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THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

Application for a Basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*) licence for one of the following purposes

- Preserving public health or public safety
- Preventing the spread of disease
- Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber or any other form of property, or to fisheries.
- Social, economic or environmental purpose

Important: Before completing this form, please read these notes carefully

Please complete all relevant sections of the form.

Please ensure that you answer questions fully in order to avoid delays.

The completed application should be sent to Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT) at the address below or emailed to MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot.

We will not process unsigned application forms.

Please ensure that you supply any necessary supporting information e.g. detailed method statements, risk assessments etc.

MD-LOT will aim to determine whether a licence should be issued within 6 to 8 weeks of acceptance of a completed application.

If you experience any problems filling in this form, please contact MD-LOT.

Please use this application form if you wish to undertake works/activities that would affect Basking sharks in the inshore marine area (0 – 12 nautical miles).

Do not use this form if your application relates to scientific, research, conservation or educational purposes. Please contact NatureScot, email licensing@nature.scot, Telephone 01463 725364 or visit the [NatureScot website](#) for a licence application for these purposes.

Before a licence can be granted, it is essential that other relevant licences or consents have been secured for the proposed activity (eg Marine licence).

It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents or authorisations that may be required.

Part A

Section 1 Personal details

Please provide details of the individual, company or partnership you wish to be named on the licence. The licensee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence and its conditions. Failure to carry out the work proposed in accordance with the terms of the licence may expose the licensee to criminal liability.

Section 2 Previous applications

Please provide details of any previous relevant licences.

Part B

Section 3

Location

Describe the location of the proposed works. Include a list of the latitude and longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) of the boundary points of the proposed project. WGS84 is the World Geodetic System 1984 and the reference co-ordinate system used for marine licence applications. Co-ordinates taken from GPS equipment should be set to WGS84. Coordinates taken from recent admiralty charts will be on a WGS84 compatible datum. Ordnance survey maps do not use WGS84. In a few cases, (e.g. laying of long pipelines) it may only be practicable to supply co-ordinates for the start and end points.

Example: For positions read from charts the format should be as in the example: 55°55.555'N 002°22.222'W (WGS84). The decimal point specifies that decimals of minutes are used and the datum is stated explicitly. If seconds are used then the format should be as in the example: 55°55'44"N 2°22'11"W (WGS84).

It is important that the correct positions, in the correct format, are included with this application, as any errors will result in the application being refused or delayed.

Section 4 Consideration of designated sites

Please provide details of any designated sites affected by your proposals. You are advised to consult Scottish Natural Heritage, or other appropriate regulator, if the work you propose to do affects a European site, an MPA or a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Section 5 Activities to be licensed

Please indicate the activities you intend to undertake that would otherwise be unlawful. Provide details of the proposed commencement and completion dates of the activities. The licence start date will not be backdated, since to commence a project for which a licence has not been obtained may constitute an offence resulting in appropriate legal action.

It is the licensee's responsibility to apply for any further licences or an extension prior to the expiry of the initial licence.

Section 6 Purpose of the licence application

Please indicate the purpose of the licence application as described in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Part 1, Section 16 (3).

Section 7 Satisfactory alternatives

Please provide your consideration of why there is no satisfactory alternative. This must include the other options that have been evaluated, the alternative sites that were considered by you and why they were rejected (if no other sites were considered, you must provide the reasons why), or alternative methods of carrying out the work and alternative dates / timings. The 'do nothing' alternative must also be considered.

In relation to each alternative considered, please provide an explanation of why you consider it to be satisfactory or unsatisfactory. In respect of any alternative sites please provide the location(s) and details of the alternative site(s), or your views on how the activity/proposal might have been achieved differently, and any other helpful information; e.g., pros and cons of alternative sites, or whether there is likely to be demand for all suitable sites to be used to meet an identified need. Please explain how this conclusion was reached.

Section 8 Summary of the planning / licensing position

Detail all consents and licences required for the proposed project and indicate those that you have applied for or received.

Section 9 Noise Monitoring

Under the Marine Strategy Regulations (2010), there is now a requirement to monitor loud, low to mid frequency (10Hz to 10kHz) impulsive noise. This includes use of seismic airguns, other geophysical surveys (<10kHz), pile driving, explosives and certain acoustic deterrent devices. This monitoring requires completion of a form at the application stage (giving details of the proposed work) as well as completion of a 'close-out' form (giving details of the actual dates and locations where the activities occurred). The close-out form should be returned within 12 weeks of completing the 'noisy' activity or, in the case of prolonged activities such as piling for harbour construction or wind farms, at quarterly intervals or after each phase of foundation installation. These forms are available on the [Marine Noise Registry website](#).

