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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 May 2022 23:33  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Redacted - IMMEDIATE: ScotWind: Ministerial comms to eNGOs and fishers

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 17 January 2022 08:38  
**To:** [Redacted]; [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: IMMEDIATE: ScotWind: Ministerial comms to eNGOs and fishers

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There you go...

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Head of Domestic Fisheries Management, Sea Fisheries Division  
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 16 January 2022 18:19  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: IMMEDIATE: ScotWind: Ministerial comms to eNGOs and fishers

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Can you provide emails to [Redacted], I don't have [Redacted]  
Head of Sea Fisheries Division

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**From:** Palmer MR (Mike) [Redacted]

**Sent:** 16 January 2022 12:29

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] ; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]

**Subject:** IMMEDIATE: ScotWind: Ministerial comms to eNGOs and fishers

Many thanks [Redacted] and to [Redacted] for swift responses.

### Text

[Redacted] - the CES press release will have a list of the winning projects showing total ambitions of 25GW but will not reference the 10GW figure, and there will be no GW figures in the responding SG press release. I've inserted the 25GW figure and referenced that we will start out with the current planning assumptions in the SMP.

Cate - I have inserted your additional text, for which many thanks.

### Recipients

The email to environmental interests is going to [Redacted] and [Redacted] . I've addressed the email directly to those two to go out to both as a single communication (contact details: SE Link – [Redacted]; RSPB Scotland – [Redacted].) I've suggested the invitation goes to 'you and any other SELink members who you think may have an interest.'

The email to fishers is to go to:

[Redacted]

Again, I've suggested this goes out as a single communication to all organisations.

[Redacted] - could you please let [Redacted] and [Redacted] have the email addresses for these folk asap on Monday morning?

Timing

Ms McAllan's office have offered slots as follows:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> @ 14:15  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

Not clear how long these slots are for. I would say we should schedule in at least 45 minutes for each (perhaps an hour for the fishers' meeting, which involves more folk?) When I mentioned to Ms McAllan herself last week she suggested she would have more availability next Friday.

**Grateful for swift views on meeting duration and whether we go early (next Tuesday and Weds) or wait until later in the week (probably Friday)?**

Ministerial attendance

[Redacted] - would the meeting with eNGOs be one for Ms Slater to do alongside Ms Slater?

Next steps

[Redacted] - grateful if you could coordinate next steps on this one; gather views on timing, get the email contact details from [Redacted], clarify Ministerial attendance and confirm meeting duration. Then submit draft emails to Ms McAllan for issue by her as soon as possible following the CES announcement at 10am on Monday and, if possible, by midday at the latest.

Many thanks all.

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 14 January 2022 17:08

**To:** Palmer MR (Mike) [Redacted]

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Looks good on environmental ENGOS – Given RSPB's/SELINK are the primary audience suggest we go a bit further and say 'transformative development in a way which maintains responsible stewardship of the marine environment and is consistent with the delivery of our commitments to protect and restore biodiversity.

Any merit in circulating the environment Q and A parts to NatureScot? We can flag to them Monday if so.

Cate

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**From:** Palmer MR (Mike) [Redacted]

**Sent:** 14 January 2022 16:25

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ;

**Subject:** RE: ScotWind: Ministerial comms to eNGOs and fishers

[Redacted] - many thanks for swift responses.

All - see below draft text for letters to set up the two meetings. Grateful for any comments by early Monday morning.

Many thanks.

### **Email from Ms McAllan to fishers' reps:**

## **OUTCOME OF THE SCOTWIND LEASING ROUND**

Dear [Redacted]

You may be aware that Crown Estate Scotland announced the outcome of lease option awards for the ScotWind leasing round for offshore wind energy earlier today. ScotWind is the first offshore wind leasing round in Scotland in a decade and the first devolved leasing round in Scottish Waters. The results show the huge opportunity that Scotland has to transform its energy system and move towards a net zero economy through the development of offshore wind energy.

Highlights include:

- 17 projects have been selected out of a total of 74 applications, and have now been offered option agreements which reserve the rights to specific areas of seabed.
- Around £700m will be paid by the successful applicants in option fees and passed to the Scottish Government for public spending.
- Initial indications suggest at least £1bn supply chain investment in Scotland for every 1GW of capacity proposed.
- The combined total ambition for offshore wind capacity generated from the successful projects is significant (25GW.) These are projects' currently stated aspirations and we will now commence the consenting process for these proposals, in line with the Scottish Government's sectoral marine planning process, which will ultimately determine the scale

of development that can be permitted, starting with the planning assumptions outlined in the current iteration of the Sectoral Marine Plan.

- We expect the scale of development which is ultimately approved and constructed to make a major contribution to meeting Scotland's future electricity needs.

The forthcoming pipeline of ScotWind projects presents a major opportunity for both Scotland and the UK to achieve our challenging net zero targets and further decarbonise our energy system. We also recognise that this will have implications for other users of the marine space, including your members, and it will be vitally important that we manage this transformative development in a way which achieves a just transition for all those affected.

I am therefore keen to meet with you as soon as possible to explain the ScotWind process and our approach to managing this major initiative as it rolls out over the next few years. This will no doubt be the first of many engagements as we are keen to maintain a constructive, collaborative and open dialogue with fishers throughout the delivery of the ScotWind projects.

To this end, I'd be delighted if you were able to attend a Teams meeting on ScotWind with myself and other fishers' representatives on [date and time.]

### **Email from Ms McAllan to SELink and RSPB Scotland:**

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**Subject:** RE: ScotWind: Ministerial comms to eNGOs and fishers

Hi Mike

eNGOs:

SE Link – [Redacted]

RSPB Scotland – [Redacted]

Best Wishes

[Redacted]

Marine Scotland – Marine Planning and Policy

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**From:** Palmer MR (Mike) [Redacted]

**Sent:** 14 January 2022 11:59

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; **Subject:** ScotWind: Ministerial comms to eNGOs and fishers

Hi [Redacted]

This is to make you aware that we intend to send two ScotWind-related emails from Ms McAllan's office on Monday to:

a) fisher reps

b) eNGOs

Each of these emails will invite recipients to attend a Ministerially-convened meeting on Monday's ScotWind announcement, to be arranged as soon as possible thereafter.

We'll draft these and whizz them round in draft for comment.

In the meantime could you confirm which organisations the emails should go to (apologies if you've already sent us those, but I can't find them in the blizzard of SW emails) and let us have the contact details?

Many thanks.

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