

Marine Licence Application for Dredging and Sea Disposal

Version 1.0

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Acronyms

Please note the following acronyms referred to in this application form:

BPEO	Best Practicable Environmental Option
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MMO	Marine Mammal Observer
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MS-LOT	Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team
PAM	Passive Acoustic Monitoring
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
WGS84	World Geodetic System 1984

Explanatory Notes

The following numbered paragraphs correspond to the questions on the application form and are intended to assist in completing the form. These explanatory notes are specific to this application and so you are advised to read these in conjunction with the Marine Scotland Guidance for Marine Licence Applicants document.

1. Applicant Details

The person making the application who will be named as the licensee.

2. Dredging Contractor Details

The person whose activities produce the substance(s) or object(s) to be dredged and/or intended for sea disposal (e.g the dredging contractor).

3. Agent Details

Any person acting under contract (or other agreement) on behalf of any party listed as the applicant and having responsibility for the control, management or physical deposit or removal of any substance(s) or object(s).

4. Payment

Indicate payment method. Cheques must be made payable to: The Scottish Government.

Marine licence applications will not be accepted unless accompanied by a cheque for the correct application fee, or if an invoice is requested, until that invoice is settled. Target timelines for determining applications do not begin until the application fee is paid.

5. Application Type

Indicate if the application is for a new dredging site or a site that has previously been dredged. Provide the existing or previous consent/licence number, expiry date and quantity (in wet tonnes) dredged under the consent/licence up to a stated date if applicable.

6. Dredging and Sea Disposal Details

- (a) Give a brief description of the dredging and sea disposal operation.
- (b) Provide the proposed start date of the project. The start date will not be backdated, since to commence a project for which a licence has not been obtained will constitute an offence, which may result in appropriate legal action. A licence is normally valid for the duration of the project but not exceeding 3 years. If a project will not be completed before a marine licence lapses, it will be necessary for licence holders to re-apply for a further licence to continue any ongoing work at least 14 weeks prior to the expiry date of the licence. **Target duration for determination of a marine licence application is 14 weeks.**
- (c) Provide the proposed completion date of the project.

- (d) Describe the location of the proposed works. Include a list of the latitude and longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) of the boundary points for each dredge site area. WGS84 is the World Geodetic System 1984 and the reference co-ordinate system used for marine licence applications. Co-ordinates taken from GPS equipment should be set to WGS84. Coordinates taken from recent admiralty charts will be on a WGS84 compatible datum. Ordnance survey maps do not use WGS84.

Example: For positions read from charts the format should be as in the example: 55°55.555'N 002°22.222'W (WGS84). The decimal point specifies that decimals of minutes are used and the datum is stated explicitly. If seconds are used then the format should be as in the example: 55°55'44"N 2°22'11"W (WGS84).

It is important that the correct positions, in the correct format, are included with this application, as any errors will result in the application being refused or delayed.

To supplement your application, please provide a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map (1:2,500 scale but not more than 1:10,000) or Admiralty Chart which must be marked to indicate:

- the full extent of the works in relation to the surrounding area;
- latitude and longitude co-ordinates defining the location of the works;
- the level of MHWS;
- any adjacent SAC, SPA, SSSI, MPA, Ramsar or similar conservation area boundary.

Drawings and plans will be consulted upon. If they are subject to copyright, **it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain necessary approvals to reproduce the documents and to submit suitably annotated copies with the application.**

- (e) Provide details of the proposed disposal site for the dredged substance(s) or object(s) and, if necessary, any alternative disposal site(s) considered. In determining whether to grant a marine licence, MS-LOT will take into account any site nominated by the applicant. However, should this site be unsuitable, the nearest suitable disposal site for the dredged substance(s) or object(s) will be identified. Should you wish to establish a new site, please provide details in a covering letter with your application and MS-LOT will contact you to discuss your proposal before your application is determined. The cost of any site investigations to identify any new disposal site will normally be the responsibility of the applicant.
- (f) Indicate if any part of the works (dredging or sea disposal site) are located within the jurisdiction of a statutory harbour authority and provide details of the statutory harbour authority where relevant.
- (g) Provide a full method statement. The method statement must include details such as the rate of dredging, timing of the operation and order of the areas to be dredged.
- (h) Provide assessment of the potential impacts the works may have, including interference with other uses of the sea. Please include details of areas of concern e.g designated conservation areas, such as a SAC, SPA, SSSI, MPA or Ramsar site and shellfish harvesting areas. Further guidance on designated conservation areas can be obtained from SNH at this website: <http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/sitelink/index.jsp> and guidance on shellfish harvesting areas can be obtained from <http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/> with regards to the Shellfish Waters Directive (2006/113/EC) which has parameters set to protect the water quality in which edible shellfish are grown.