Section 10 Scotland's National Marine Plan

Scotland's National Marine Plan has been prepared in accordance with the EU Directive 2014/89/EU, which came into force in July 2014. The Directive introduces a framework for maritime spatial planning and aims to promote the sustainable development of marine areas and the sustainable use of marine resources. It also sets out a number of minimum requirements all of which have been addressed in this plan. In doing so, and in accordance with article 5(3) of the Directive, the Marine Directorate has considered a wide range of sectoral uses and activities and have determined how these different objectives are reflected and weighted in the marine plan. Land-sea interactions have also been taken into account as part of the marine planning process. Any applicant for a marine licence should consider their proposals with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan. A copy of Scotland's National Marine Plan can be found on the [Scottish Government website](#).

Indicate whether you have considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan and provide details of considerations made with reference to the policies, including but not limited to General Policy13 (GEN 13), that have been considered. If you have not considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan please provide an explanation.

Section 11 Privacy notice

This section briefly describes the Scottish Ministers' responsibilities in relation to Data Protection based on the requirements the data protection laws and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Part D

Section 12 Declaration and warning

It is important to read the Declaration and Warning sections before signing the application form.

Site visits and compliance checks

It is possible that the licensing authority may undertake a site visit prior to the issue of a licence. The majority of site visits will be arranged several days in advance and will be conducted in the presence of the licensee (or applicant) however there may be occasions when a site visit will be made at short notice.

Licensees should be aware that they may receive a request for a site visit by the licensing authority, or a person authorised by the licensing authority, to assess site conditions against the conditions of the licence. It is essential that if any of the agreed mitigation measures contained in the method statement are changed for any reason, the licensing authority is informed as soon as possible.

The Licensing authority will monitor compliance with licences issued based on the information included in licence returns.

Where to seek further information

Further information can be obtained from Licensing Operations Team at the address below.

Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team
Scottish Government
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Aberdeen
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While every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this document is accurate, nothing in this document should be taken to replace the current legislation in force at this time. You are advised to obtain qualified legal advice in relation to your rights and responsibilities under the 1981 Act and other legislation.

Part A. The Applicant: Personal details

These questions relate to the person who will be the named licensee. The licence can be issued to an individual or a company or a partnership and the licensee will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence and the conditions of the licence. Under the The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 failure to carry out the work which you propose in accordance with the terms of the licence may expose you to criminal liability.

1. Name of applicant

Title: Forename(s): Surname:

Company Name:

Business Title (if Appropriate):

Address:

Tel no. (incl dialling code):

Email address:

2. The Applicant: Previous applications:

Have you previously held a wildlife licence issued in the UK? (please tick as appropriate)

Yes No (If yes, please complete below, if no, please go to Part B)

Who issued the licence?

Licence number (most recent licence)

Year in which the licence was issued.

What species were covered by the licence?

What activity was covered by the licence e.g. disturb, injure?

Part B. The Application

3 Species

(a) How many individuals will be affected by licensed work? This must be the maximum number of animals that could be affected prior to any mitigation measures being applied.

No individuals are expected to be injured by the proposed licensed works.
 Minimal individuals will be affected by disturbance, as the works will be temporary with mitigation in place, and the animals are transitory species.
 It is anticipated that at most 4.25 individual basking sharks will be affected by the proposed works within Scottish waters. Disturbance is likely to be localised and short-term, and with mitigation is considered to be negligible. Disturbance will not be sufficient to cause any population-level effects. (Please see section 5.4 of the attached EPS Risk Assessment report)

(b) Please provide a description of how this number was calculated / estimated

There is no reference population available for basking shark in the waters of the Irish Sea. The density of basking shark used was 0.00 - 0.10 individuals per square kilometre. This density estimate is from the NatureScot 'Observed adjusted densities of basking shark all seasons 2000 to 2012', as available on the NMPi website (accessed April 2025). The Scottish portion of the survey route corridor will be a maximum of 170 km in length and 250 m wide, meaning it can be estimated as a conservative maximum that a total of 4.25 individuals could be encountered within the cable route corridor. This can be considered highly precautionary as the beam (width) of the survey vessels will be no more than 16m, much smaller than the 250 m width of the cable route corridor.

