

## THE CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITATS, &C.) REGULATIONS 1994

### LICENCE TO DISTURB MARINE SPECIES

**Licence Number: EPS/BS-00011052**

This licence is granted under regulation 44(e) of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 by the Scottish Ministers who, after consultation with, and having been advised as to the circumstances in which they should grant such licences by NatureScot are satisfied as regards the purpose for which the licence is granted, namely, for Imperative reasons of overriding public interest (including those 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 **01 April, 2025 to 31 December, 2025** and authorises:

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**MachairWind Ltd.**  
**ScottishPower Renewables,**  
**9th Floor,**  
**320 St Vincent Street,**  
**Glasgow**

Or any person authorised in writing by him / her to disturb the European protected species of *harbour porpoise* (*Phocoena phocoena*); *bottlenose dolphin* (*Tursiops truncatus*); *minke whale* (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*); *Risso's dolphin* (*Grampus griseus*); *white sided dolphin* (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*); *short beaked common dolphin* (*Delphinus delphis*); *killer whale* (*Orcinus orca*); *white-beaked dolphin* (*Lagenorhynchus albirostris*); *humpback whale* (*Megaptera novaeangliae*); *long-finned pilot whale* (*Globicephala melas*) at MachairWind Windfarm Development Area, 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 *harbour porpoise* (*Phocoena phocoena*); *bottlenose dolphin* (*Tursiops truncatus*); *minke whale* (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*); *Risso's dolphin* (*Grampus griseus*); *white sided dolphin* (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*); *short beaked common dolphin* (*Delphinus delphis*); *killer whale* (*Orcinus orca*); *white-beaked dolphin* (*Lagenorhynchus albirostris*); *humpback whale* (*Megaptera novaeangliae*); *long-finned pilot whale* (*Globicephala melas*) at MachairWind Windfarm Development Area, for Imperative reasons of overriding public interest (including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment) in connection with Geophysical survey at the following location(s):

## MachairWind Windfarm Development Area

006° 39.36750004' W 56° 08.40404996' N  
 006° 37.46815000' W 56° 07.26486660' N  
 006° 33.06396671' W 56° 08.59131659' N  
 006° 32.89598329' W 56° 08.63434995' N  
 006° 32.58959995' W 56° 08.67923329' N  
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 006° 32.06389997' W 56° 08.66876660' N  
 006° 31.76404997' W 56° 08.61178330' N  
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 006° 25.64076667' W 56° 06.48899994' N  
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006° 50.48375004' W 56° 06.96253330' N

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

Geophysical Surveys in 2025. Equipment including side scan sonar, sub-bottom profilers, ultra high resolution sparker, multibeam echo sounder, ultra-short baseline system, magnetometer and drop down video.

## LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The Licensee must ensure that all licensed activities are carried out in strict accordance with the mitigation and working methods proposed in the application for this licence, together with supporting information and all licensed activities must be carried out within the timescale(s) given within the application and any subsequent written correspondence between Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team ("MD-LOT") and the applicant, but subject to the following modifications or amendments made within this licence.
2. The Licensee must ensure that all licensed activities are carried out in strict accordance with Risk Assessment MCW-DWF-CNS-REP-RHS-000001.
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.