Applicants should also be aware of the need to pay due regard to coastal and marine archaeological matters and attention is drawn to Historic Scotland's Operational Policy Paper HP6, "Conserving the Underwater Heritage".

Any application for beach replenishment works must be cross checked as to whether the proposed site is a designated bathing water site. If so, all physical works should ideally be done outwith the Bathing Water Season (1st June to 15th September). Further guidance on the Bathing Waters Directive (2006/7/EC) can be obtained from <http://apps.sepa.org.uk/bathingwaters/>.

Where there are potential impacts from the works, please provide details of proposed mitigation, such as use of MMOs or PAM, in response to potential impacts.

7. Details of Substance(s) or Object(s) to be Dredged

Information is required for each dredge site area listed in section 6 (d). please provide the following information:

Name of Dredge Area: For example Approach Channel or West of South Quay.

Type (Maintenance or Capital): **Maintenance dredge** applies to an area that has been dredged more than once and either annually or on a regular basis and was last dredged with the past 7 years; and a **Capital dredge** applies where an area/depth is being dredged either for the first time, or which has not been dredged within the past 7 years.

For capital dredging operations, a pre-dredge survey and sediment chemical analysis report will be required by MS-LOT prior to the issue of a sea disposal licence. Please contact MS-LOT for details in relation to specific projects. For maintenance dredging operations sites that have not been chemically analysed for more than 3 years, pre-dredge chemical analysis will be required to be undertaken. In addition to those samples analysed by the applicant, sediment sub-sample(s) must be submitted to MS-LOT as check monitoring may be required.

Estimated Specific Gravity: Indicate the specific gravity of the substance(s) or object(s) to be dredged from each dredge area.

Depth: Indicate the maximum depth (in metres) below the current seabed level, to which it is expected dredging is to be carried out, for each dredge area.

Quantity to be Dredged per Year (wet tonnes): Indicate the quantity of substance(s) or object(s) to be dredged (per year) from each dredge area. The quantity must be provided in wet tonnes.

8. Physical Composition

Indicate the approximate proportions as a percentage for each size range against each of the dredge site areas listed in section 6 (d) which are expected to be removed.

9. Details of Substance(s) or Object(s) Quality

Please indicate whether the substance(s) or object(s) from any of the areas to be dredged have been chemically analysed within the past 3 years. If yes, please provide details (locations, dates, results) on a separate sheet. If no, please provide justification. For capital projects, you are required to have representative sediment samples analysed at a laboratory of choice (see MS-LOT Pre-dredge Sampling Guidance document at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/Applications/predredge> for analytical requirements. This is liable to extend the time required to consider your application as **marine licence applications will not be determined without provision of this chemistry data.**

As part of the application determination process, you are required to carry out an assessment of the chemical and physical characteristics of the substance(s) or object(s) to be deposited at sea and potential effects upon the marine environment. It is your responsibility to show that the substance(s) or object(s) are suitable to be considered for sea disposal. This assessment should form part of your BPEO.

Under section 27(2) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the licensing authority has an obligation to consider the availability of practical alternatives when considering applications involving disposal of substance(s) or object(s) at sea. All applications for sea disposal must be supported by a detailed assessment of the alternative options - BPEO assessment. This must include a statement setting out the reasons why deposit of the substance(s) or object(s) at sea is the preferred option and applications will not be considered unless they are accompanied by such an assessment. All options in the BPEO must be explored fully (as per the guidance documents) otherwise your form and BPEO are liable to be returned to you, thereby delaying processing of the application.