(c) **Location of proposed licensed action**

Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) defining the extent of the project. Please continue **on a separate sheet** if necessary.

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- (d) Provide a brief description of the proposed activity and the methods to be used.
Detailed information should be included in your supporting information
Please provide details of the source levels and frequencies of underwater noise if relevant

To inform the development of the AC5 and AC6 cable routing assessment works, marine geophysical surveys are required to collect baseline data of the potential survey corridors. The survey activity will constitute the following aspects: Multi-beam Echosounder (MBES), Sidescan Sonar (SSS), Sub bottom profiler (SBP), Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP) deployment, and Ultra Short BaseLine (USBL) positioning.

- (e) Briefly state how you will minimise the impact of your proposed work on Basking shark.
Detailed information should be included in your supporting information.

- Adherence to best practice measures outlined in JNCC guidelines (2017).
- Pre-work searches of a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the use of sound-generating equipment (MBES, SSS, SBP and USBL). These will be carried out by a fully briefed member of the vessel's crew acting as an MMO or by a JNCC certified MMO in the case of activities taking place during daylight hours. For activities occurring outside of daylight hours, pre-work watches will be carried out by a fully certified PAM operator.
- Recommended mitigation zone of 500 m.
- Once deployed, USBL positioning system and transponder beacon will remain activated and remain operational during ROV works
- Additional pre-work mammal watches required if a significant break in operations were to occur with deactivation of the sound-producing system for more than 10 minutes. In this case, a minimum 30 minute pre-watch would be carried out before restarting work.
- After pre-work watches are complete, as per the revised JNCC guidance (JNCC, 2017), where practical, the power of acoustic sources (i.e. MBES, SSS, SBPs) should be ramped up in a uniform manner over a period of 20 minutes. Where soft starts are not possible according to the operational parameters of any other equipment, the device shall be switched "on" and "off" in a consistent sequential manner over a period of 20 minutes prior to commencement of the full necessary output.
- An observer will be present on the bridge of the survey vessel, undertaking a watch during transit from the port to the survey corridor. In the case of an observation, the Master of the vessel will ensure all marine mammals are avoided to a distance of at least 100 m, and will minimise the use of high powered vessel manoeuvres (where safety is not impaired).
- A log of all MMO (suitably briefed crew member) effort, SPB use, and USBL positioning equipment operations will be kept.
- Following completion of the survey programme, SPEN/NGET will submit a report to MD-LOT.

4. Consideration of designated sites

Designated Areas: National Nature Reserves (NNR), Sites of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar sites, Marine Protected Areas (MPA). Information on designated sites is available on [NatureScot's website](#).

- (a) Will any part of the proposed activity fall within /or adjacent to an area covered by a designated site eg SSSI, SAC, MPA?

Yes No

- (b) Please give the name of the designated site(s) and either the outcome of your consultations or the reason why you have not consulted. Please enclose any relevant correspondence.

The proposed activity will fall within the Clyde Sea Sill MPA and adjacent to the South Arran MPA.

The proposed activity will be adjacent to several SSSIs: Western Gailes, Troon Golf Links and Foreshore, Girvan to Ballantrae Coast Section and Ballantrae Shingle Beach.

The proposed activity will not occur within or adjacent to any Scottish SACs.

None of the sites overlapping or adjacent to the works sites are designated for marine mammals or basking shark and are not considered relevant to this EPS licence application. No consultation has been undertaken as the survey activities are predicted to be unlikely to injure any EPS or basking shark and may disturb a small percentage of the reference population, however the proposed mitigations will reduce the disturbance risk.

The cable route corridor is adjacent to the Ailsa Craig SPA. While these are not EPS, the survey activities may cause some disturbance and/or displacement of bird species due to the physical presence of the survey vessel and equipment. However, the mitigation measures proposed for marine mammals will reduce this risk, as will the short duration of survey activities and predefined routes making vessel movements predictable.

The proposed activity will fall within or adjacent to several designated sites in Northern Irish and Welsh waters. Separate applications relevant to those jurisdictions consider the potential for impact on those sites.

5. Activities to be Licenced

Proposed Methods

(a) Please complete all relevant columns in the table below to indicate the methods you propose to use, the activity involved and the time period in which you propose to use each method. This information will be used when preparing the licence to cover activities that would otherwise be unlawful, and failure to give full details may result in an inappropriate licence being issued.

