



Date: August 15th, 2019

PUP No. 886-0003-19/22

Via email

Attn: Tom Foulds

Cermaq Canada Ltd.
203-919 Island Highway
Campbell River, BC
V9W 2C2

Dear Permit Holder:

Enclosed is Pesticide Use Permit No. 886-0003-19/22 issued under the provisions of the *Integrated Pest Management Act*. Your attention is respectfully directed to the conditions of 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 in accordance with Section 14 of the *Integrated Pest Management Act*. Notice of the appeal must (1) be in writing, (2) include the grounds for appeal, (3) be sent by registered mail to PO Box 9425 Stn. Prov. Govt, Victoria, BC, V8W 9V1 or personally delivered to the Chair, Environmental Appeal Board, Fourth Floor, 747 Fort Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 3E9, (4) be delivered within 30 days from the date of the decision, and (5) be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00, payable to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Administration of this permit will be carried out by staff from our regional office located at 10470 - 152nd Street, Surrey, British Columbia, V3R 0Y3. If you have any questions, please call me at (250) 490-8257.

Yours truly,

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Integrated Pest Management Section Head
On behalf of the Administrator, *Integrated Pest Management Act*

Attachments

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Climate Change Strategy**

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY
PESTICIDE USE PERMIT
No. 886-0003-19/22

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Integrated Pest Management Act

Cermaq Canada 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.

Purpose of the Permit

1. This permit has been issued for the management of post-chalimus stage sea lice (*Lepeophtheirus spp* and *Caligus spp*) on seven farmed Atlantic salmon operations (at Wehlis Bay, Simmonds Point, Maude Island, Cecil Island, Cypress Harbour, Sir Edmund Bay and Burdwood Island) as shown on the attached maps. This permit authorizes the use of the pesticide Interlox Paramove 50 (active ingredient hydrogen peroxide) administered exclusively using the well-boat method. 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.

Treatment Dates

2. The pesticide use described herein may be conducted from 30 days after the date of publication of the permit as described in Condition 4 until the permit expires on **August 15th, 2022**.

Notifications and Access to Project Information

3. To allow inspection by the public, within seven days of permit issuance, the permit holder shall post a copy of the permit on the Cermaq Canada Ltd. website, and make a copy available for viewing by any member of the public at the Cermaq Canada Ltd. office at 203-

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919 Island Highway, Campbell River BC. The permit shall remain accessible at these locations as described above until one week after the permit has expired.

4. Within 15 days of issuance of the permit, the permit holder shall publish a notice in the North Island Gazette. The published notice shall 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,
 - (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 permitted pesticide use and related integrated pest management information.
5. The permit holder shall also conduct any additional notification agreed upon during the consultation process in the manner agreed upon with the parties to be notified.
6. At least 24 hr hours prior to any pesticide use, signs advising of the upcoming pesticide use shall be posted at the access points to each facility being treated. These postings shall be maintained for the duration of the pesticide use. The signs shall be waterproof and a minimum of 279 mm by 432 mm in size (i.e. 11" x 17") in size. Each sign shall have the heading "Pesticide Use Notice" (in 2.5 cm lettering) and contain at least 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.

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7. Detailed information on the proposed, current and past pesticide use under this permit shall be made readily available to any member of the general public that may wish to access or use 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 occurred.
8. All personnel involved in the project shall be notified of this permit, be provided a copy of the permit, and be familiar with the terms and conditions of the permit and any permit amendments prior to any pesticide use.
9. At least 5 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 the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation Referrals Office (dfnreferrals@kingcome.ca or current referral address). The notification must include at least the following information:
 - a) Pesticide Use Permit number
 - b) Date(s) of planned treatment
 - c) Alternate dates(s) of treatment (if applicable)
 - d) Location of treatment, product to be used, and purpose of the use

Immediate notification will be provided to the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation Referrals Office when a pending treatment has been cancelled, delayed or deferred. The permit holder may cease providing the above notifications if the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation indicate in writing that they no longer wish to receive notification.

Authorized Pesticides

10. The pesticide listed below is approved for use under the terms of this permit. Lowest effective application rates must be utilized where treatment objectives may still be achieved.

Trade Name	Active Ingredient (a.i.)	Product P.C.P. No.	Application Rate of Interox Paramove 50 (g/L)	Maximum No. of Treatments (per pen per year)
Interox Paramove 50	Hydrogen Peroxide	31393	2.4 -3.6	6

Target Pest Species, Treatment Area and Purpose

11. Pesticide use shall be for the sole purpose of treating post-chalimus stage sea lice

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(*Lepeophtheirus spp* and *Caligus spp*) on farmed Atlantic salmon produced at the seven locations identified on the maps accompanying this permit: Cermaq's tenures at Wehlis Bay, Simmonds Point, Maude Island, Cecil Island, Cypress Harbour, Sir Edmund Bay and Burdwood Island.

