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20 August 2018

Dear 

Thank you for your letters dated 1 May and 12 June 2018 regarding Scottish Government correspondence on the EU LIFE Bid "*Protecting and restoring the Shiant's Isles SPA through rat eradication, and safeguarding other seabird SPAs in the UK.*" Please find below our response to the points raised:

- When considering our support for the above EU LIFE bid, all processes were followed in accordance with the guidelines for applicants. We are therefore content that all due procedures were adhered to by both Marine Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), the public body that provides nature conservation advice to Scottish Ministers. When we receive an EU LIFE application we normally discuss the bid with SNH and the willingness of SNH to contribute funding to this project was in our view relevant information that merited inclusion in the statement by the competent authority.
- We cannot comment on the work of another organisation, in this case the Shiant's Auk Ringing Group. However, it was our understanding that the use of lures and playback techniques to encourage Manx shearwater and storm petrels to recolonise islands in the context of this particular project (rat eradication) were developing techniques.
- You have queried the statement in the A8 document that the project would contribute to healthy seabird populations and have said that correspondence that you received from SNH in August 2016 claims that the health of the Shiant seabirds was not within the scope of the current project. When stating that the outcomes of the project would "*contribute*" to "*healthy seabird populations*," this relates to the health of a population rather than individual seabirds and was on the basis of evidence from similar projects around the UK which have demonstrated both higher breeding success and increases in the populations of the target (seabird) species following successful eradication. While the recovery of the Shiant's seabird populations is difficult to predict so soon following the successful rat eradication, the future of Shiant's seabirds is encouraging.



I hope that you find this information helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

*Lily Burke*

Lily Burke  
Marine Scotland – Planning & Policy

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 May 2015 16:10  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Invoice [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

That invoice has been paid!

Thanks!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 May 2015 13:59  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Invoice [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you please confirm if the above invoice has been paid?

Thanks ☺

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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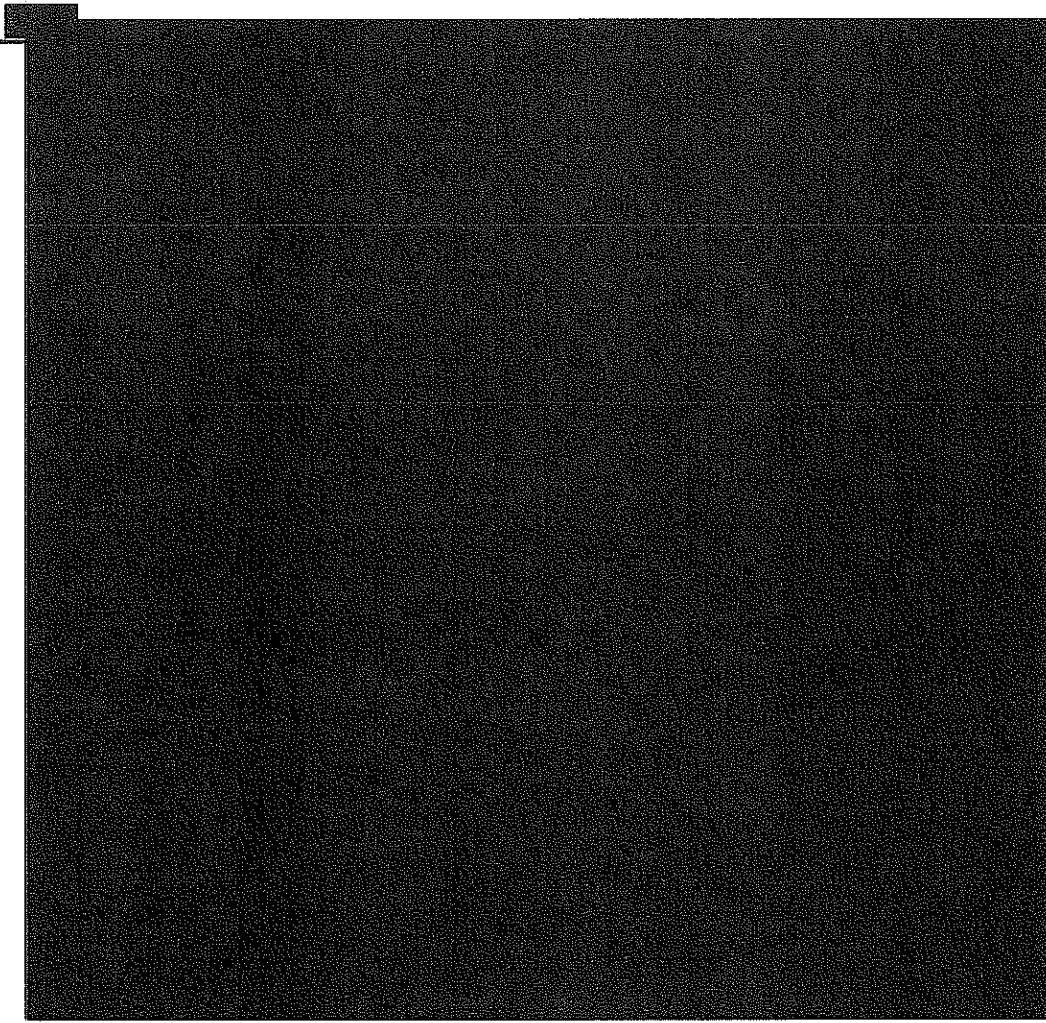
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**05505 – RSPB Scotland : Installation of 2 moorings, Shiant Isles, North Minch**

