

THE CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITAT, &c.) REGULATIONS 1994 (AS AMENDED)

LICENCE TO DISTURB MARINE SPECIES

Public Case Handling Report for Licence Number: EPS/BS-00011017

Site	Deep Water Port, Glumaig Bay, Stornoway
Company	Stornoway Port Authority Amity House Esplanade Quay Stornoway Isle Of Lewis HS1 2XS
Brief Description of Project	Construction and Capital dredging for deep water port improvements
Associated Licences	Basking Shark Licence No. 00011018 Marine Licence No. 00010975

Species	harbour porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>);bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>);minke whale (<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>);Risso's dolphin (<i>Grampus griseus</i>);white sided dolphin (<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>);short beaked common dolphin (<i>Delphinus delphis</i>);killer whale (<i>Orcinus orca</i>);humpback whale (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>)
Inshore/Offshore	Inshore

TEST 1	Purpose of licence
	Imperative reasons of overriding public interest (including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment)
Comments	
Meets test of overriding public interest in that the project which requires this licence is to develop the port area at Stornoway. This will lead to social and economic benefits to the area.	
Test 1 satisfied?	YES

TEST 2	Satisfactory alternatives
Comments	
The port development requires the activities of piling and dredging. The applicant has stated the need for these activities and also considered alternative locations. As well as justifying the selection of this location the applicant has suggested mitigation to reduce impacts on cetaceans and basking sharks	
Test 2 satisfied?	YES

TEST 3	Favourable conservation status
Comments	
NatureScot advised in consultation on 27 April 2022 that provided proposed mitigation is in place these activities will not have a detrimental effect on favourable conservation status of the species covered by this licence. NatureScot reiterated this advice on 07 January 2025 for this variation.	
Test 3 satisfied?	YES

Date application received: 21/01/2022

Consultation start date: 25/11/2024

Consultation end date: 06/01/2025

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National Marine Plan considerations:

The decision is: In accordance and no further action required
Comments:

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