

THE CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITAT, &c.) REGULATIONS 1994 (AS AMENDED)

LICENCE TO DISTURB MARINE SPECIES

Public Case Handling Report for Licence Number: BS-00011494

Site	Deep Water Port, Glumaig Bay, Stornoway
Company	Stornoway Port Authority Amity House Esplanade Quay Stornoway Isle Of LewisHS1 2XS
Brief Description of Project	Construction and Capital dredging for deep water port improvements
Associated Licences	

Inshore/Offshore	Inshore
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TEST 1	Purpose of licence
	Social, economic or environmental purpose ²
Comments	
Meets test of overriding public interest in that the project which requires this licence is to develop the port area at Stornoway. This will lead to social and economic benefits to the area.	
Test 1 satisfied?	YES

TEST 2	Satisfactory alternatives
Comments	
The port development requires the activities of piling and dredging. The applicant has stated the need for these activities and also considered alternative locations. As well as justifying the selection of this location the applicant has suggested mitigation to reduce impacts on cetaceans and basking sharks	
Test 2 satisfied?	YES

TEST 3	Favourable conservation status
Comments	
NatureScot advised in consultation on 27 April 2022 that it is unlikely that large numbers of basking sharks will be encountered. However, as the activity will take place when basking sharks may be in the area a BS licence is also required. They continued, as long as the mitigation proposed for the cetaceans is in place, the surveys are unlikely to cause any significant adverse impacts to basking sharks. NS also confirmed that provided all mitigation is adhered to this work will not have a detrimental effect on the favourable conservation status of any EPS concerned. NS reiterated this advice in its response 07 January 2025 for this variation. NatureScot further re-iterated this advice on 19 November 2025 for this variation.	
Test 3 satisfied?	YES

Date application received: 13/11/2025

Consultation start date: 25/11/2024

Consultation end date: 06/01/2025

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National Marine Plan considerations:

The decision is: In accordance and no further action required
Comments: Applicant has provided a lengthy discussion of the NMP plan and I am inclined to agree that the application is in line with the NMP and the MPS. There is a clear social and economic benefit that could be gained from the port and there is good policy backing behind it.

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