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From: Kim McEwen <Kim.McEwen@nature.scot>
Sent: 26 September 2023 11:07
To: MS Marine Renewables
Cc: Brendan Campbell
Subject: RE: Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited - Project Environmental Monitoring Programme Rev 7.0 - Consultation - NatureScot response

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Dear Brendan,

Thank you for consulting us on the revised (Revision 7.0) Project Environmental Monitoring Programme (PEMP) for Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm on 5 September 2023. We have reviewed the PEMP (document reference: NNG-NNG-ECF-PLN-0013), specifically in relation to the clarifications around Section 5.4.1 and the requirement for marine mammal post consent monitoring.

We are content that our advice as shared by MD-LOT on 23 June 2023 has been incorporated into the revised PEMP and that Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited will continue to maintain data collection at the four additional passive acoustic moorings through construction, and for one year after completion of all foundation installations.

All the best,
Kim

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04 October 2023

**NEART NA GAOITHE OFFSHORE WIND LIMITED - PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL
MONITORING PROGRAMME REV 7.0 – CONSULTATION**

Marine Directorate advisers have reviewed the request from MD-LOT and provide the following advice.

Marine Mammals

MD-SEDD have reviewed PEMP version 7.0 Document reference: NNG-NNG-ECF-PLN-0013 and are content with the amendments regarding cessation of acoustic monitoring one year after completion of all foundation installations.

Table 1-2 refers to other consent conditions relevant to this PEMP and mentions the Piling Strategy stating it is addressed in section 5. However besides a note of piling mitigation being discussed in a meeting in 2015 there is no further mention of the piling strategy in respect to marine mammals in this document. MD-SEDD advise a synopsis of the piling strategy and UXO noise monitoring should be included in this document or clear links made to supporting documentation. Section 5 Marine Mammals deals with the long term acoustic monitoring plan for cetaceans, aerial surveys and the bottlenose dolphin photo-id study only, with no reference to any noise monitoring or mitigation measures.

Yours sincerely,



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6 October 2023

**Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited - Project Environmental Monitoring
Programme Rev 7.0 – Consultation**

Marine Directorate advisers have reviewed the request from MD-LOT and provide the following advice.

Marine Ornithology

MD-SEDD have reviewed “PEMP version 7.0 Document reference: NNG-NNG-ECF-PLN-0013: Section. 4 Seabirds” and have no comments in relation to ornithology.

Marine Mammals

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17 November 2023

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited - Project Environmental Monitoring Programme Rev 8.0

Marine Directorate advisers have reviewed the request from MD-LOT and provide the following advice.

Marine Mammals

MD-SEDD are content with the amendments to the PEMP and have no further comments.

Yours sincerely,

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SSE Renewables

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Hi Brendan,

Thank you for sending the NnG Rev 7 PEMP out for consultation. In our capacity as members of the FTRAG group, the Berwick Bank project has no comments on the revision.

Best regards,
Andrew

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Brendan,
Thank you for the consultation opportunity. SMRUC supported NnG in drafting the PEMP so won't be commenting further.

All the best
Cormac

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