

Our ref: D.12/3

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Dear Mr Stalker

EIR Request

1. *Please provide a list of sensitive species and how their presence is monitored during dredging and other operations such as dumping large tetrapods.*

The following European Protected Species (EPS) have been recorded in the vicinity of the South Harbour construction:

- Harbour porpoise
- Bottlenose dolphin
- White-beaked dolphin
- Risso's dolphin
- Minke whale

An EPS Licence has been obtained from Marine Scotland for the potential to disturb these species. A copy of the EPS Licence is available on Aberdeen Harbour Board's (AHB) website (<http://www.aberdeen-harbour.co.uk/south-harbour-development/south-harbour-documents/>) and a copy of the application is available on Marine Scotland's website.

In addition, Section 3 of the 2015 Environmental Statement for the South Harbour (available on AHB's website <http://www.aberdeen-harbour.co.uk/south-harbour-development/environmental-mitigation/2016-documents/>) provides detailed information on other sensitive species in the vicinity of the construction, within the following chapters:

- Chapter 10: Nature Conservation
- Chapter 11: Terrestrial Ecology
- Chapter 12: Benthic Ecology
- Chapter 13: Fish and Shellfish Ecology
- Chapter 14: Marine Ornithology
- Chapter 15: Marine Mammals

The 2019 Construction Environmental Management Document (CEMD) (available on AHB's website <http://www.aberdeen-harbour.co.uk/south-harbour-development/environmental-mitigation/2019-documents/>) sets out the mitigation and monitoring measures that are in place to minimise effects on these species during dredging and other construction operations.

2. *For dredging it is a legal requirement to have an MMO (Marine Mammal Observer) on the vessel. Please provide any MMO logs, which either AHB or Harris Holden possess.*

MMO logs for South Harbour dredging and disposal operations are available on AHB's website: <http://www.aberdeen-harbour.co.uk/south-harbour-development/south-harbour-documents/>

With reference to your second request for information received on 20 August 2020, this time regarding Aberdeen North Harbour operations, as stated in Chris Bain's response of 21 August, we are unclear as to what information you are seeking. Please could you rephrase your request so we can seek to address it.

Yours sincerely



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