

Emma Cormack  
EnviroCentre Limited

Date: 22 November 2023

Dear Ms Cormack,

**SCREENING OPINION UNDER THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017**

Thank you for your screening opinion request dated 16 November 2023 in regards to the proposed engineering works to form a new berthing quay, including dredging, and the construction of a quay, which in itself can take vessels of over 1,350 tonnes, at east side of inner dock Port of Nigg, Cromarty Firth (“the Proposed Works”).

The Scottish Ministers consider the Proposed Works to fall under paragraph 8 (2) of Schedule 1 of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 MW Regulations”). Consequently, it is the Scottish Ministers’ opinion that the Proposed Works are an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) project and therefore an EIA is required to be carried out in respect of the Proposed Works.

If you increase, alter or extend the Proposed Works, you are advised to contact Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team again to confirm if the screening opinion is still valid.

A copy of the screening opinion has been forwarded to the Highland Council planning department. The screening opinion has also been made publicly available through the <https://bit.ly/3MWtInM> website.

If you require any further assistance or advice on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Peter Sparrow**

Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team