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I attach a Consultation Response and Respondent's Form from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Local Authority for the Western Isles) in respect of your Consultation on the Draft Marine Sectoral Plan.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Regards,

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Consultation on the draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy

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- Yes No

DRAFT SECTORAL MARINE PLAN FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY (2019)

A CONSULTATION RESPONSE FROM COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR, LOCAL AUTHORITY FOR THE WESTERN ISLES OF SCOTLAND

1. Do you support the selection of the following draft Plan Options?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
SW1		X			
W1		X			
N1		X			
N2		X			
N3		X			
N5		X			
NE1		X			
NE2	X				
NE3	X				
NE4	X				
NE5		X			
NE6		X			
NE7		X			
NE8		X			
E1		X			
E2		X			
E3		X			

Please enter any comments you may have in relation to this question below. Please ensure that you indicate which DPO(s) you are referring to: **DPO's N2, N3 and N4 are located in Europe's area of best wind resource (Onshore Wind installations close to these DPO's recorded Load Factors of 65%+ during January 2020) with unrestricted fetch across the Atlantic Ocean for prevailing and sustained South Westerly winds. Deployment in these areas represents the best return on investment in terms of energy yield and deployment in these areas will mainstream Offshore Wind technology that can survive and thrive in wave heights of 18m+. DPO's N2, N3 and N4 are also the least constrained of all Scottish DPO's in terms of marine environment, shipping and fishing activity.**

It is noted that DPO N4 is located relatively close to shore and may present a relatively higher visual impact than other DPO's. Notwithstanding, the Comhairle urges Marine Scotland to retain and promote DPO N4 because of its accessibility and wind resource and the requirement for developers in DPO N4 to connect to Grid infrastructure on Lewis. The Isle of Lewis is currently host to circa 450MW of consented and contracted Onshore Wind generation, awaiting connection to the National Grid by a £700m HVDC Radial Connector. The local population has accepted the considerable visual impact of these Onshore deployment on the tacit understanding that the next generation of energy production will be in the marine environment. The local population is therefore prepared for, and

supportive of, large scale deployment of Offshore Wind off Lewis and has not reacted negatively to the potential visual impact in the way other coastal regions in Scotland have. As early adopters in the 'Remote Island Wind' sector, the island population has already made the link between energy deployment in and around the islands and the potential for development of the island supply chain. The islands are currently suffering from chronic loss of working population, many of them to work in the energy industry in the North Sea and across the globe. A sizeable Offshore Wind industry, connected to and serviced from the islands, will bring many of these workers home and will transform the island Supply Chain. The Comhairle therefore strongly supports DPO N4 because it will kick start the island supply chain and provide much needed jobs and benefits to the local population.

Associated to this is the ongoing debate around the proposed HVDC Radial Connector which our Transmission Owner, Scottish Hydro Electric (Transmission), is required to provide by 2025 in order to connect consented Onshore Wind installations to Grid. At present, circa 450MW of commercial and community Onshore Wind is consented and contracted to Grid and OFGEM have indicated that, without further demand, they propose to approve a 450MW link as opposed to the next size up, 600MW. A 450MW link will lock out future connections for community owned Onshore Wind and conventional or floating Offshore Wind so it is important that the case is made now for the larger 600MW link. Also, because generators pay Transmission Charges proportionate to the amount of cable capacity they take up, a 450MW cable renders island Wind Farms non-viable. A 600MW link enhances the viability of current and future connections, including Offshore Wind. To help make the case of the larger 600MW link, the Comhairle urges Marine Scotland to retain and promote DPO N4 but also DPO's N2 and N3 which have capability for local connection and supply chain support.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar supports all DPO's because all will be needed to reach Net Zero by 2045.

2. Do you agree with the definition of commercial scale offshore wind farm projects as being projects being capable of generating over 100 MW of electricity? Do you think this level should be:

Lower (<100MW)	As is (100MW)	Higher (>100MW)
	X	

If you have stated that the level should be lower or higher, please provide reasons below. **Given rapid development of turbine technology and rapidly increasing generator sizes, now 15MW to 20MW, this has to be a fluent threshold, reviewed on an annual basis. Previously, a high visual impact 100MW Wind Farm could have consisted of 20 x 5MW turbines. Soon, the same 100MW Wind Farm will comprise of a low visual impact 5 x 20MW turbine array, albeit comprising taller towers. We feel that 100MW is currently the optimum 'Test & Development' capacity but this threshold is sure to increase steadily over coming years.**

