

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

**LICENCE TO DISTURB MARINE SPECIES**

**Public Case Handling Report for Licence Number: EPS/BS-00011018**

<b>Site</b>	Deep Water Port, Glumaig Bay, Stornoway
<b>Company</b>	Stornoway Port Authority  Amity House Esplanade Quay Stornoway Isle Of Lewis HS1 2XS
<b>Brief Description of Project</b>	Construction and Capital dredging for deep water port improvements
<b>Associated Licences</b>	European Protected Species Licence No. 00011017 Marine Licence No. 00010975

<b>Inshore/Offshore</b>	Inshore
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<b>TEST 1</b>	<b>Purpose of licence</b>
	Social, economic or environmental purpose <sup>2</sup>
<b>Comments</b>	
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.	
<b>Test 1 satisfied?</b>	YES

<b>TEST 2</b>	<b>Satisfactory alternatives</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
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	
<b>Test 2 satisfied?</b>	YES

<b>TEST 3</b>	<b>Favourable conservation status</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
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.	
<b>Test 3 satisfied?</b>	YES

**Date application received:** 21/01/2022

**Consultation start date:** 25/11/2024

**Consultation end date:** 06/01/2025

**Notes**

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National Marine Plan considerations:

The decision is: In accordance and no further action required
Comments:

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