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Subject: FW: Hywind (Scotland) Ltd - Application for EPS Licence - geophysical survey

Dear Rosanne

Many thanks for sending through this EPS licence application for geophysical and geotechnical survey of a short section of the Hywind cable route in territorial waters. In this regard, JNCC and SNH have worked together to provide the following advice.

We advise that an EPS licence is needed for this survey work of the Hywind cable route and that, with the proposed mitigation in place, there won't be detrimental effects on the favourable conservation status (FCS) of any European protected species potentially affected.

The survey campaign is very limited in scale and duration and it will only be lasting a day. We therefore think that there is no significant risk of cumulative impacts arising from this survey work in combination with any other activities in receipt of an EPS licence.

In respect of mitigation, we note that application of the JNCC seismic guidelines (2010) will minimise the risk of injury.

Finally, I have passed the Marine Noise Registry proposed activity forms to Tetrienne Box (MSFD Noise Registry adviser) for input to the MNR, however now that the MNR is live (as of 15/08/2016) please direct applicants to <https://mnr.jncc.gov.uk/> for completion of an online proposed activity form and subsequent close-out report.

Please get back to me if you need any further advice from JNCC or SNH in respect of the current consultation.

Regards

Sarah Canning

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