3. Do you agree that the scientific evidence presented demonstrates that DPOs NE2-6 and E3 are subject to high levels ornithological constraint and, therefore, the mitigation measures outlined in the draft Plan should be applied to these DPOs?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Please enter your comments in relation to this question below. Please ensure that you indicate which DPO(s) you are referring to. **Mitigation should be applied in a reasoned way with an equal emphasis on the climate and social cost of not developing DPO's NE2-6 and E3 to their full capacity. Underpinning all these considerations should be an absolute commitment to reach Net Zero in Scotland by 2045.**

4. Do you agree that the scientific evidence presented demonstrates the requirements for further regional-level survey work within DPOs E1 and E2?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Please enter your comments in relation to this question below. Please ensure that you indicate which DPO(s) you are referring to. **The level of congestion and cumulative impact warrants further survey work but, again, the presumption should always be in favour of development in order to reach Net Zero by 2045.**

5. Do you have any comments regarding the proposed approach to iterative plan review? **The iterative approach makes sense and initial review at two years is noted. However, the commitment beyond that to review the Plan in response to new and relevant information and research lacks certainty. A statutory rolling two year review might provide more certainty to stakeholders.**
6. Do you have any comments regarding the proposed formation and role of the Advisory Group? **The Advisory Group is too weighted towards Ornithological interests and this may not be helpful as the UK drives towards Net Zero. 'Assessment of impacts' has to cover more areas than just ornithology. Impact on the local supply chain (through over-development or under-development of DPO's), impact on local fisheries, impact on shipping, impact on the leisure industry should all be assessed comprehensively. The Comhairle is of the view that the Advisory Group should comprise representation from every impacted sector and environmental concern should be balanced with climate and socioeconomic concern.**
7. If you have any further comments or points that you think should be taken into account in the plan, please provide those below. **Comhairle nan Eilean Siar records its appreciation of the Sectoral Plan team at Marine Scotland. Engagement with the Local Authority and community has been exemplary and any concerns have been listened to and acted upon to reach a consensual solution. For many years now, the Comhairle and Marine Scotland have maintained a direct line of dialogue and this has resulted in a Plan which genuinely – and with some success - seeks to accommodate all stakeholders. The Comhairle has been impressed with the thoroughness of Plan**

preparation and commends the Marine Scotland team on the clarity of this draft Plan and its assessment of options.

Sustainability Appraisal

These questions cover the Sustainability Appraisal for the draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind. This includes the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report, a Habitats Regulations Appraisal and a Social and Economic Impact Assessment.

8. Do you have any comments on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report? **No comment.**

9. Do you have any comments on the Habitat Regulations Appraisal? **The Comhairle defers to Scottish Natural Heritage in this area.**

10. Do you have any comments on the Social and Economic Impact Assessment?
Methodologies seem robust and the use of deployment scenarios is helpful. From a Western Isles perspective, the Realistic Maximum Development Scenarios for DPO's seem reasonable and have been taken as a useful guide in assessing supply chain and community benefit locally. We are aware that the team at Marine Scotland has been in close engagement with the Outer Hebrides Inshore Fisheries Group (OHIFG) and the OHIFG has, in turn, informed us that these engagements have been comprehensive and very helpful. We therefore expect that the projected impacts on local fisheries are reasonable. In section 3.8, the potential for DPO N4 deployment to boost the case for a 600MW to 1GW Transmission Link for the Western Isles could have been highlighted more. The Comhairle does not believe that deployment in DPO N4 will result in reduced tourism spend of £1.9m over the assessment period. The principal tourist 'hot spots' with sight lines to the development are Garrannan Blackhouse Village, Carloway (direct sight line from the village is to the south of DPO N1) and Arnol Blackhouse (primary sight line is inland across the island rather than out to sea). Across the coastal area adjacent to DPO N4, the main A858 road winds slightly inland and there are no ocean viewpoints to speak of. This is not the case further to the north, between Barvas and the Butt of Lewis, but DPO N4 does not extend that far. Visitors will only have full view of DPO N4 deployments from pretty inaccessible clifftops well off the main A858 road. No concern has been registered with the Comhairle by local residents in respect of future Offshore Wind development – indeed, many now recognise the link between local deployment and the local supply chain and the bringing into play of Arnish Fabrication Yard as a fabrication, assembly and supply base site generating high levels of local employment.