Integrated Pest Management Requirements

12. The permit holder shall make all reasonable efforts to remove moribund fish as necessary, and dispose of them in a manner that prevents the return of lice sea lice to the marine environment.
13. The permit holder shall follow the procedures outlined in the "Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for *Sea Lice Counts, Weight, and Quality Assessments*" (Cermaq Canada Ltd., October 2017 or most current version) document for correctly identifying sea lice and monitoring populations of *Lepeophtheirus spp* and *Caligus spp*. The permit holder shall ensure that the Standard Operating Procedures relating to identification and monitoring are kept up to date throughout the duration of the permit.
14. The permit holder may conduct a pesticide application under the following circumstances:
 - a. Once 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*, 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.
 - 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.
15. After each pesticide application, the permit holder must conduct a post-application monitoring of sea lice populations in accordance with the permit holder's "Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for *Sea Lice Counts, Weight, and Quality Assessments*" (Cermaq Canada Ltd., October 2017 or most current version) document for sea lice monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the pesticide application.
16. The permit holder must undertake ongoing research efforts 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.

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Restrictions

17. The pesticide is authorized for use only using the well-boat method as described on the pesticide label. The use of the pesticide with the enclosed tarpaulin method is **not** authorized under this permit.
18. Releases of pesticide-treated waters from well-boats shall occur only while the vessel is in motion, and in locations that are within five kilometres of the aquaculture facility but at least 200 m away from shore in order to minimize any potential impact on non-target organisms.
19. The permit holder must employ a filtration system and make reasonable attempts to recover dislodged sea lice during treatment.
20. The permit holder must visually monitor for and record observations of any potential impacts to non-target organisms during the release of pesticide-treated waters from the well-boat.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. The permit holder must comply with the requirements of the label for the pesticide used.
24. The permit holder must comply with all applicable regulations under the *Integrated Pest Management Act*.
25. This permit is not transferable without the written approval of the Administrator.

Record Keeping

26. 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

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- f) the trade name of the pesticide used and its registration number under the federal 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 of the release of treated water,
- k) the details of impacts (if any observed) on non-target organisms during the release of pesticide-treated waters

Reporting

27. An annual report for each calendar year of pesticide use under this permit shall be sent via email to ipmreporting@gov.bc.ca on or before January 31st of the next calendar year. The report shall 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:
 - Date or date range of treatments, if treatments for one site were conducted over multiple days
 - Total number of well-boat loads
 - Average load biomass (kgs)
 - Pre-treatment sea lice levels
 - Post-treatment sea lice levels
 - % efficacy of the treatment
 - Total volume of water treated
 - Total quantity of Interlox Paramove 50 used
- c) A summary statement indicating what, if any, effects on non-target organisms were observed during any of 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 all treatments.
- 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.

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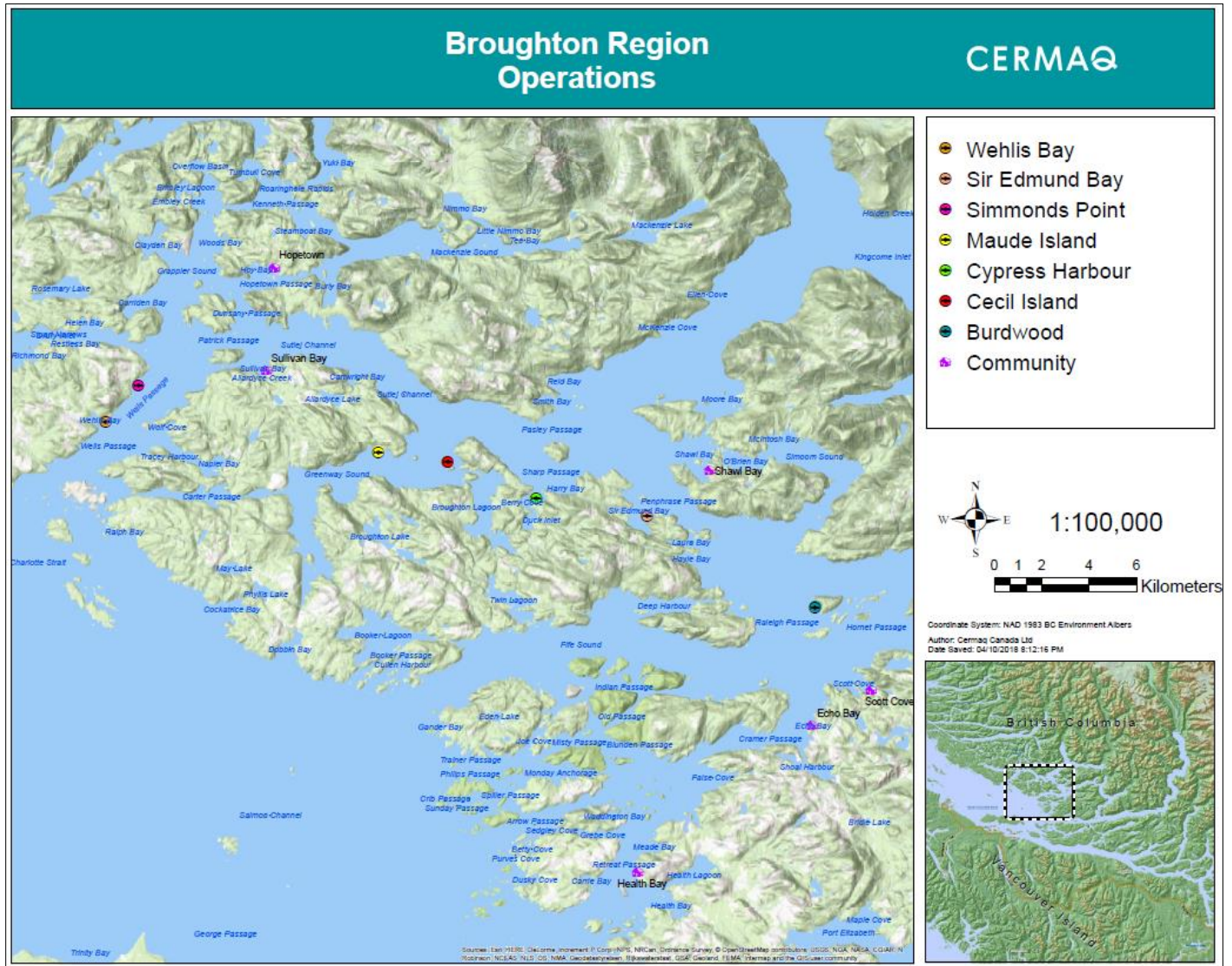


