

Angus Gillies

From: OBrien, Mark Rs <m.obrien@sepa.org.uk>
Sent: 03 September 2020 16:48
To: Angus Gillies
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge -Temporary Replacement Structure Marine License

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Good afternoon Angus

As these works will be carried out under a licence from Marine Scotland they fall outside SEPA's regulatory remit.

Therefore, there are no issues as far as SEPA is concerned and my only comment would be to ensure best practice pollution controls are in place during the works.

Kind regards

Mark O'Brien

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From: Angus Gillies <angus.gillies@cne-siar.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 September 2020 15:52
To: CB Permitting Water <waterpermitting@sepa.org.uk>; nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk;
navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; enquiries@nlb.org.uk
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge -Temporary Replacement Structure Marine License

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Grid Reference for location: 116472 934202

Regards

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Good morning Angus,

Thank you for sending through details of the temporary bridge.

NLB would have no concerns about the proposed activities, and would recommend engaging with Kenny Morrison / Iain Buchanan within the CNES Harbour Master's office regarding promulgation of a local Notice to Mariners, and also with any local fish farm operators.

We would respond as such to a formal Marine Scotland Marine License application.

Regards

Adam

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Sent: 03 September 2020 15:51
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From: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 September 2020 20:28
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Angus,

Many thanks for confirming that the proposed works fall within the jurisdiction of a Harbour Authority.

I can confirm that the MCA has no concerns to raise on this occasion. As the site is within harbour limits, you should gain the approval/agreement of the responsible navigation authority or the Harbour Authority/Commissioners/Council. They may wish to issue local warnings to alert those navigating in the vicinity to the presence of the works, as deemed necessary.

Please can you also notify the local Coastguard at the start of the works.

Kind regards

Helen



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Helen,

Response as below.

Regards

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From: Roddy MacMinn <Roddy.MacMinn@nature.scot>
Sent: 17 September 2020 10:40
To: Angus Gillies
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge - Marine License Enquiry - MS LOT to App - 26 August 2020

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Hi Angus

Following our conversation last week and your further e-mail outlining the footprint of the two abutments (copied below), I am writing to outline NatureScot's position on the proposed replacement of the Bernera Bridge. I can confirm we do not anticipate any significant impact on the marine natural heritage. Nor do we anticipate needing further information to finalise our advice, assuming the proposal does not fall within the scope of the EIA regulations. I can also advise there are no protected areas likely to be effected by the construction of the proposed replacement bridge.

In reaching this conclusion I have reviewed the proposed construction method, the scale of footprint on the seabed/marine environment and the habitat and bathymetric data we have available for the channel at Sruth Iarsiadair. My understanding is that the bridge will span the entire channel without support other than the extended abutments at either shore.

For the terrestrial part of the work (not covered by the marine licence) I'd draw your attention to the protected status of otters. In my view it'd probably be worth getting a shoreline survey done by an experienced ecologist to ensure none of the proposed ground works will unwittingly destroy a holt/den and thus cause an offence.

see <https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/protected-areas-and-species/protected-species/protected-species-z-guide/protected-species-otters> for further information.

I hope the above provides you with enough information, but please feel free to get in touch should you need any further clarification

With best wishes

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