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BY EMAIL

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Dear Ms England

Moray East Offshore Wind Farm Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (OfTI) Licences (composed of OfTI Marine Licence and Offshore Substation Platform (OSP) Marine Licence): Condition 3.2.1.1 – Project Environmental Monitoring Programme (PEMP); and

Consents under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for Telford Offshore Wind Farm, Stevenson Offshore Wind Farm and MacColl Offshore Wind Farm: Condition 26 – Project Environmental Monitoring Programme (PEMP) and Condition 30 - Participation in Scottish Atlantic Salmon, Sea Trout and European Eel Monitoring Strategy

I refer to the above consent conditions for the monitoring commitments made by Moray East in Section 7 (Diadromous Fish) of the PEMP previously submitted, and Section 36 Condition 30 which states: *“The Company must, to the satisfaction of the Scottish Ministers, participate in the monitoring requirements as laid out in the ‘Scottish Atlantic Salmon, Sea Trout and European Eel Monitoring Strategy’ so far as they apply at a local level (the Moray Firth). The extent and nature of the Company’s participation is to be agreed by the Scottish Ministers in consultation with the MFRAG”*.

Following earlier consultation within the MFRAG and with Marine Scotland, it was agreed that to address this condition, Moray East would make a financial contribution towards the Moray Firth Tracking Project being coordinated by the Atlantic Salmon Trust and the Centre for Ecology & the Natural Environment at the University of Glasgow. Moray East subsequently made a contribution of £300,000 towards the project and the surveys were undertaken during 2019.

Now that the Moray Firth Tracking Project (now referred to as the ‘Missing Salmon Project’) has been completed, please find enclosed a series of reports describing the results of the project, with the findings reported separately for each of the seven rivers studied (the Rivers Deveron, Spey, Findhorn, Ness, Conon, Oykel and Shin). Moray East also delivered a presentation summarising the results at the ScotMER symposium held in March 2020.

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We look forward receiving confirmation that the Moray East financial contribution, completion of the 'Missing Salmon Project' and submission of these reports meet the commitments made in Section 7 of the PEMP and the salmon monitoring requirement condition.

I trust the information is sufficient, but please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the above in detail.

Yours sincerely

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(enc. "River Deveron 'Missing Salmon Project' 2019", Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Charitable Trust; "River Spey 'Missing Salmon Project' 2019", Spey Fishery Board; "River Findhorn 'Missing Salmon Project' 2019", Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Fisheries Trust; "Ness 'Missing Salmon Project' 2019", Ness District Salmon Fishery Board; "River Conon 'Missing Salmon Project' 2019", Cromarty Firth Fishery Board; "River Oykel 'Missing Salmon Project' 2019", Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries; and "River Shin 'Missing Salmon Project' 2019", Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries)