

## THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

### LICENCE TO DISTURB BASKING SHARKS (*Cetorhinus maximus*)

**Licence Number: EPS/BS-00010531**

This licence is granted under Part I, section 16(3)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 by the Scottish Ministers who, after consultation with and having been advised as to the circumstances in which they should grant such licences by NatureScot, are satisfied that the activities authorised by this licence and that there is no other satisfactory solution; and unless revoked by the Scottish Ministers is valid from **16 March, 2024** to **30 September, 2028** and authorises:

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**Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Plc**  
Inveralmond House,  
200 Dunkeld Road  
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Or any person authorised in writing by him / her to disturb (intentionally or recklessly) *basking sharks* (*Cetorhinus maximus*), located at Outer Hebrides Cable Survey, but only subject to the under-noted conditions.

### PURPOSE AND CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ACTION IS REQUIRED

This licence is granted for the purpose of permitting the disturbance of *basking sharks* (*Cetorhinus maximus*) at Outer Hebrides Cable Survey, for Social, economic or environmental purpose<sup>2</sup> in connection with Outer Hebrides Cable Route Surveys at the following location(s):

This licence is granted for permitting disturbance of the above named species as a result of the following activities:

Geophysical surveys using vessels

During the period this licence is valid section 9(4A) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 does not apply to the undertaking of the aforementioned licensed activities by either the Licensee or any person authorised in writing by him / her, which involves or results in the intentional or reckless disturbance of *basking sharks* (*Cetorhinus maximus*), at Outer Hebrides Cable Survey, provided that such activities are done under and in accordance with the terms of this licence.

### LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The Licensee must ensure that all licensed activities are carried out in strict accordance with the mitigation and working methods proposed in the application for this licence, together with supporting information and all licensed activities must be carried out within the timescale(s) given within the application and any subsequent written correspondence between Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team ("MD-LOT") and the applicant, but subject to the following modifications or amendments made within this licence.

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15 March, 2024