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ABERDEEN HARBOUR BOARD - ABERDEEN HARBOUR EXPANSION PROJECT, CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL DREDGING & SEA DISPOSAL, NIGG BAY - CEMD - MARINE INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES AND BIOSECURITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

phytoplankton ecology

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

Having read through the Biosecurity Management Plan provided by Aberdeen Harbour Board we are happy that all reasonable steps to reduce the risk of introducing non-native species into the Nigg Bay area via planned works have been addressed. The document contains a thorough step-by-step process through which risk from all activities related to the harbour expansion will be assessed and monitored. If any non-native species or invasive non-native species are detected during any of the operations, procedures to follow are well documented.

The correct, accepted scientific names for the red alga and acorn barnacle referred to in section 12.3.1 are now *Dasysiphonia japonica* and *Austrominius modestus* so this text should be updated.

Hopefully these comments are helpful to you. If you wish to discuss any matters further contact the MSS Renewables in-box MS Renewables@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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