



TOWN OF CHILMARK
CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS

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September 10, 2010

Alec Gale
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Dear Alec and Tim –

I think we had a good meeting today and I appreciated you giving me all of the information concerning your mussel harvest this year. I am very enthusiastic about this project.

As you know, the Town of Chilmark has set up two off shore aquaculture zones in town waters. You have set mussel lines, with our blessing, in each of those areas. You indicated to me today that you would like to set 10 new lines in the town aquaculture site in Vineyard Sound off our North Shore. That would require us granting you permission to use five acres of that site.

I think this grant is appropriate and I will recommend to my Board of Selectmen that we approve this grant and that we give you the five acre site. That should allow you to set 10 long lines of 500 feet each.

This item will be on the agenda for our next meeting on September 21 2010.

You both have shown great initiative in developing this project. I applaud your efforts.

Sincerely,

Warren M. Doty
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

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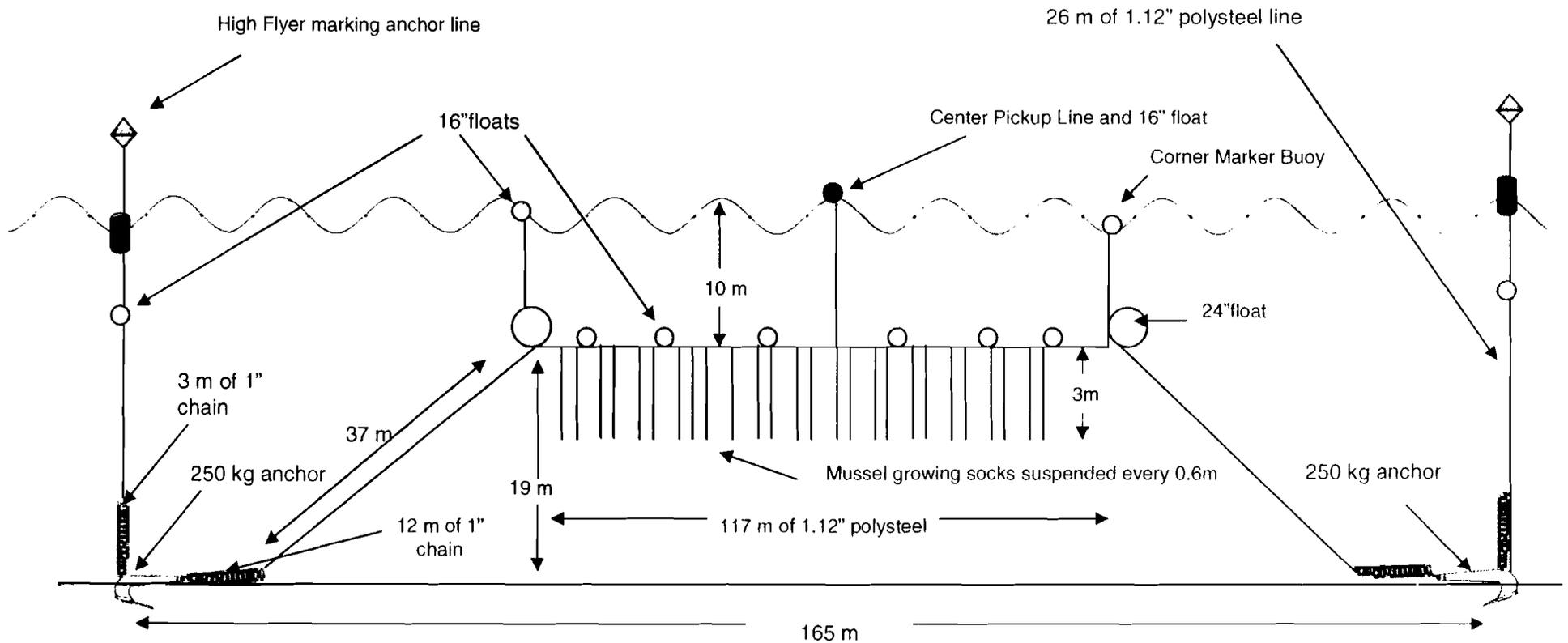


Figure 1. As-built drawing of submerged longline with dimensions as deployed in South Chilmark, MA for Permit NAE-2009-349. All submerged lines are 1 1/8" polysteel except the mussel growing socks which are square mesh consisting of interwoven monofilament and split film polyethylene with reinforced bands in the sides of a 30 to 40mm tube.

Chilmark Conservation Commission
Order of Conditions SE 12 – 580
MV Shellfish Group Mussel Aquaculture Program
Special Conditions: 25-acre Program
May 6, 2009

1. The gear and installation specifications shall duplicate the University of New Hampshire (UNH) design for the test and rollout of the program. Any changes to this design shall be reviewed with the Commission before installation.
2. All gear used in the project at the time of deployment shall be new, dry and free of non-native species. This condition will also apply to additional longlines as they are added to the zone. To the extent possible all gear, long lines and anchors shall be labeled so as to be identifiable in the event they break loose. This is an ongoing condition that does not expire with the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.
3. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) maintenance and operations plan and procedures shall be followed for the test and rollout of the program.
4. A propagation permit shall be obtained from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries as needed before executing the test and rollout of the program. A copy of this permit and subsequent permits shall be given to the Commission.
5. A permit from the Chilmark Board of Selectmen shall be obtained before rolling out the program as a commercial enterprise. A copy of this permit and subsequent permits shall be given to the Commission.
6. Ongoing inspection and operations reports shall be issued as required by the ACOE for the test and rollout programs. Copies of these reports shall be given to the Commission. This is an ongoing condition that does not expire with the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.
7. On going maintenance of the gear and equipment without further approval of the Commission is permitted provided that this does not result in the enlargement or change in the design of the project. This is an ongoing condition that does not expire with the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.
8. A report of the test results indicating the impact of the program -- if any --on the resource areas (water quality, fisheries of whales or sea turtles and land under the ocean) shall be given to the Commission before rollout of the program.
9. A bond shall be posted before the rollout of the program to provide sufficient estimated funds for removing all test and/or rollout gear and equipment if the project is abandoned at any time in the future.