28. Any effects on non-target organisms observed as a result of the release of pesticide-treated waters from the well-boat shall be reported as soon as practicable to ipmreporting@gov.bc.ca.
29. Water treatment calculations and dose rates associated with the planned or undertaken pesticide use shall be provided to the Integrated Pest Management Section Head upon request.
30. Pesticide spills that result in impacts not authorized by or consistent with this permit, shall be immediately reported to Emergency Management BC at 1-800-663-3456. Spill-affected areas shall be immediately evaluated and cleaned-up/decontaminated as appropriate. As soon as practicable, the Integrated Pest Management Section Head shall be provided with reports on the nature of the spill and spill impacts as well as any clean-up/decontamination activities planned or undertaken.
31. 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.
32. 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 as soon as practicable. The permit holder shall undertake actions, to the satisfaction of the Administrator, to evaluate the potential impact of the non-compliance on human health and/or the environment.

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Map 1: General Location Map



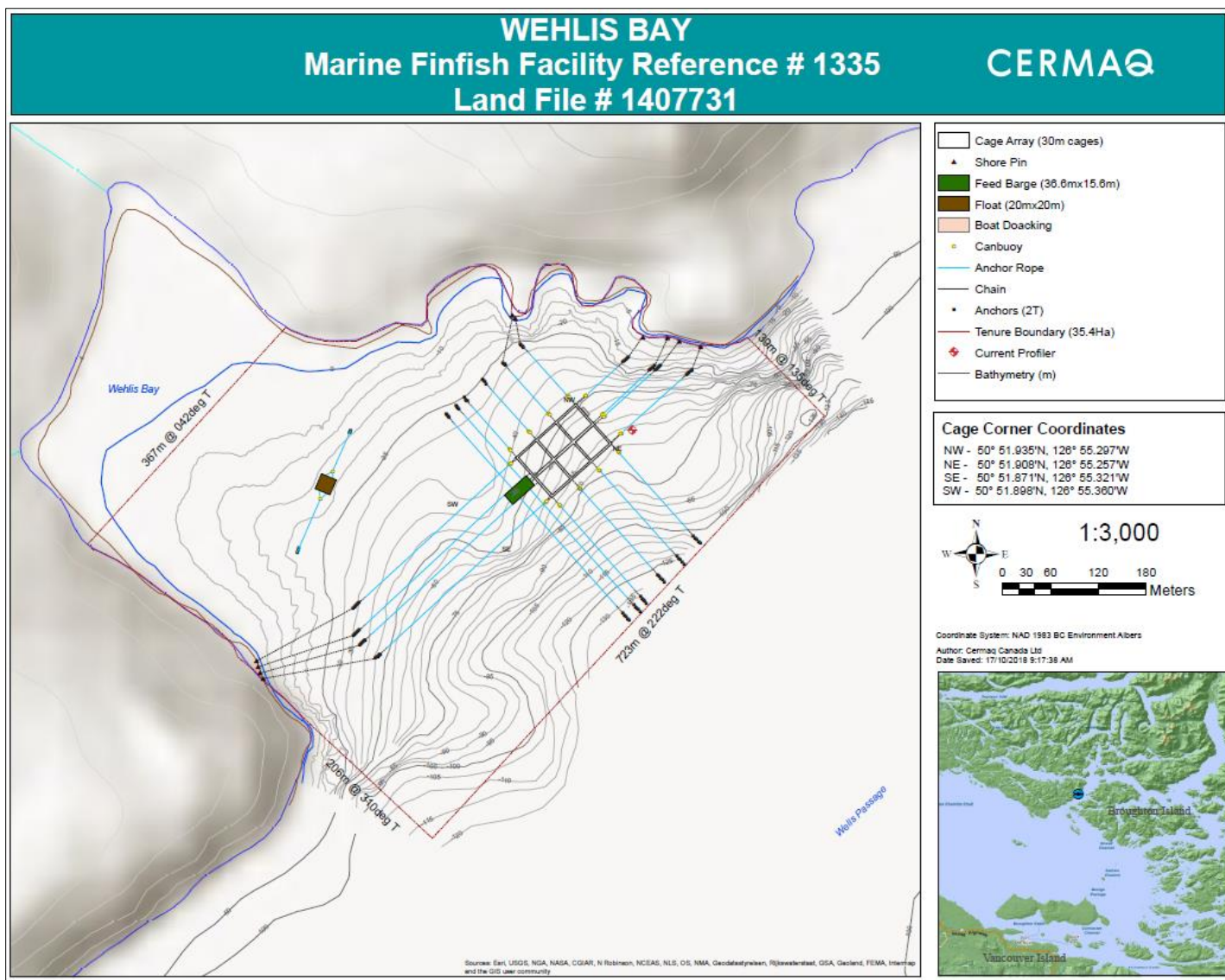
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Map 2: Wehlis Bay