As part of the licence conditions, you are likely to be required to take representative samples of the dredged substance(s) or object(s) during the dredging/sea disposal operations for analysis by MS-LOT. In such cases, samples must be taken at specified locations and depths and placed in containers which will be provided. The

samples must then be returned to MS-LOT at the Marine Laboratory Aberdeen. This process enables MS-LOT to fulfil its obligations under international conventions.

10. Details of Vessel(s) Undertaking Dredging and Sea Disposal

Provide the vessel name, vessel type (e.g cutter-suction) and name and address of all vessel operators to be used for dredging and sea disposal operations. If vessel details are not available at the time of application, please indicate this on the form as these details will be required prior to licence issue.

11. Noise Monitoring

Under the Marine Strategy Regulations (2010), there is now a requirement to monitor loud, low to mid frequency (10Hz to 10kHz) impulsive noise. Activities where this type of noise is produced include seismic airguns, other geophysical surveys (<10kHz), pile driving, explosives and certain acoustic deterrent devices. Where noisy activity is being undertaken, you must complete an initial registration form for the noise registry which allows you to provide details on the proposed work. Completion of a 'close-out' form, which allows licensees to provide details of the actual dates and locations where the activities occurred, is also required within 12 weeks of the completion of the 'noisy' activity or, in the case of prolonged activities such as piling for harbour construction or wind farms, at quarterly intervals or after each phase of foundation installation.

These forms can be downloaded from:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/science/MSInteractive/Themes/noise-reduction>

Marine licence applications will not be accepted until this form has been completed and submitted.

12. Statutory Consenting Powers

Please describe in the answer to this question what (if any) statutory responsibilities you (or your client) have to consent any aspect of the project.

13. Scotland's National Marine Plan

Scotland's National Marine Plan has been prepared in accordance with the EU Directive 2014/89/EU, which came into force in July 2014. The Directive introduces a framework for maritime spatial planning and aims to promote the sustainable development of marine areas and the sustainable use of marine resources. It also sets out a number of minimum requirements all of which have been addressed in this plan. In doing so, and in accordance with article 5(3) of the Directive, Marine Scotland have considered a wide range of sectoral uses and activities and have determined how these different objectives are reflected and weighted in the marine plan. Land-sea interactions have also been taken into account as part of the marine planning process. Any applicant for a marine licence should consider their proposals with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan. A copy of Scotland's National Marine Plan can be found at: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/03/6517/0>

Indicate whether you have considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan and provide details of considerations made including reference to the policies that have been considered. If you have not considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan please provide an explanation.

14. Consultation

Provide details of all bodies consulted and give details of any consents issued including date of issue.

15. Associated Works

Indicate whether the application is associated with any other marine projects (e.g. land reclamation, or marine/harbour construction works etc). If this is the case, provide reference/licence number for the related marine projects.

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It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents or authorisations that may be required.

Under Section 54 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, all information contained within and provided in support of this application will be placed on a Public Register. There are no national security grounds for application information not going on the Register under the 2010 Act.

Public Register

Do you consider that any of the information contained within or provided in support of this application should not be disclosed:

- (a) for reasons of national security; YES NO
- (b) for reasons of confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate commercial interest? YES NO

If **YES**, to either (a) or (b), please provide full justification as to why all or part of the information you have provided should be withheld.

N/A

WARNING

It is an offence under the Act under which this application is made to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information.

Target duration for determination is 14 weeks. Please note that missing or erroneous information in your application and complications resulting from consultation may result in the application being refused or delayed.

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Declaration

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this form and related papers is true.

Signature <Redacted>

Date

28/02/2024

Name in BLOCK LETTERS

Mathew Ross

Application Check List

Please check that you provide all relevant information in support of your application, including but not limited to the following:

- Completed and signed application form
- Maps/Charts
- Co-ordinates of the boundary points of the area of harbour jurisdiction (if you are a statutory harbour authority)
- Method Statement
- BPEO Assessment
- Analytical chemistry data (for capital projects)
- Transportation plan (dredger route to and from disposal site – if required)
- Additional information e.g. photographs, consultation correspondence
- Noise Registry – Initial Registration Form (if applicable)
- Payment (if paying by cheque)

1. Applicant Details

Title: **Mr** Initials: **N** Surname: **Uddin**

Trading Title (if appropriate): **Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd**

Address: **Municipal Buildings, Fore Street, Port Glasgow, PA14 5EQ**

Name of contact (if different):

Telephone No. (inc. dialing code): **<Redacted>**

Email: **<Redacted>**

Statutory Harbour Authority? YES NO

If **YES**, please provide a list of the latitude and longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) of the boundary points of the area of harbour jurisdiction using Appendix 01 Additional Co-ordinates form if necessary.

