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**Marine Scotland (MS) Newsletter No 3**

**For Commercial Fisheries Working Groups (CFWGs) June 2022**

**Summary of relevant FMMS/consent plans**

There was an action agreed at the CFWG meetings held in March 2022 that Marine Scotland – Licensing Operation’s Team (MS-LOT) will provide a summary on the stage relevant FMMS/consent plans have reached to help plan and facilitate discussion at the CFWGs.

Consent Plan submitted and approved = Discharged

Consent Plan submitted to be consulted on  = Live

Consent plan not submitted = Pre sub

**Moray Firth**

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| **Windfarm** | **FMMS**  | **FLO** | **Cable**  | **VMP/NSP** | **Construction** | **O and M** |
| **Beatrice** | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged  | Discharged | Discharged | Live |
| **Beatrice OFTO** |  |  |  |  |  | Live |
| **Hywind** | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged |
| **Moray East** | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged | Discharged |
| **Moray West** | Live Submitted to MS-LOT 26/05/2022 – internal review prior to consultation | Live Submitted to MS-LOT 24/05/2022 – out for consultation until 16/06/2022 | Live Submitted to MS-LOT 17/05/2022 – currently under review internally  | Live Submitted to MS-LOT 30/05/2022 – internal review prior to consultation | LiveSubmitted to MS-LOT 19/05/2022 – internal review prior to consultation  | Pre SubmissionNot yet submitted to MS-LOT – post-consent plan required 3 months’ prior to the Commissioning of the first WTG  |
| **Pentland** | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub |

**Forth and Tay**

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| **Windfarm** | **FMMS**  | **Cable**  | **VMP/NSP** |  | **O and M** |
| **Forthwind** | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub |
| **Inchcape**  | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub |
| **Kincardine** | Discharged  | Discharged  | Discharged  | Discharged  | Discharged  |
| **NNG** | Discharged  | Discharged  | Discharged  | Discharged  | Discharged  |
| **Seagreen** | Discharged  | Discharged  | Discharged  | Discharged  | **Live** |
| **Seagreen 1a** | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub | Pre sub |

*Note NNG has an additional monitoring condition as part of its PEMP to monitor impact on fisheries. The second preconstruction report should be available soon.*

*Note Forthwind currently consulting on new s.36 and ML.*

**Damage to Gear Template Subgroup**

The damage to gear forms have been reviewed, version 2 has been split into separate forms for mobile and static gear. The guidance document has been reviewed and brought into line with these changes and a check made against feedback.



Links to these forms will be available on the first page of the CFWG website

There was an action on Marine Scotland to contact MS Compliance to ascertain if they are content to assist claimants with the completion of forms. MS Compliance are content to facilitate the completion of claim forms, however, if should be noted that assistance may be given for sections 2 & 3 only, they will play no part in the assessment of the claim.

**CFWG Website (**[CFWG Website)](https://marine.gov.scot/cfwg-view)

Website is complete, see link.

**FMMS Guidance**

In the light of Scotwind the FMMS guidance is under review . New action to add revised damage to gear claim forms ( Mobile, static, guidance notes as appendix). Marine Scotland will be happy to engage with stakeholders over any queries. Timeline Dec 22

**FLOWW Guidance**

Draft of Modules 1 to 5 was provided to FLOWW meeting on the 03/12/2021 Copy provided to CFWG memberships 7th and 9th of December 2021). Comments from various parties were received. A revised module 1 was prepared.

On 10 June at the Mitigation workshop meeting it was mentioned that Crown Estate was putting the FLOWW BPG out to contract. MS is investigating how this impacts on the current work.

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| FLOWW BPG Mod 1 to 5  | Sent 02/12/21 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 MCA response  | Response 03/12/21 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 Seafish | Response 15/12/21 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 SFF and CFWG  | Response 19/01/22 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 MMO  | Response 11/02/22 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 Orsted  | Response 15/02/22 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 SSE | Response 15/02/22 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 RWE | Response 01/03/22 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 ESCA | Response 15/03/22 |
| FLOWW BPG Modules 1 to 5 Scottish Power | Response 17/03/21  |

**ScotMER work/projects update**

MSS research update

* The Commercial Fisheries Sensitivity Mapping project led by Cefas was awarded funding by The Crown Estate’s Offshore Wind Evidence and Change Programme (OWEC). The project initiation meeting will kick off at the end of August/beginning of September.
* MSS have received the draft report from the Essential Fish Habitat project led by contractor, Anita Franco. Stakeholder comments were due in by the end of last week (3rd June) and MSS comments are due this Friday (10th June). The final report taking into account stakeholder comments will be circulated once published.
* The next ScotMER Fish and Fisheries Strategic Research Group meeting is Monday 20th June.
* MSS are progressing discussions on the scope and budget for a project on EMF. Kirsty is also attending a MASTS funded workshop on EMF called ‘Collaboratively Advancing our Understanding of Electromagnetic Fields from Subsea Power Cables’ led by Dr Zoe Hutchison and Dr Andrew Gill.
* The Static fishing trial project in Hywind is due to start on 27th June 2022 and run trips every month until October to test the safe deployment of static gear within a floating offshore windfarm.
* MSS carried out the first acoustic equipment deployment and fish tagging of the ‘Predators and Prey Around Renewable Energy Developments’ (PrePARED) project in April 2022. 50 commercial fish species were successfully tagged and are being tracked within the Moray Firth offshore windfarms.
* As part of the PrePared program MSS will be carrying out acoustic transects and fish sampling around the Firths of Forth and Tay between the 23rd of June and the 11th of July 2022 . During this survey pelagic fish will be sampled as opportunity and marks of fish are encountered, more structured demersal trawls are also planned at the Berwick and Marr Bank Offshore Windfarms. A separate Notice to Mariners will be issued in due course.