Disturb	Kill	Take / trap	Damage or destroy place of shelter / protection	Method	From	To
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	geophysical survey (MBES, SSS, SBP) and USBL po	01/07/2025	01/07/2026
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6. Purposes of the licence application (tick one box only)

Please indicate which purpose relates to the proposed works. The options shown are taken from The Wildlife and Contryside Act 1981.

(a) Preserving public health or public safety (we will require evidence that there is a risk to public health or public safety e.g. an imminent risk of flooding) (Section 16 (3) (f))

Complete Annex A

(b) Preventing the spread of disease (Section 16 (3) (g))

Complete Annex B

(c) Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber or any other form of property, or to fisheries.(Section 16 (3) (h))

Complete Annex C

(d) Social, economic or environmental purpose (Section 16 (3) (i))

Complete Annex D

7. Satisfactory alternatives

Please explain why there is no satisfactory alternative to carrying out the proposed work affecting the species. You must describe all possible alternatives which were considered and why they were considered unsuitable. You must also consider the option of not undertaking the work. It is not acceptable to state that 'there is no alternative'.

To fulfill regulation 44, 3a of the Habitats Regulations, alternatives to the proposed geophysical survey campaign have been considered. Please see section 7.2 of the attached EPS Risk Assessment report for further detail.

It was determined that there are no satisfactory alternatives to the use of positioning / survey equipment during the survey, due to the need to accurately position the equipment and characterise obstructions on the seabed, as well as the layers of sediment or rock below the seabed. The surveys are required to inform engineering of the cable installation and thus a “do nothing” alternative presents significant risks to the project including unknown seabed conditions, unknown locations of potential obstructions, unknown habitat locations and unknown geotechnical conditions resulting in an unsafe construction programme.

Thus it is considered that the ‘no satisfactory alternative test’ has been met.

8. Other licences / consents

Please detail below all licences / consents you have applied for or received. Before a licence can be granted, it is essential that other relevant licences or consents have been secured for the proposed activity (eg marine licence).

Type of licence / consent (e.g. marine licence, local planing authority, local works licence)	Date applied for	Reference no.	Date of issue of consent

9. Noise Monitoring

Please indicate if any of the following noise generating activities will be taking place during the operations:

Use of explosives Piling Use of acoustic deterrent devices
Survey equipment operating in the range 10 Hz – 10kHz

If you have ticked any of the above boxes please complete a proposed activity form on the [Marine Noise Registry website](#).

Please note the form must only be completed once for each activity. If you have already completed a form for this activity (eg through the marine licensing process) please give details.

The activity application form was submitted on 30/04/2025, activity application number 3917.

Licence applications will not be accepted until this form has been completed and submitted.

10. Scotland's National Marine Plan

Provide details of considerations made with reference to the relevant policies that have been considered.

GEN 14 (Submarine Cable) of Scotland's National Marine Plan is relevant to the project. Specifically, the project is in line with Objective 5, which is to "support the generation, distribution and optimisation of electricity from traditional and renewable sources to Scotland, UK and beyond."

The marine planning policies within GEN 14 stress the importance of cable and network owners of minimising impacts on the environment, seabed and other users when installing new cables. The proposed geophysical survey works are designed to provide evidence to inform the routing process to allow for minimising impacts.

Therefore, it is considered that the proposed works are in line with the relevant policies.

11. Privacy notice

The Scottish Government's Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT) has a range of statutory responsibilities including determining applications for licences to disturb or injure marine European protected species (EPS) under the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 and The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and Basking shark licences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

MD-LOT will, where necessary, process personal information including: names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers to determine a licence application. Personal information will be stored securely in the Scottish Government's official corporate record.

A full privacy notice can be found on the [Scottish Government website](#). If you are unable to access this, or you have any queries or concerns about how your personal information will be handled, contact MD-LOT at: Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB. Email: MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot

Have you remembered to enclose supporting information with your application, as described in the accompanying guidance? Please check

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| Completed application form | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Completed annex | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Map / chart | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Correct co-ordinates | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Supporting information / risk assessment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Part C. Declarations

12. I have read and understand the guidance provided in this application form. I declare that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.

I authorise employees or representatives of the Scottish Ministers to enter the site which is subject to this application for the purpose of monitoring and inspecting the permitted works.