2. Dredging Contractor Details (if any)

Title: Initials: Surname:

If the Dredging Contractor is the Applicant shown in section 1 please tick the box

Trading Title (if appropriate):

Address:

Name of contact (if different):

Telephone No. (inc. dialing code):

Email:

3. Agent Details (if any)

Title: **Mr** Initials: **M** Surname: **Ross**

Trading Title (if appropriate): **Mott MacDonald**

Address: **319 St Vincent St, Glasgow, G2 5LD**

Name of contact (if different):

Telephone No. (inc. dialing code): **<Redacted>**

Email: **<Redacted>**

4. Payment

Enclosed Cheque

Invoice

Contact and address to send invoice to:

Applicant

Agent

Other

If **OTHER**, please provide contact details:

Title:

Initials:

Surname:

Address:

Email:



5. Application Type

Is this application for a new dredging site or a site that has previously been dredged:

New Site Previously Dredged Site

If an **PREVIOUSLY DREDGED SITE**, please provide the following:

Consent/Licence Number	Expiry Date	Quantity (wet tonnes) dredged under consent/licence as at (date)
MS-00010391	01 December 2024	No dredging undertaken to date under this consent.

6. Dredging and Sea Disposal Details

(a) Brief description of the dredging and sea disposal operation:

Dredging works will likely be by a backhoe dredger. Backhoe dredgers are dredgers with a hydraulic excavator installed on a pontoon. The backhoe dredgers can dredge a wide range of materials very precisely and they operate mainly in shallow and enclosed waters. If required, bedrock would be pre-fractured by drilling and spitting using Cardox (a CO2 driven hydraulic breaker). Non-explosive blasting methods would be used. The dredged material would be loaded into a split hopper barge (SHB). The transportation of material from the dredging areas to the disposal area will be executed by means of self-propelled SHB. The SHB will take material to a temporary access bridge within the terminal site where material will be loaded into wagon for road transport to on land disposal sites.

(b) Proposed start date (Target duration for determination of a marine licence application is 14 weeks):

18/03/2024

(c) Proposed completion date:

18/12/2024

(d) Location of Dredging:

Kennacraig Ferry Terminal, West Loch Tarbert

Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) defining the extent of all dredge areas (continue on Appendix 01 Additional Co-ordinates form if necessary):

Dredge Area A

Latitude										Longitude										
5	5	°	4	8	.	4	1	6	'N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	1	8	'W
5	5	°	4	8	.	4	0	8	'N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	0	9	'W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	9	9	'N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	0	7	'W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	9	6	'N	0	0	5	°	2	8	.	9	9	8	'W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	8	4	'N	0	0	5	°	2	8	.	9	9	5	'W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	7	6	'N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	0	5	'W

~~Dredge Area B~~

Latitude									Longitude													
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	6	9	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	4	8	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	6	0	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	7	3	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	5	8	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	1	2	1	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	6	2	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	1	5	8	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	6	3	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	1	3	5	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	7	3	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	8	5	'	W

~~Dredge Area C~~

Latitude									Longitude													
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	8	0	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	3	4	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	8	4	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	2	2	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	9	0	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	4	3	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	9	5	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	6	2	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	9	6	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	7	8	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	3	9	9	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	8	9	'	W

~~Dredge Area D~~

Latitude									Longitude													
5	5	°	4	8	.	4	0	3	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	8	0	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	4	0	1	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	4	2	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	4	0	4	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	1	3	'	W
5	5	°	4	8	.	4	1	6	'	N	0	0	5	°	2	9	.	0	2	9	'	W
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Dredge Area E

Latitude									Longitude													
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(e) Name of Disposal Site and Oslo Code:

Dredge Only Licence - Disposal above MHWS

Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) defining the extent of disposal site (continue on Appendix 01 Additional Co-ordinates form if necessary):

Latitude									Longitude													
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		°			.				'	N				°			.				'	W
		°			.				'	N				°			.				'	W
		°			.				'	N				°			.				'	W

(f) Is any part of the works (dredging or sea disposal site) located within the jurisdiction of a statutory harbour authority?