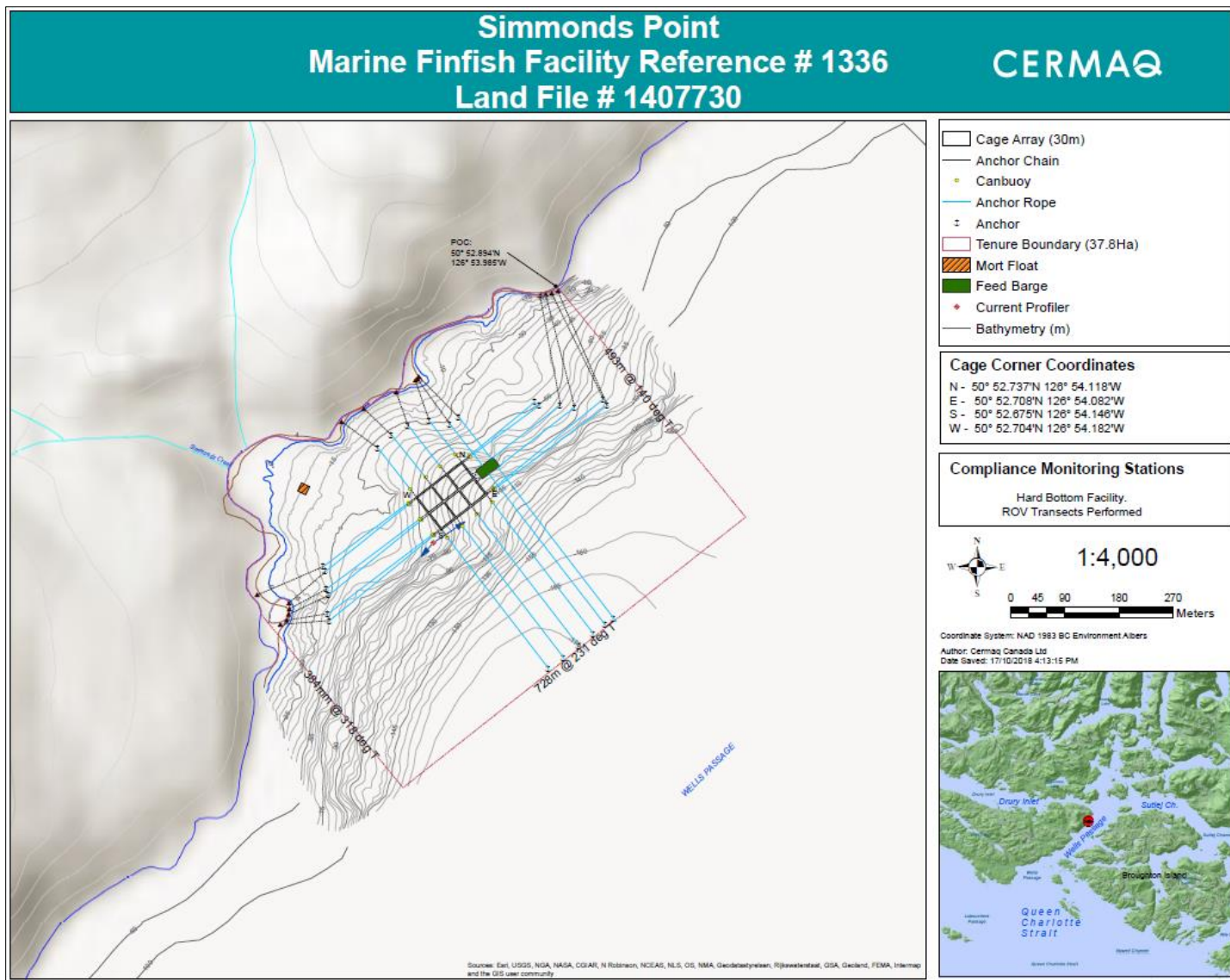
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Map 3: Simmonds Point



