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Subject: RE: SCOP 0049 - Thistle Wind Partners Limited - Ayre Offshore Wind Farm - Scotwind NE2 site - Scoping consultation - Response required by 3 August 2024
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Dear Amy,

During the consultation on the EIA Scoping for Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm, we highlighted a point in the proposed assessment methodology for marine mammals (Section 11.7), which was replicated and previously missed in the Ayre Scoping Report. Whilst we understand that the Scoping Opinion for Ayre has already been issued, we highlight additional advice below on this point for completeness –

Paragraph 11.7.2 states that the marine mammal species carried forward to the assessment will be grouped into broad ecological groups (IEFs) and impacts will be assessed for each IEF. The rationale behind this is not explained and we do not support this proposed approach for marine mammals. For clarity, we expect marine mammal species to be assessed independently rather than grouped together for assessment. For species where quantitative assessment is possible, we expect to see a percentage of each species respective (UK portion) reference population when assigning the magnitude of each assessed impact.

Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Best Wishes,

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