YES NO

If **YES**, please specify statutory harbour authority:

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd is the SHA and owner of Kennacraig port infrastructure

(g) Method statement including rate of dredging, timing of the operation and order of the areas to be dredged (continue on separate sheet if necessary):

See Section 2 of outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (105612-MMD-KE-ZZ-RP-O-0004-S2-C01).

In Summary

- South Berth Bulk Dredge, estimated duration 18th March 2024- May 2024, estimated outputs two trips to pontoon pier each day.
- South Berth Rock Dredge, estimated duration early May 2024- late July 2024, estimated outputs 3 trips per week to pontoon pier.
- North Berth Rock Dredge, estimated duration November 2024- late December 2024, estimated output 3 trips per week to existing fixed ramp on north berth

Sketch of areas and associated durations included within Section 2 of outline CEMP.

(h) Potential impacts the works may have (including details of areas of concern e.g designated conservation and shellfish harvesting areas) and proposed mitigation in response to potential impacts (continue on separate sheet if necessary):

See Habitats Regulations Appraisal (105612-MMD-KE-ZZ-RP-O-0005-S2-P01) and Section 8 and 9 of outline CEMP (105612-MMD-KE-ZZ-RP-O-0004-S2-P01).

7. Details of Substance(s) or Object(s) to be Dredged (Please provide details for each of the Dredge Areas listed in Section 5 (d) above. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Dredge Area	Name of Dredge Area	Type (Maintenance or Capital)	Harbour bed, Seabed or Estuary bed?	Estimated Specific Gravity	Depth (metres)	Quantity to be Dredged per <u>Year</u> (wet tonnes)
A	Kennacraig Harbour	Capital	Harbour	2.7	2.5	23650
B						
C						
D						
E						

8. **Physical Composition of Substance(s) or Object(s) to be Dredged** (Please provide the approximate proportions as a percentage for each size range against each of the dredge site areas listed in Section 6 (d) above. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Dredge Area	Clay and Silt (< 0.063 mm)	Sand ($0.063 \leq \text{Sand} < 2.0$ mm)	Pebbles, Cobbles & Boulders (≤ 2.0 mm)
A	58.1%	28.7%	13.2%
B			
C			
D			
E			

9. **Details of Substance(s) or Object(s) Quality**

Have the dredged substance(s) or object(s) been chemically analysed in the last 3 years?

YES NO

10. **Details of Vessel(s) Undertaking Dredging and Sea Disposal** (please note that a marine licence cannot be issued until the vessel details have been confirmed. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Vessel Name	Type of Vessel	Name and Address of Operator
TBC		

11. Noise Monitoring

Will loud, low to mid frequency (10Hz to 10kHz) impulsive noise be produced by the project? YES NO

If **YES**, which please indicate the noise generating activities and sound frequencies:

Noise Generating Activity	Sound Frequency (Hertz)
Use of Explosives	20Hz to 1kHz
Other (please describe below):	
Rock pre-drilling	50Hz to 5kHz
Rock peckering, dredging	80Hz to 6.3kHz and 20Hz to 1kHz respectively

If you have ticked **YES**, please complete the Noise Registry – Initial Registration form located at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/science/MSInteractive/Themes/noise-reduction>

A marine licence application will not be accepted until this form has been completed and submitted.

12. Statutory Consenting Powers

Do you, or (if appropriate) your client, have statutory powers to consent any aspect of this project?

Yes, Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd, is the Statutory Harbour Authority and owner of Kennacraig port infrastructure.

13. Scotland's National Marine Plan

Have you considered the application with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan? YES NO

If **YES**, provide details of considerations made including reference to the policies that have been considered:

GEN 5: Climate change: Recognises that marine planners and decision makers must act in the way best calculated to mitigate, and adapt to, climate change. In relation to the Proposed Development, the methods to complete the works have considered ways to reduce emissions of carbon and other greenhouse gases. The works are to accommodate new "greener" ferries.

