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4th March 2016

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

Applicant:

Graham Davey

Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Johnstone House 52 – 54 Rose Street

Aberdeen AB10 1HA

I can confirm that the works as outlined will be exempt from the requirement to obtain a licence under Part 4 of the above Act. The exemption is applied under Part 3, Article 18 B of The Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Order 2011.

Please note however, that this approval does not abrogate your responsibility to obtain the approval of other interested parties.

Engagement with the Fishing Associations, Oil Industry and Aberdeen harbour would be encouraged in order to work together to minimise the impact in the vicinity of Aberdeen Bay.

We would however be grateful if you could notify Marine Scotland when the works are complete.

Thank you for consulting with us on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Licensing Operations Team

## Drew J (Jessica)

From: Danny Stroud

**Sent:** 26 February 2016 10:25

To: Aires C (Catarina); navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk; navigation@nlb.org.uk; Harbour

Masters; tayside\_grampian@snh.gov.uk

Cc:

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on geotechnical survey at Aberdeen Bay, Aberdeen Offshore

Windfarm Limited

#### Good morning Jessica,

Following our telephone conversation this morning with regard to the geotechnical survey for the Aberdeen Windfarm. I have discussed this with my colleagues and as the scope of this work is outside the Aberdeen Harbour area we have no concerns.

We would like to see a Notice to Mariners issued regarding the work, this notice can also be posted on the Aberdeen Harbour website.

Regards Danny

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Danny Stroud Assistant Harbour Master Aberdeen Harbour

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From: Catarina.Aires@gov.scot [mailto:Catarina.Aires@gov.scot]

**Sent:** 22 February 2016 17:00

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harbour.co.uk>; tayside\_grampian@snh.gov.uk

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## Best regards, Catarina

#### **Catarina Aires**

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## Drew J (Jessica)

From: Nick Salter <

 Sent:
 25 February 2016 13:23

 To:
 Aires C (Catarina)

Cc:

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on geotechnical survey at Aberdeen Bay, Aberdeen Offshore

Windfarm Limited

#### Dear Catarina,

Provided Notices to Mariners are issued and all maritime legislation is followed (e.g. ColRegs) we do not have any concerns.

Best regards,

#### Nick

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From:

**Sent:** 22 February 2016 17:00

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tayside\_grampian@snh.gov.uk

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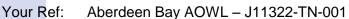
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25 February 2016

#### Dear Catarina

Thank you for your Email dated 22 February 2016 advising of the proposal by **Aberdeen Offshore Windfarm Limited** to carry out geotechnical investigation works at the European Offshore Wind Development Centre, Aberdeen Bay.

With regard to the consultation, we would only comment on any part relating to Shipping and Navigational Safety contained within the supporting documentation. We would require that local Notice(s) to Mariners and Radio Navigation warnings are promulgated describing the nature and timescale of the work prior to mobilisation of the vessel(s).

We would welcome and encourage engagement with the Fishing Associations, the Oil Industry and Aberdeen Harbour Board in order to work together to minimise the impact of these geotechnical investigations in the vicinity of Aberdeen Bay.

Please advise if we can be of any further assistance, or require clarification any of the above.



## Drew J (Jessica)

From: Catriona Gall

**Sent:** 25 February 2016 15:32

**To:** Aires C (Catarina); Drew J (Jessica)

Cc: Bain N (Nicola) (MARLAB); Sue Lawrence; Erica Knott; Caroline Carter

**Subject:** SNH no comments on Aberdeen Bay geotechnical survey

Hi both,

We've reviewed the information about this geotechnical survey and I'm emailing to confirm that SNH has no comments on this work and no specific concerns in relation to marine mammals. The activities, as described, are unlikely to give rise to any disturbance of marine mammals – we consider that the vessel and DP noise will mask the majority of, if not all, the noise from drilling or coring.

SNH does not have any objection to this work being exempt from a marine licence and we do not identify any requirement for an EPS licence.

Please get back to me if you need any further advice in respect of this consultation.

Yours sincerely,

#### **Catriona Gall**

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Thoiribh an aire airson adhbharan gnothaich, 's dòcha gun tèid sùil a chumail air puist-dealain a' tighinn a-steach agus a' dol a-mach bho SNH.

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