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Our ref: **00133 Screening determination - Scottish Government - National Islands Plan**

Your ref: **01492**

8 November 2019

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening National Islands Plan

Statement – Screening Determination

I refer to the screening report prepared for the National Islands Plan, which was submitted to the SEA Gateway on 19/09/2019. Responses from the Consultation Authorities were received on 15/10/2019, whose overall opinion was that there was no likelihood of significant environmental effects.

I write to confirm that the Scottish Government has determined, using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, that the National Islands Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. As the Consultation Authorities agree with this view, the Scottish Government has concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

In accordance with sections 10(1) and 10 (2) of the 2005 Act, this screening determination will be advertised as a public notice in the Glasgow Herald and Edinburgh Gazette. I would be grateful if you could forward this to the SEA Consultation Authorities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind regards,

Elaine McCall