been designed to minimize conflicts with ledge conditions. Based on the geotechnical explorations, building siting and grading, is designed to avoid blasting. The design establishes tank foundations, building foundations, and floor elevations above the observed ledge elevations. Owing to its function, Building 4 includes elements that require ledge removal for the intake pipe, as do the intake and discharge pipes.

To the extent ledge removal by blasting is required, a blasting plan and performance specification will be implemented as follows:

If required, blasting operations will be performed in general accordance with the applicable U.S. Department of the Interior Rules, 38 MRSA \S 490Z (14), the recommendations provided below, and a normal standard of care.

Blast Design

The blasting contractor shall submit a blasting plan to the Owner for approval prior to blasting operations. The blasting plan shall include a schedule, sketches of the drill patterns (hole spacing and depth), type and amount of explosives, number and sequence of delays, methods for minimizing flyrock, and any other information pertinent to demonstrating compliance with the applicable U.S. Department of the Interior Rules and the recommendations provided below.

Notification

Oral notification to the abutters within one-half mile of the blast area shall be provided prior to blasting. Warning and all clear signals of different character or pattern that are audible within one-half mile from the point of the blast shall be given. The meaning of the signals shall be conveyed to the abutters at the time they are notified.

Pre-blast Surveys

All blasting operations are the direct responsibility of the Blasting Contractor. Reports of damage to structures caused by blasting operations are the sole responsibility of the Blasting Contractor. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the Blasting Contractor to perform pre-blast surveys as they deem necessary.

Airblast Limits



Airblast overpressure shall not exceed 136 dB (0.018 psi) at the nearest structure.

Ground Vibration Limits

The maximum ground vibration at any structure shall not exceed the limits as follows:



REFERENCE: OSM alternative blasting criteria (Modified from figure B-1, Bureau of Mines, RI 8507



APPENDIX 20A Ledge Surface Profile





2) ALL DIRECTIONS ARE REFERENCED TO THE MAINE COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1983 (2011), EAST ZONE, BASED ON AN RTK GPS SURVEY. ALL DISTANCES ARE GRID DISTANCES. THE COMBINED FACTOR IS 0.99996999.

3) ELEVATIONS ARE REFERENCED TO NAVD 1988 BASED ON STATIC GPS OBSERVATIONS PERFORMED ON DECEMBER 17, 2019 AND PROCESSED THROUGH THE SOFTWARE (VDATUM).