Co-ordinates checked:        57.8940166    -6.3573166  
   57.8923        -6.35985

Do the works fall within a:    Historic Scotland site?        NO  
   Military remains place/site?    NO  
   Harbour/Port area?            NO  
   DSFB area?                      NO  
   Shellfish Classification area? NO

Signed:



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**From:** navigationsafety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 29 May 2015 13:03  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 05505 - RSPB Scotland : Installation of 2 moorings, Shiant Isles, North Minch  
- Response required by 5pm Thursday 04 June 2015  
**Attachments:** 5505.doc

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached letter granting Marine Consent and the conditions outlined therein

Kind Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 May 2015 12:44  
**To:** argyll\_outerhebrides@snh.gov.uk; navigationsafety; navigation@nlb.org.uk; FO.Stornoway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk;  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 05505 - RSPB Scotland : Installation of 2 moorings, Shiant Isles, North Minch - Response required by 5pm  
Thursday 04 June 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

RSPB SCOTLAND : INSTALLATION OF 2 MOORINGS, SHIANT ISLES, NORTH MINCH

CO-ORDINATES: 57° 53.641' N 006° 21.439' W (WGS84)  
57° 53.538' N 006° 21.591' W

A marine licence has been requested under the above Act in regards to the installation of two moorings located below the level of Mean High Water Springs. Licence application details can be found in the attached correspondence.

Should you have any comments on these proposals, I would be grateful if they could be forwarded to me in an electronic format ([MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)) or as a hard copy by 5pm on Thursday 04 June 2015.

If you require an extension to the consultation period, please inform me in writing as soon as possible and within 14 days of this email. A maximum two week extension to the consultation period will only be granted where significant concerns are raised.

If an extension request or a written reply to this consultation is not received by 04 June 2015, it will be assumed that you are content with the proposals.

Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team will send you a copy of any licence that is subsequently issued for the proposed works.

Yours faithfully,

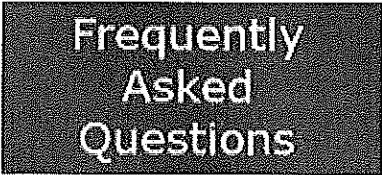
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gun fhiosd', bu choir cur às dhan phost-d agus lethbhreac sam bith air an t-siostam agaibh, leig fios chun neach a sgaoil am post-d gun dàil.

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Your ref: 5505  
Our ref: MNA 053/008/0028

29 May 2015

Dear ██████████

### RSPB Scotland Installation of 2 moorings Shiant Isles North Minch

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the potential impact of the above proposed works on the interests of navigation.

The proposal has been examined by staff of the Navigation Safety Branch and it can be noted that the works are unlikely to have an adverse impact, with regards to safety of navigation, provided all maritime safety legislation is followed and:

1. The Licencee must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the activity through local notices to mariners.
2. The Licencee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case **Shetland** is made aware of the works prior to commencement.
3. The Licencee must notify the UK Hydrographic Office to permit the promulgation of maritime safety information and updating of nautical charts and publications through the national Notice to Mariners system.
4. The Licencee must ensure that 'the works' do not encroach on any recognised anchorage, either charted or noted in nautical publications, within the proposed consent area.
5. No radio beacon or radar beacon operating in the Marine frequency bands shall be installed or used on the works without prior written approval by OFCOM.
6. If in the opinion of the Secretary of State the assistance of a Government Department, including the broadcast of navigational warnings, is required in connection with the works or to deal with any emergency arising from the failure to mark and light the works as required by the consent or to maintain the works in good order or from the drifting or wreck of the works, the owner of the works shall be liable for any expense incurred in securing such assistance.

If these conditions are met I am able to advise you that the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has no objection to consent being granted provided that measures

are also taken to ensure that details of the proposed works are promulgated to maritime users through notice to mariners and/or navigational warnings.