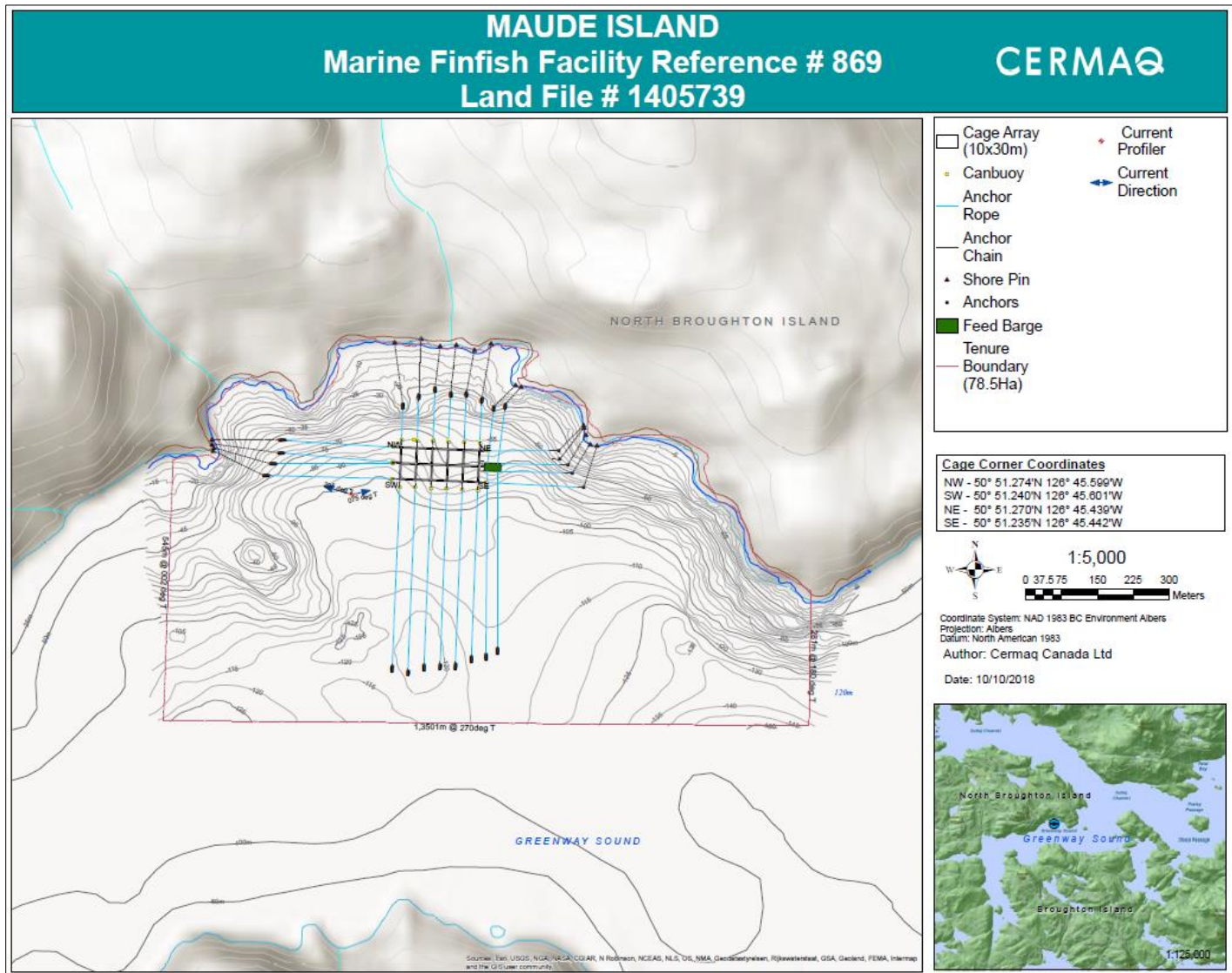
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Map 4: Maude Island