Warning

Under the THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (as amended) failure to carry out the work which you propose in accordance with the terms of the licence may expose you to criminal liability. The licensee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence.

The Scottish Ministers can modify or revoke a licence at any time, provided there are good reasons. Any licence that may be issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information was provided and resulted in the issue of a licence.

Under the **THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (as amended)**, any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnishes a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such offences is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000), or to both imprisonment and a fine.

Note: Previous convictions for wildlife offences will be taken into account and in some cases may mean that the Scottish Ministers do not consider it appropriate to grant a licence.

[Redacted]

Signature of the
Applicant

Date **29/04/2025**

on behalf of SP Transmission

(The person named at part 1)

Name in block letters

[Redacted]

Note – If signing on behalf of a company, please append your signature with “on behalf of company name”.

The completed application should be signed and sent to Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) at the address below or emailed to MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot

Please remember to include all supporting information.

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Annex A

Only to be completed if you selected for preserving public health or public safety in question 6 of the application form

Please complete all questions

Give details of the risk to public health or safety

How has the risk been identified? Please give details of any expert advice received.

How will the proposed activity address the identified risk?

Annex B

Only to be completed if you selected for preventing the spread of disease in question 6 of the application form

Please complete all questions

What disease(s) is / are at risk of being spread if the proposed activity does not go ahead? Please give details of any expert advice received.

How will the proposed activity prevent the spread of disease? Please give details of any expert advice received.

Annex C

Only to be completed if you selected for preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber or any other form of property, or to fisheries in question 6 of the application form.

Please complete all questions

What serious damage has occurred or will occur if the proposed activity does not go ahead? Please give details of any expert advice received.

How will the proposed activity prevent serious damage? Please give details of any expert advice received.

Annex D

Only to be completed if you selected for a social, economic or environmental purpose in question 6 of the application form

Please complete all questions

What benefits will be provided by the proposed activity? Give details and indicate if they are social, economic or environmental. Please indicate if the benefits are short or long term.

AC5 and AC6 are part of a first of a kind development in the UK to create a multi-terminal HVDC 525 kV 2 GW solution. AC5 and AC6 form part of an innovative three-ended link and so enhance transmission capability between Scotland and Wales. The design also offers a connection for the MachairWind offshore windfarm.

What public interest will be served? Who will benefit from the proposed activity? Does the proposed activity address a need?

The United Kingdom (UK) has policy ambitions to ramp up offshore wind generation as part of the strategy for achieving net zero objectives and decarbonising the power system. Aligned with the UK government's focus on growth, a clean power system can support wider economic objectives through new jobs across the UK in the sector and associated supply chains and enable growth in other sectors, including the growing digital and data economy. The drive for increased offshore wind generation creates the need for a suite of accompanying transmission system reinforcements. The projects referred to as AC5 and AC6 are two of a set of transmission reinforcement projects to provide High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) reinforcement on the west coast of Great Britain between Scotland and Wales identified through the Holistic Network Design (HND) to support achievement of net zero objectives. The need for the projects was further identified in the Beyond 2030 document, which identified both projects as being necessary to enable UK grid decarbonisation (ESO, 2024).

Why is it imperative the proposed activity goes ahead?

The proposed geophysical survey activities are required to collect baseline data of the potential survey corridors, which will allow for evidence-based routing of the cable to reduce impacts on the environment, seabed and other users.

Does the proposed activity support any local regional or national policies? Please give details. Are you fulfilling a statutory role?

The need for the projects was identified in the Beyond 2030 document, which identified both AC5 and AC6 as being necessary to enable UK grid decarbonisation (ESO, 2024). The project aligns with Scotland's National Marine Plan, as described in Section 10 of this application form. As AC5 and AB6 will contribute to the expansion of the transmission network for distributing electricity from renewable sources, the proposed activity also relates to the following policies:

- The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019- this act sets targets to reduce Scotland's emissions of all greenhouse gases to net-zero by 2045 at the latest, with interim targets for reductions of at least 56% by 2020, 75% by 2030 and 90% by 2040.
- The Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan update demonstrates a pathway to meeting Scotland's emissions reduction targets over the period to 2032.
- The UK Government's 'Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution' (November 2020), establishes a framework for achieving net-zero, which includes the need for building more network infrastructure to integrate clean technologies like offshore wind.

The proposed surveys support the development of the AC5 and AC6 project which in turn helps to meet the targets of these policies by contributing to the UK grid decarbonisation.