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Sent: 12 December 2016 14:26

To: Drew J (Jessica)

Cc: MS Marine Renewables

Subject: RE: Consultation - Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited - Suction Bucket Trials

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Sent: 10 January 2017 13:57 **To:** Drew J (Jessica)

Subject: RE: Consultation - Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited – Suction Bucket Trials

Dear Jessica,

Thank you for this consultation and I'm confirming that we've no further comments to provide on this work. As indicated in our advice on the original application (SNH email of 18 August 2016), these suction bucket trials will not give rise to any significant impacts on marine mammal species (including EPS) or benthic interests.

Yours sincerely,

Catriona Gall

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Sent: 05 January 2017 11:07 **To:** Drew J (Jessica)

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Dear Jessica,

I write to inform you that RYA Scotland has no objections to this application.

Kind Regards

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The proposal is located approximately 2.4 km offshore from Blackdog, Aberdeenshire, approximately 6km and 8km from the mouths of the Don and Dee respectively. The Don is Scotland's 6th largest river draining a catchment of 1312km squared. Home to a range of freshwater species, which include Salmon, Sea trout, Eels and Lamprey, with its specimen Brown Trout. As a fishery it attracts visiting anglers from the UK and beyond. As such it is of international importance and is managed with the twin aims of conserving these populations and supporting a thriving economic fishery.

Background Information

Atlantic salmon enter the Don each month of the year. From the 11th of February through to the end of October a rod and line fishery operates. This fishery usually catches an average of approximately 1500 salmon a year. This generates significant income for the local economy.

It should be noted that over the last four years the numbers of fish returning to the Don have declined. In 2015 the Don recorded its lowest catch since the early 1970's of 475 salmon.

Comments on Suction Bucket Trials

After reading the application and viewing the map provided the main comment is that due to the techniques proposed and the relatively small footprint of these proposed works, this proposal is unlikely to cause a significant effect on salmon migration.

General Comments

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- In view of the importance of salmonids, as highlighted by statute, not only to the ecology of
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 economy we would request that we are represented on the Advisory and Proposals
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 interests in a positive manner.

The Don DSFB is committed to working with Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited and the regulatory authorities to ensure that there is no adverse impact on either salmon or sea trout stocks. If you have any queries regarding this response then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Edwin Third

Don District Salmon Fishery Board

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Background Information

Atlantic salmon enter the Dee each month of the year. From the beginning of February through to the middle of October a rod and line fishery operates. This fishery usually catches an average of approximately 7000 salmon a year. This generates £15 million in current values to the local economy and supports approximately 500 full time equivalent jobs.

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It should be noted that over the last four years the numbers of fish returning to the Dee have declined. In 2015 the Dee recorded its lowest ever catch of 2600 salmon. The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation recommend using rod catch as an indicator of stock abundance through the Rod Catch Management Tool. This objective tool has been implemented on the Dee and has indicated that for 2015 the rod catch of salmon failed in each month of the year. It is against this backdrop of failing salmon stocks and the subsequent integrity of the SAC designation that this response has been compiled.

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After reading the application and viewing the map provided the main comment is that due to the techniques proposed and the relatively small footprint of these proposed works, this proposal is unlikely to cause a significant effect on salmon migration.

General Comments

- For the development in general the Dee DSFB recognises that this trial development provides an excellent opportunity to gain a greater understanding on the impacts that such marine renewable developments can have on migratory salmonids. We would take this opportunity to remind the developers of their legal responsibilities to Atlantic salmon under the Habitats Directive for the River Dee (Special Area of Conservation under the EC Habitats Directive 92/43 EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Flora and Fauna for Atlantic salmon).
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Sent: 04 January 2017 12:17 **To:** Drew J (Jessica)

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Good afternoon

Please find attached the response as requested from MCA.

Kind regards

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04 January 2017

Dear Jessica,

Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the potential impact of the above proposed works on the safety of navigation.

The Marine Licence application and supporting documentation have been considered by Navigation Safety Branch. On this occasion, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has no objection to consent being granted provided all maritime safety legislation is followed and the conditions/advisories below are applied:

Conditions:

- 1. The Licencee must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the activity through local notices to mariners.
- 2. The Licencee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk, The National Maritime Operations Centre is made aware of the works prior to commencement.

If you require any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Heloise Warner Navigation Safety Branch With regard to the attached application, please forward any comments you may have on these proposals, in an electronic format to (MS.MarineRenewables@gov.scot) by **10**th January **2017**.

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From: Jeffrey Gaskin < j-gaskin@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk>

Sent: 12 January 2017 16:59 **To:** Drew J (Jessica)

Subject: Fwd: Consultation - Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited – Suction Bucket Trials

Jessica,

Apologies, wrote the email below yesterday, only just realised it was still on my outbox.

Regards

Jeff gaskin

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeffrey Gaskin <j-gaskin@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk>

Date: 11 January 2017 at 15:07:30 GMT

To: Public Info Address <info@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk>

Subject: RE: Consultation - Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited â€" Suction Bucket Trials

Afternoon Jessica,

Thank you for the update on the Suction bucket Trials taking place at the AOWFL. I have passed on the details to the relevant staff and will keep them informed going forward. Otherwise I have no comments to raise.

Regards

Jeff Gaskin

Harbour Master

Aberdeen Harbour Board

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Email â€" J-Gaskin@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk

From: Public Info Address Sent: 09 January 2017 13:31

To: Jeffrey Gaskin < j-gaskin@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk >; Alexandra McIntosh <a-

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Subject: FW: Consultation - Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited â€" Suction Bucket Trials

From: Jessica.Drew@gov.scot [mailto:Jessica.Drew@gov.scot]

Sent: 09 January 2017 11:40

To: marineenergy@snh.gov.uk; Erica.Knott@snh.gov.uk; ArchieJ@nlb.org.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; boardchairman@riverdon.org.uk; info@riverdee.org;

<u>Douglas.Watson@thecrownestate.co.uk</u>; Public Info Address < <u>info@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk</u>>

Cc: Paul.Cook2@gov.scot; Catarina.Aires@gov.scot

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Kind regards

Jessica

From: Drew J (Jessica)

Sent: 13 December 2016 09:25

To: 'MARINEENERGY'; Erica.Knott@snh.gov.uk; nick.salter@mcga.gov.uk;

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