



THE CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITATS, &c.) REGULATIONS 1994

LICENCE TO DISTURB MARINE SPECIES

This licence is granted under regulation 44 (2) (e) of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (as amended) by the Scottish Ministers who, after consultation with, and having been advised as to the circumstances in which they should grant such licences by Scottish Natural Heritage are satisfied as regards the purpose for which the licence is granted, (namely, for an imperative reason of overriding public interest including that of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment); and that (a) there is no other satisfactory alternative and (b) that the action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range; and unless revoked by the Scottish Ministers is valid from 10 May 2019 to 31 March 2020 and authorises:

Roadbridge UK
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Or any person authorised in writing by Roadbridge UK

To disturb the European protected species of bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) and minke whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) at Port of Cromarty Firth, Invergordon as detailed in the application for a licence to disturb European protected species and supporting documents but only subject to the under-noted conditions:

PURPOSE AND CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ACTION IS REQUIRED

This licence is granted for the purpose of permitting the disturbance of bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) and minke whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) at Port of Cromarty Firth, Invergordon for an imperative reason of overriding public interest including that of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment in connection with The Port of Cromarty Firth Phase 4 Development at the following location.

Construction and Dredging within the area bounded by the following points:

57° 41.188' N, 004° 10.886' W
57° 41.093' N, 004° 10.871' W
57° 41.099' N, 004° 10.734' W
57° 41.059' N, 004° 10.728' W
57° 41.040' N, 004° 11.186' W
57° 41.190' N, 004° 11.195' W
57° 41.201' N, 004° 10.949' W
57° 41.186' N, 004° 10.947' W

Sea disposal at Sutors deposit area (CR019) within the area bounded by the following points:

57° 41.230' N, 003° 59.880' W
57° 41.230' N, 003° 59.280' W
57° 41.040' N, 003° 59.280' W
57° 41.040' N, 003° 59.880' W

This licence is granted for permitting disturbance of the above named species as a result of the following activities:

- Impact piling
- Dredging and sea disposal of dredge spoil

Licence Conditions

1. The licensee must ensure that all works are carried out in strict accordance with the mitigation and working methods proposed in the application for this licence to disturb European protected species, together with supporting information and all works must be carried out within the timescales given within the application and any subsequent written correspondence between Marine Scotland and the applicant, but subject to the following modifications or amendments made within this licence.
2. The Licensee must ensure that all works are carried out in strict accordance with the mitigation measures identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, the Construction Environmental Management Document and the Vessel Management Plan as approved by the licensing authority.
3. In the event of the licensee becoming aware that any of the information on which the issue of this licence was based has changed, the licensing authority must be notified as soon as reasonably practicable.
4. The licensee must ensure that, if any aspects of the proposed activities differ from the detail submitted in the Noise Registry - Initial Registration Form, a new Initial Registration Form shall be completed and submitted to the licensing authority and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) no later than one week prior to commencement of the licensed activity.
5. The Licensee must ensure that the Joint Nature Conservation Committee ("JNCC") 2010 Guidelines for minimising the risk of injury to marine mammals from piling noise is followed at all times in connection with the undertaking of the works as far as it is

practical to do so. These are available from the JNCC website

http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/JNCC_Guidelines_Piling%20protocol_August%202010.pdf

6. Except where it is not relevant to the provisions of this licence, the Licensee must ensure that the Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching Code is adhered to at all times.
7. The Licensee must ensure that copies of the licence are available for inspection by any person authorised by the Scottish Ministers at the office of the Licensee and at all sites where licensed activities are taking place.
8. Any person authorised by the Scottish Ministers must be permitted to inspect the operations relating to the licence at any reasonable time. The Licensee must allow appropriate assistance to facilitate inspection.
9. The Licensee must, no later than one month after the expiry date of this licence, submit to Marine Scotland, Planning and Policy, Licensing Operations Team, a written report detailing all actions taken in accordance with the specified terms and conditions of the licence. This report must detail the procedures, visual observations and include the original Marine Mammal Recording Form(s). Any difficulties encountered, or recommendations should also be noted.
10. The licence holder must, no later than 12 weeks after completion of the noisy activity, complete a 'close-out' noise registry form. This is available from the JNCC website <https://mnr.jncc.gov.uk/>

Authorised on behalf of Scottish Ministers

By a member of staff of the Scottish Government

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