GEN 6: Historic Environment: Recognises that development and use of marine environment should protect, and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets in a manner proportionate to their significance. The Proposed Development has considered the historic environment within the design, environmental impact assessment screening report and within the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan.

GEN 7 Landscape/seascape: Recognises that development and use of the marine environment should take seascape, landscape and visual impacts into account. Landscape and seascape are important elements of people's enjoyment of the coastal and marine environment. They are also important as the setting for coastal communities, contributing to sense of place, economic livelihoods and quality of life. Scotland's varied coastal landscapes are internationally renowned and support a valuable recreation and tourism sector. These factors have been considered within the design, environmental impact assessment screening report and outline Construction Environmental Management Plan.

GEN 8 Coastal process and flooding: Recognises that developments and activities in the marine environment should be resilient to coastal change and flooding, and not have unacceptable adverse impact on coastal processes or contribute to coastal flooding. This Proposed Development is a water compatible development and would be resilient to coastal change and flooding.

GEN 9 Natural Heritage: Recognises that development and use of the natural environment should comply with protected areas and protected species and priority marine features. These factors have been considered within the design, environmental impact assessment screening report and outline Construction Environmental Management Plan.

GEN 12 Water quality and resource: Recognises that development and activities should not result in deterioration of the quality of waters to which the Water Framework Directive, Marine Strategy Framework Directive or other related directives apply. These factors have been considered within the design, environmental impact assessment screening report and outline Construction Environmental Management Plan.

GEN 13 Noise: Recognises that development and use in the marine environment should avoid significant adverse effects of man-made noise and vibration, especially on species sensitive to such effects. Noise and vibration impacts are considered within the environmental impact assessment screening report, Habitats Regulations Appraisal and outline Construction Environmental Management Plan.

GEN 14 Air quality: Recognises that development and use of the marine environment should not result in the deterioration of air quality and should not breach any statutory air quality limits. Any potential air quality impacts have been considered within the environmental impact assessment screening report, Habitats Regulations Appraisal and outline Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Chapter 13 of Scotland's National Marine Plan (2015) relates to Shipping, Ports, Harbours and Ferries. The primary objective is to safeguard access to ports and harbours and navigational safety. Section 13.13 recognises the importance of maintenance dredging and disposal to support safe access to ports. Section 13.21 recognises maintenance or restoration of harbour facilities can boost local activity and generate social benefits for the local community as well as economic benefits for the harbours; necessary closure for safety purposes can have negative impacts for an activity and a community which previously relied upon the facility. Harbour developments, including marinas have been successful in supporting increased boating activity with benefits to the sport, as well as local economies.

Section 13.23 recognises many of Scotland's more fragile and remote communities are supported by lifeline ferry routes. Many of these routes are subsidised by the Scottish Government or Local Authorities to maintain or improve the economic and social conditions of the Highlands and Islands. This includes support to business and tourism, delivery of goods and access to schools and healthcare. In 2009, over 10 million passengers and approximately 3 million cars, commercial vehicles and buses were carried on ferries in Scotland.

Section 13.26 identifies that dredging can cause loss or damage to habitats and species and exposure of buried archaeological remains. This is not considered to be a risk for maintenance dredging to pre-existing depths within a busy operational harbour.

If **NO**, please provide an explanation of why you haven't considered the National Marine Plan?

n/a

14. Consultation

List all bodies you have consulted and provide copies of correspondence:

MS-LOT was consulted a request for an EIA Screening Opinion (see responses attached).

NatureScot was consulted in relation to the Habitats Regulations Appraisal (105612-MMD-KE-ZZ-RP-O-0005-S2-P01).

NatureScot was consulted in relation to EPS licences for <R and marine mammals. Note otter licence has already been issued (Licence Number 218155)

NatureScot was consulted in relation to basking shark licence

NatureScot were consulted, in January 2024, in relation to previous restrictions placed on the licence in relation to moulting birds (correspondence attached)

15. Associated Works

Provide details of other related marine projects, including reference/licence numbers (if applicable):

New Islay Vessel Enabling Works for Port Askaig and Colonsay.
Kennacraig Marine Construction Licence - MS-00010383