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Dear Naomi,

Thank you for your pre-application consultation regarding the above proposal. Sorry for the delay in responding due to the holiday period.

The proposal is located approximately 700m outwith the boundary of Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC and approximately 7km from Ascribs, Isay and Dunvegan SAC. However marine mammals from these sites use the waters around the fish farm and therefore impacts need to be considered. We welcome the proposed monitoring of underwater noise using hydrophones and recommend that these devices should be specified to record noise within the published hearing range of all locally recorded cetacean and seal species (common seals and harbour porpoise in particular). Depending on the noise levels and characteristics recorded we would be happy to offer further advice on how any potential impacts should be assessed. We note that no noisy works (piling or dredging etc) are required during installation.

The PMF habitat 'Inshore deep mud with burrowing heart urchins - *Brissopsis lyrifera* and *Amphiura chiajei* in circalittoral mud has been recorded in this part of Uig Bay (indicator species were collected in fish farm grab samples). While these species are unlikely to be recorded by the proposed 'before-and-after' ROV surveys there appears to few pathways by which the proposals could realistically affect them. The Manta device would be moored to the existing cage mooring grid and does not otherwise contact the sea bed, and the report details few opportunities for pollution.

We welcome the trial nature of the deployment and recommend that the noise assessment report in particular should be circulated at the end of the first year of the trial.

Regards

Alex

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Good afternoon,

Please find details attached of a project to deploy a MANTA wave energy convertor at the consented Loch Duart Ltd production site at Uig Bay, Skye.

Loch Duart Ltd (LDL) and Aqua Power Technologies are currently in the process of making a Marine Licence application to MD-LOT for Marine Renewable Energy Projects in the Territorial Sea and UK Controlled Waters Adjacent to Scotland under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 for the deployment of this equipment.

We welcome any comments you may have on this. If these can be forwarded by email to naomi@lochduart.com by 4/7/2024 that would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, a Teams meeting can be set up to discuss any aspects of this project further.

Yours sincerely

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