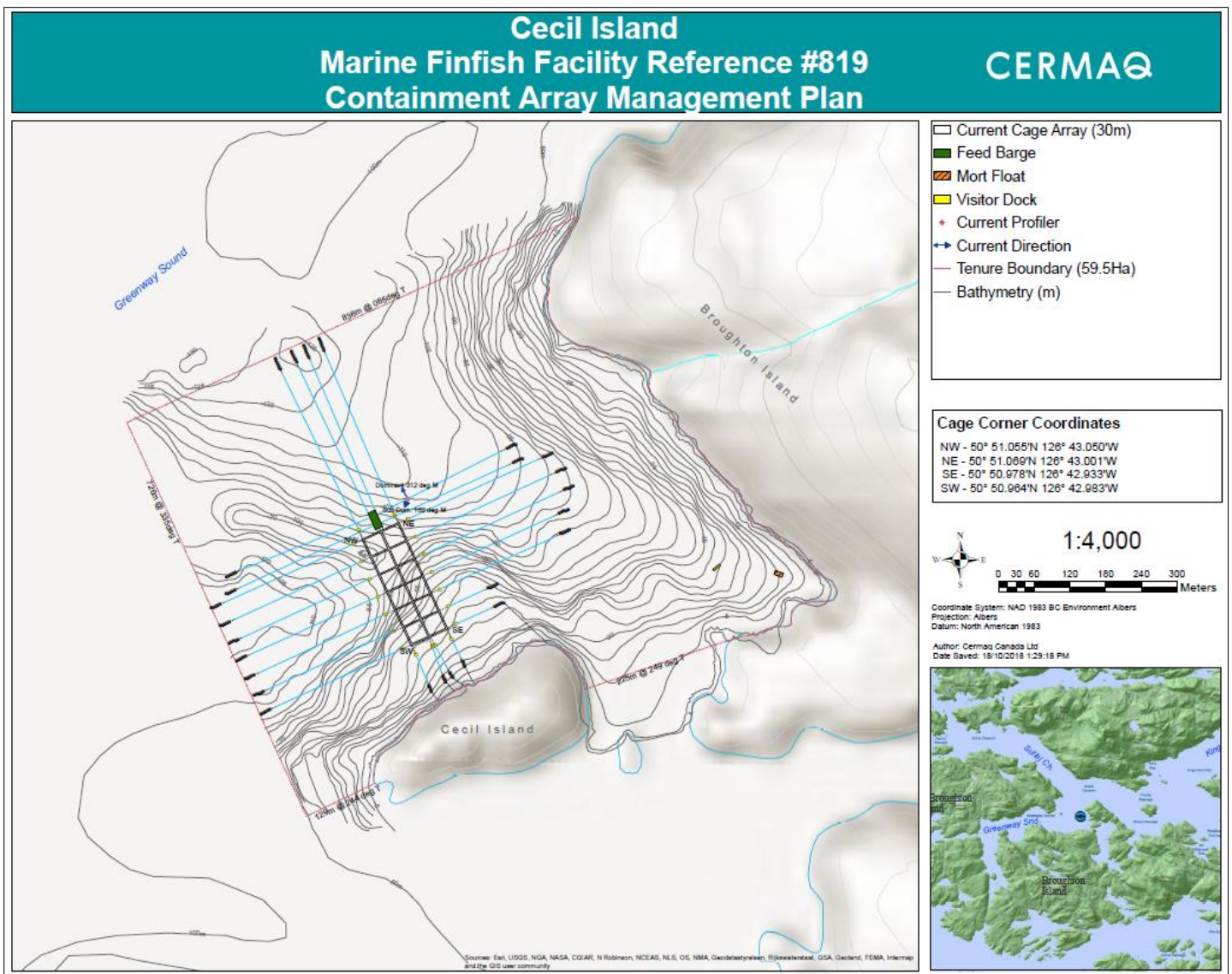
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Map 5: Cecil Island

