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

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

marine mammals

Reference is made in the introduction of this plan to a Marine Mammals Protection Plan (MMPP). We understand this to be the same as the Marine Mammal Mitigation Plan (MMMP).

It is unclear whether marine species are intended to be included in this document; some are (e.g. eider and salmon) while others are not (e.g. bottlenose dolphin). If marine species should be included, then the section covering protected sites should include the Moray Firth SAC for bottlenose dolphins, and the list of notable species should include bottlenose dolphin.

ornithology

No comments.

marine fish ecology

Thankyou for sight of chapter 9 "Habitat Management Plan". With regards marine fish species, the chapter directs to the Fish Species Protection Plan; any comments relating to marine fish ecology will be found within comments on that section.

diadromous fish

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

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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