MUIR MHÒR
OFFSHORE WIND FARM
A joint venture between Fred. Olsen Seawind & Vattenfall

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Electricity Act 1989
The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990
The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009
Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007
The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

Muir Mhòr Offshore Wind Farm Limited – Submission of Additional Information in relation to the Applications for Consent and Marine Licences to Construct and Operate a Generating Station, Muir Mhòr Offshore Wind Farm and associated offshore transmission infrastructure.

The Applicant, Muir Mhòr Offshore Wind Farm Limited, is a joint venture between Vattenfall and Fred. Olsen Seawind.

In November 2024, the Applicant submitted an application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (Section 36 application) seeking consent to construct and operate an offshore generating station in the North Sea, located approximately 63 km east of Peterhead. The development area extends to around 200 km², with central coordinates of 57° 25.120'N 0° 34.189'W (WGS84). The generating station would have an installed capacity of approximately 1 GW, comprising a maximum of 67 wind turbine generators with tip heights of up to 340 metres above Mean Sea Level. Associated applications for Marine Licences were submitted at the same time, under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, covering both the generating station and the offshore transmission infrastructure.

The Section 36 and Marine Licence applications were accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report prepared in accordance with the relevant EIA Regulations. Other supporting documents also accompanied the application, including a Report to Inform an Appropriate Assessment (RIAA), and a Without Prejudice Derogation Case to enable the Scottish Ministers to discharge their functions as 'competent authority' under the relevant Habitats Regulations. In parallel, an application for Planning Permission in Principle (PPP) for the onshore transmission

infrastructure was submitted to Aberdeenshire Council in November 2024 (application reference APP/2024/2000); PPP was granted on 19th of June 2025.

On the 9th April 2025, the Scottish Ministers formally requested further information from The Applicant. The Additional Information report (AIR) was submitted on the 24th of September and published on the 8th of October 2025, and covered further information on seabirds, fish ecology, commercial fisheries, marine mammals and socio-economics. The AIR consultation concluded on the 19th of November 2025.

The documents enclosed with this letter have been prepared in response to formal requests from the Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT), on behalf of Scottish Ministers, dated the 5th and 11th of December 2025 for the provision of additional information.

The Additional Information Report (AIR) provided comprises "additional information" under the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, and "further information" under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007.

Taken together with the Section 36 and Marine Licences applications, this submission ensures that Scottish Ministers have a complete body of information to inform their determination of the applications. It is the Applicant's view that the proposals, supported by the Additional Information, are robust, proportionate, and in the public interest, and that consent under Section 36 and Marine Licences should therefore be granted.

Additional Information Request

The Applicant received two requests, which are summarised below:

- The request dated 5th December 2025 refers to feedback received within the consultation response from NatureScot on the AIR submitted in Autumn 2025. NatureScot highlighted that key information was missing from the AIR that will likely be required for the Marine Directorate's Appropriate Assessment and future in-combination assessments. It is strongly recommended that the Applicant provides mean collision mortality estimates rather than median values. Using monthly mean estimates improves accuracy for predicted mortalities, which could affect compensation requirements, and ensures consistency for future cumulative assessments by allowing seasonal and annual estimates to be derived directly from monthly data.

- The Additional Information request dated 11th December 2025 relates to the need for updated in-combination Population Viability Analyses (PVAs) for certain SPA qualifying features. While the recent Additional Information submissions in Autumn 2025 for the Muir Mhòr, Ossian and Caledonia offshore wind projects included updated PVAs of project-alone effects, they did not assess predicted impacts in-combination with other reasonably

foreseeable plans and projects, as the relevant data were not available at the time. MD-LOT therefore advised that in-combination PVAs would be required to inform the Appropriate Assessment, with the relevant SPA qualifying features identified in consultation with NatureScot and MD-LOT. The information provided in this submission addresses that request and supports the completion of the in-combination Appropriate Assessment.

Publicity and Consultation

To ensure transparency and provide the public with an opportunity to comment, the Applicant has arranged for notices relating to the submission of the AIR for the Section 36 Consent and associated Marine Licence applications to be published in three newspapers; the Edinburgh Gazette, the Herald and the Press and Journal.

The advertisements explain how members of the public may take part in the consultation, in line with the requirements of the relevant EIA and consent regulations (The Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007; The Marine Works (EIA) (Scotland) Regulations 2017; The Electricity Works (EIA) (Scotland) Regulations 2017; and The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990).

For ease of access, copies of the AIR will also be available to view at designated public locations.

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Aberdeen Central Library	Rosemount Viaduct Aberdeen AB25 1GW	Monday and Wednesday: 9am – 8pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9am – 5pm
Mintlaw Library	MACBI Community Hub Newlands Road Mintlaw AB42 5GP	Tuesday: 9.30am – 4.30pm Wednesday: 11.30am – 7pm Friday: 9.30am – 4.30pm (unstaffed 12.30pm –1pm) Saturday: 9.30am –12.30pm Monday, Thursday, and Sunday: Closed

The AIR can also be viewed online at Muir Mhòr Offshore Wind Farm, www.muirmhor.co.uk and marine.gov.scot. Copies of the EIA report may also be obtained from Muir Mhòr Offshore Wind Farm Limited (e-mail: info@muirmhor.co.uk). The report is available for £15 on a USB stick (including postage and packaging), or as a hard copy for an additional charge.

Once the AIR has been accepted by MD-LOT, the AIR documents will also be published online at: www.muirmhor.co.uk.

We trust that you have all of the information required and we look forward to hearing from you in relation to the formal acceptance of this AIR.

Yours faithfully,

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