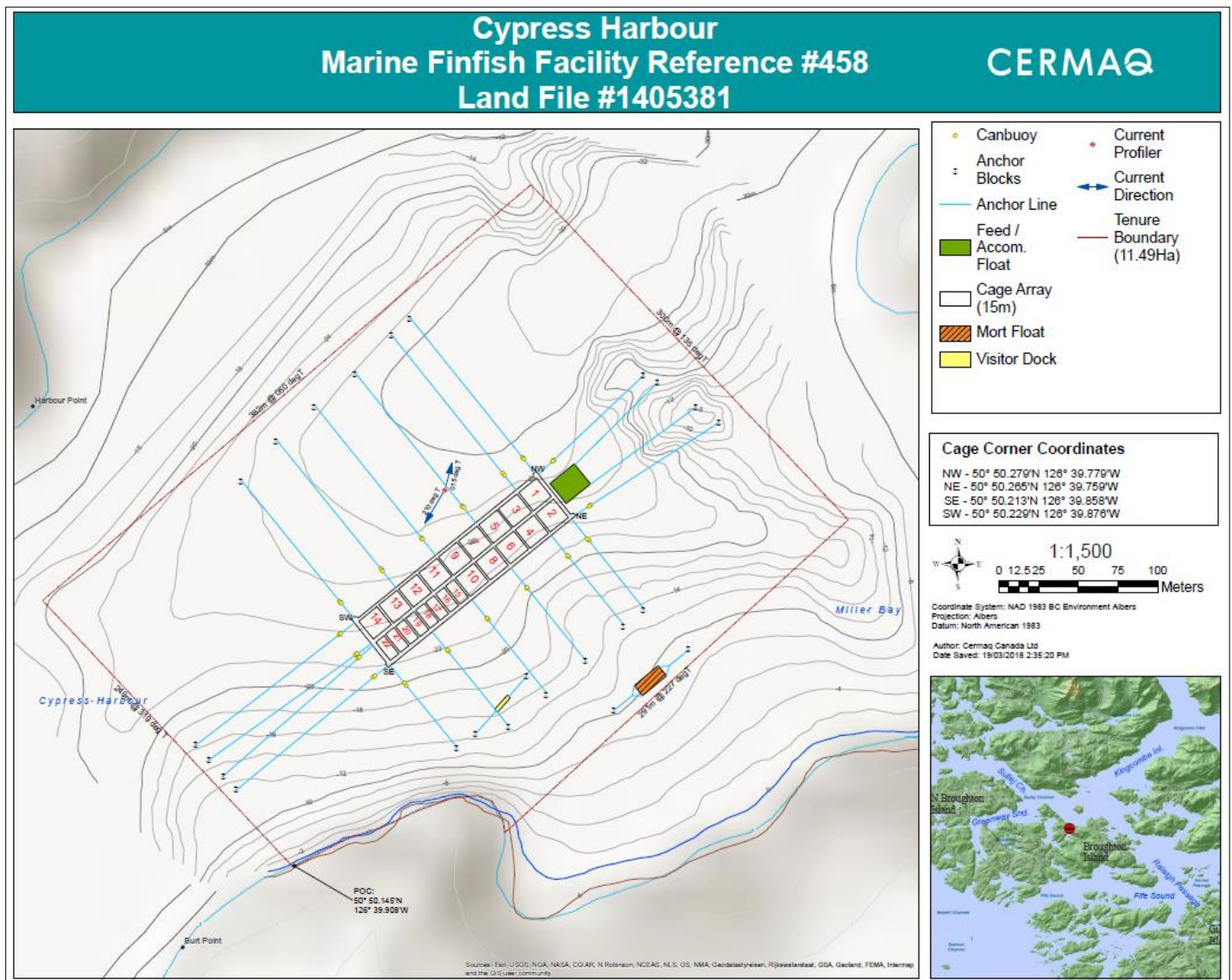


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Map 6: Cypress Harbour

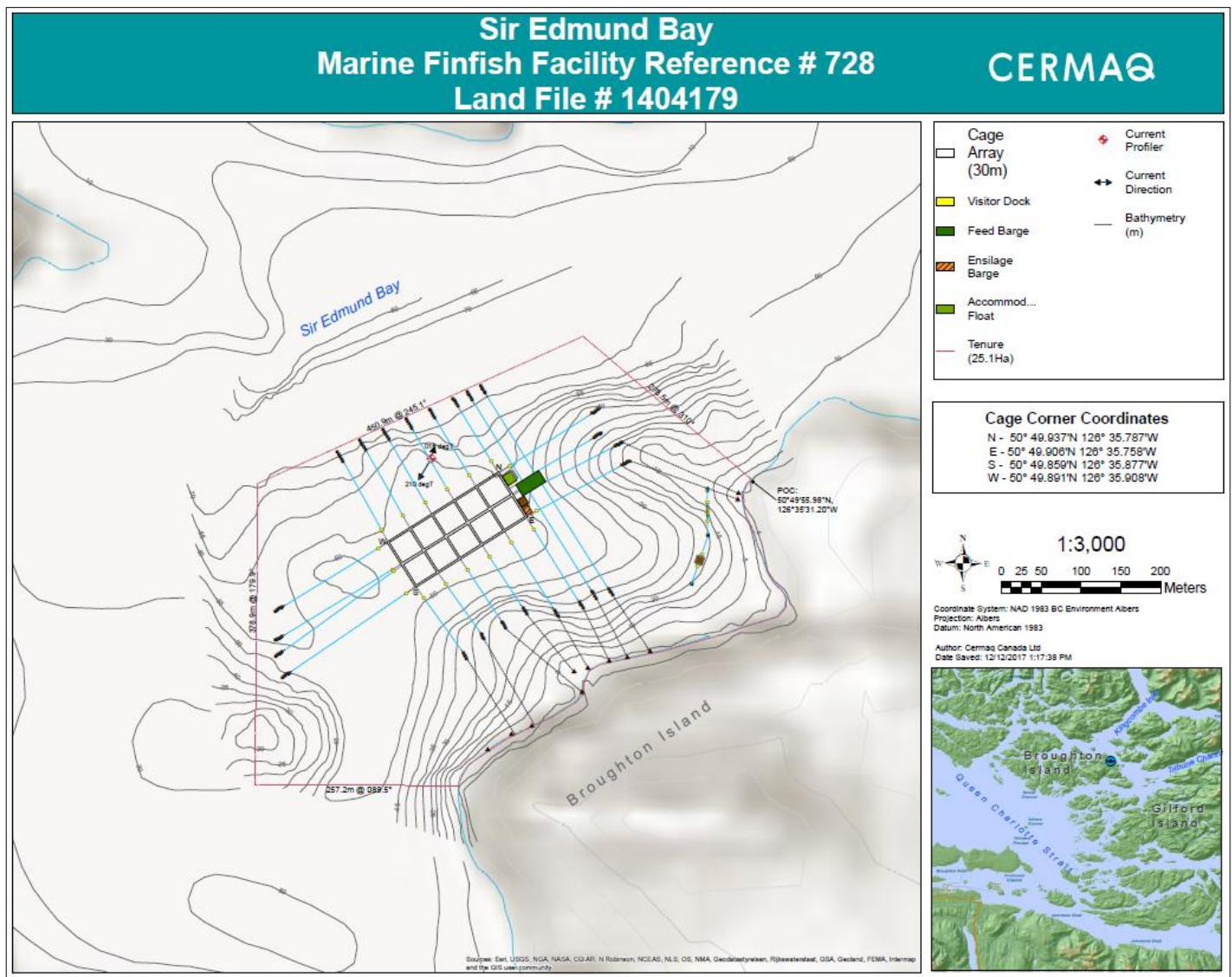


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Map 