Please note, however, that a charge will be levied on the developers where appropriate, by MCA, for the transmission of maritime safety information, via Navtex or Coastguard VHF radio network, in respect of the proposed works. Agreement by the developers to pay any such charges should, ideally, be a condition of the consent if they are likely to be used.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Navigation Safety Branch

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Marine Licence Application Checklist – Moorings	Date of this Issue:	28/11/2014

MCMS No.: 05505

Stage	Task No	Task	Date and Initials
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Initial Processing	1	Review application	27.04.15
	2	Payment received? (Yes – go to 4, No – go to 3)	YES/NO Requested 27.04.15 Received 27.04.15
	3	Input application data to MCMS & supply invoice paperwork to Finance - Add reminder to LOT calendar to check for payment (2 weeks)	27.04.15 12.05.15
	4	Crown Estate (Bidwells) lease confirmed? (Yes – go to 7, No – go to 5)	YES/NO Requested 27.04.15 Received 27.04.15
	5	Request Crown Estate lease confirmation	23.04.15
	6	Add reminder to calendar to chase CE lease confirmation (2 weeks) (Do not progress application until payment has been received and CE lease has been confirmed)	
	7	Co-ordinate & SNH Signlink check	27.04.15
	8	Input application data to MCMS & supply invoice paperwork (attaching any cheque(s) received) to Finance	27.04.15
	9	Send applicant public notice template (if appropriate)	27.04.15
	10	Add reminder to LOT calendar to chase public notice publication confirmation (2 weeks) (if appropriate)	27.04.15
	11	Update Casework Tracker	29.04.15
	12	Receipt of public notice publication confirmation (Do not initiate consultation until confirmation has been received)	12.05.15
	13	Update Casework Tracker	
	14	Issue Consultation (if Crown Estate chart supplied with application form DO NOT USE – separate chart required due to Copyright)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SNH – SSSE + SPA 13.05.15</li> <li>✓ MCA 13.05.15</li> <li>✓ NLB 13.05.15</li> <li>Fishery Office – SP/MSW/ML 13.05.15</li> <li>Marine Planning and Policy 13.05.15</li> <li>Crown Estate 13.05.15</li> <li>✓ RYA 13.05.15</li> <li>SFF (if appropriate) —</li> <li>Historic Scotland (if appropriate) —</li> <li>Transport Scotland (if appropriate) —</li> <li>Port Authority (if appropriate) —</li> <li>WDCS (if appropriate) —</li> <li>Shellfish Classification (if appropriate) —</li> <li>DSFB (if appropriate) —</li> </ul>
	15	Set reminder on LOT calendar (3 weeks) 04 JUN '15	13.05.15
	16	Update Casework Tracker	13.05.15
	17	Save all correspondence to eRDM	13.05.15

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Consultee Responses	1	Forward consultation comments to applicant (if appropriate)	
	2	Chase any outstanding consultation responses	05.06.15
	3	Are there any comments/conditions from consultee responses that will <u>not</u> be included in the licence? Provide justification for not using:	

Licence Draft	1	Create draft licence (add conditions if required, including close-out form for noise reduction if applicable) (Ensure size of vessel is included if not a moorings association application)	09.06.15
	2	Review and confirmation of draft by B2 or above	11.06.15
	3	Send confirmation e-mail/draft licence to applicant	11.06.15
	4	Set reminder on LOT calendar (2 weeks)	11.06.15
	5	Update Casework Tracker	11.06.15

Licence Issue	1	Licence draft details confirmed	22.06.15
	2	Amend & finalise licence	24.06.15
	3	Produce and sign cover letter	24.06.15
	4	Sign and date bottom of checklist to confirm preparation of licence	24.06.15
	5	Sign licence by B2 or above. B2 to confirm that licence has been reviewed and signed (see bottom of Checklist)	24.06.15
	6	Issue Licence, Covering Letter & Return Form to applicant	24.06.15
	7	'Issue licence from draft' in MCMS (check dates correct)	24.06.15
	8	Issue licence copy to consultees (except MCA) - copy also to UKHO	30.06.15
	9	Update Casework Tracker	30.06.15
	10	Save licence and correspondence to eRDM	30.06.15

Calendar Reminders	1	Set reminders on LOT calendar	If licence start date is in the future set reminder on LOT calendar to activate licence in MCMS on commencement date	/
			Two months prior to licence expiry	/
			One month after licence expiry	/
			Submission of documentation (e.g CEMP) that has been conditioned in licence	/





Save Check list	1	Ensure Checklist is signed and dated by the officer that prepared the licence and the person that reviewed and signed licence	30.06.15
	2	Scan copy of Checklist to eRDM	30.06.15

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Licence Revision	1	Retrieve paper file & review	
	2	Request further info from applicant (if appropriate)	
	3	Produce file note detailing decision	
	4	Issue revised licence with cover letter (Remember: "Less any materials deposited under licence...")	
	5	Issue revised licence to original consultees	
	6	Set/amend reminders on LOT calendar (i.e. chase fee)	
	7	Update Casework Tracker	
	8	Update saved Checklist on eRDM	

Return Form	1	Check details against Licence	
	2	Place paper copy on file/save to eRDM	
	3	Send erroneous return letter (if required)	
	4	Update saved Checklist on eRDM	

Licence Expiry	1	Check return form	
	2	Save to eRDM	
	3	Place paper copy on file	
	4	Remove all reminders from LOT calendar	
	5	Update saved Checklist on eRDM	

	Signature	Printed Name	Date
Application assessed and licence prepared by:			28.06.15
Case reviewed and licence signed by:			24/6/15