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**ABERDEEN HARBOUR BOARD - ABERDEEN HARBOUR EXPANSION PROJECT,
CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL DREDGING & SEA DISPOSAL, NIGG BAY - CEMD - VESSEL
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Marine Scotland Science (MSS) has reviewed the submitted plan and has provided the following comments.

marine mammals

MSS agree that it is appropriate for vessels to follow the Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching Code when operating around marine mammals. We recommend that vessels keep a watch for marine mammals, in order to ensure that they are able to behave appropriately if the animals are around. Monitoring data presented in the ES demonstrated that dolphins were regularly present at the site, so vessels will need to become familiar with the behaviour standards expected.

ornithology

MSS has no comments to make on ornithology

diadromous fish

Please use our comments on Chapter 08 Fish Species Protection Plan in relation to diadromous fish, as appropriate.

Hopefully these comments are helpful to you. If you wish to discuss any matters further contact the MSS Renewables in-box MS_Renewables@gov.scot.

Yours sincerely

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