7: Sir Edmund Bay

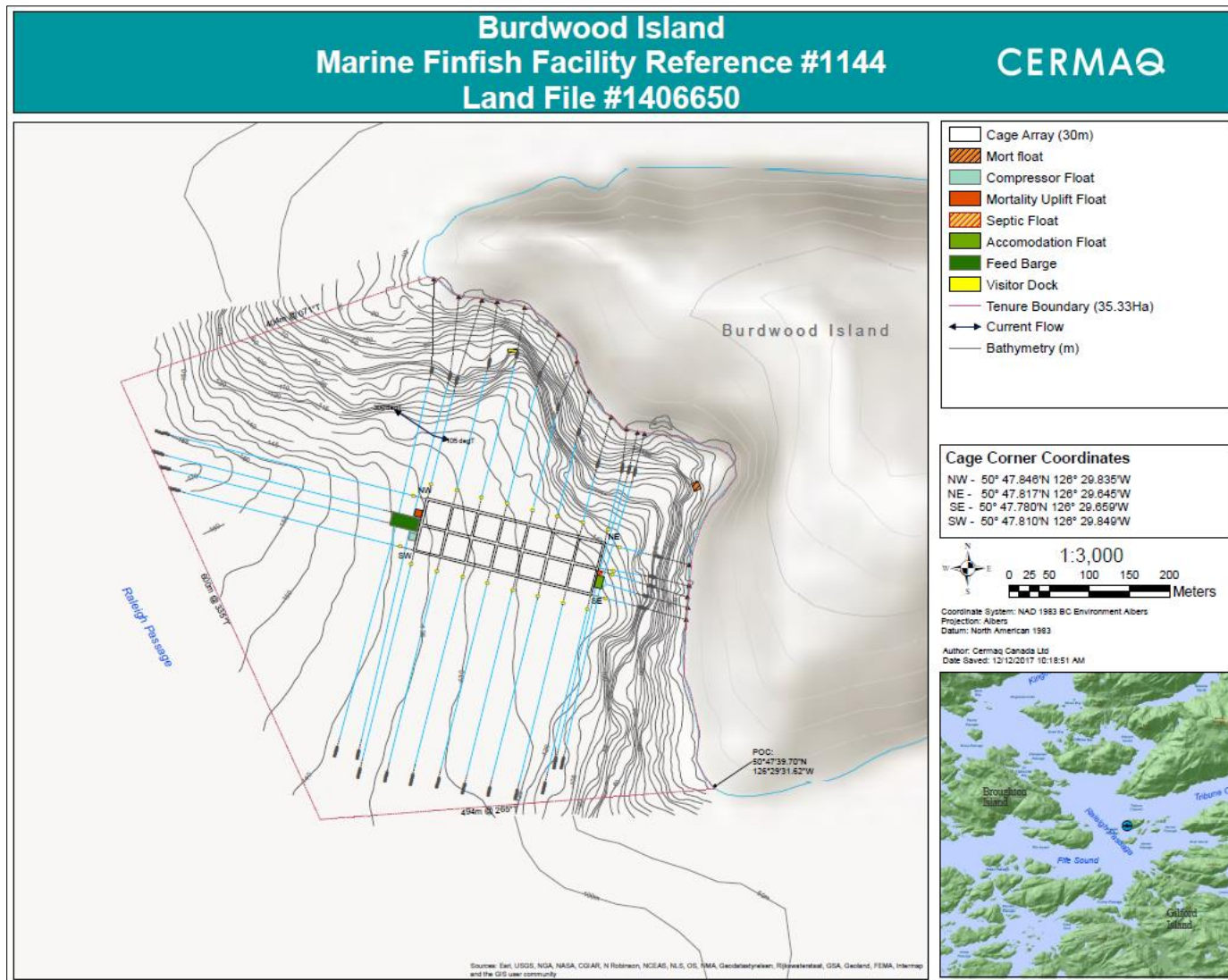


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Map 8: Burdwood Island



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