11. Do you have any comments on the draft Regional Locational Guidance? **Since the publication of Marine Scotland's 'Blue Seas: Green Energy' locational guidance in 2011, the Comhairle has been closely engaged with the Marine Scotland team as each successive iteration of Regional Locational Guidance was developed. This has proved to be an excellent, mutually beneficial relationship and has added to the credibility and robustness of the latest Guidance. While recognising the inevitable constraints to wider development, the Comhairle is satisfied that the latest Guidance reflects the views of the Western Isles community.**

12. Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal report? **No comment.**

Supporting partial assessments

13. Would you add or change anything in the partial Equality Impact Assessment?

Yes

No

Don't know

14. Would you add or change anything in the partial Islands Communities Impact Assessment?

Yes

No

Don't know

The ICIA seems comprehensive and takes on board the views of the Comhairle in terms of a possibly overplayed visual impact from DPO N4 and the need to promote Grid connection through the islands. Consultation has been thorough and the Marine Scotland team is commended for this. The Comhairle is satisfied that, through this process, the Plan making process has clearly had regard to island communities. The Comhairle is of the view that any potential negative community impacts can be addressed through good project management and continuing engagement. Again, the Comhairle is not convinced that deployment in DPO N4 will adversely affect tourism. Visibility of DPO N4 deployments is constrained by topography and road routing and the boat trips out of Miavaig, referenced in the ICIA, are as likely to attract new climate-aware visitors, curious to see what a large Offshore Wind installation looks like up close, as they are to deter a small number of visitors who want an 'unspoilt' environment. It is now well established that the Scottish Islands are in the vanguard in the fight against Climate Change and, as the whole nation drives towards Net Zero, there is a new expectation among visitors that, when they visit the Western Isles, they will see the latest Renewable Energy technology in deployment. Anecdotally, the number of visitors expecting an unspoilt wilderness seems to be contracting.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for extending the deadline for your Consultation on the Sectoral Marine Plan for Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas Decarbonisation (INTOG) to 3 November 2021 for the Scottish Island Groups (Shetland, Orkney and Outer Hebrides).

I attach a consultation response from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Local Authority for the Outer Hebrides.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Regards,

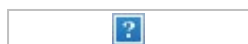
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Sectoral Marine Plan - innovation and targeted oil and gas decarbonisation, offshore wind

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- 3. What is your organisation?** Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Stornoway, HS1 2BW
- 4. Do you have any comments on the Plan Specification content? Please exclude comments on the plan parameters and spatial analysis discussion as these are addressed separately.**

With no Oil and Gas infrastructure in the Hebrides Marine Area, the Targeted Oil and Gas Decarbonisation stream of the Sectoral Plan is of limited relevance to the Outer Hebrides. However, the Innovation stream is of vital importance to these islands and to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. This is because a nationally significant Net Zero Hub is being developed at Arnish Point, Stornoway, with a proposal to supply renewable electricity from one or more 15MW test Floating Wind and Wave platform(s) moored in the North Minch, off Arnish. Beyond that, various communities in the Outer Hebrides have ambitious plans for small scale, offshore development to meet local energy needs and, increasingly, commercial developers are looking at these opportunities as a pathway through device testing towards commerciality.

In the absence of Areas of Search for Innovation, we assume that <100MW Innovation projects will be considered anywhere within the EEZ, outwith the hatched Exclusion Areas. Clarification on this would be appreciated.

The Comhairle is pleased that the area of the North Minch around Arnish has been identified as suitable for <100MW Innovation. With this designation in place, we have been able to engage with a global technology developer who have a 15MW floating Offshore Wind and Wave platform in development. This platform was bound for the Canary Islands for testing but the INTOG <100MW Innovation stream allows this platform to test in Scottish waters and the Comhairle is in advanced discussions with the developer around deployment in the North Minch INTOG <100MW area with first generation into onshore electrolysis programmed for 2024.

The value added to the Scottish economy through capturing this technology for Scotland cannot be over-estimated – the developer in question already has written supply chain agreements in place with Kishorn Ports (foundation manufacture), Harland & Wolff, Arnish (component fabrication) and Stornoway Port Authority (assembly, commissioning and float-out). Once developed into contracts, these agreements will be transformational for the Highlands and Islands economy.

The same developer has aspirations to commercialise this technology for deployment, towards the end of the decade, at GW scale in ScotWind Offshore Wind areas and the benefits for the Scottish economy will be huge, all because the developer was enabled to test and develop in the North Minch.

- 5. Do you have any comments on the plan parameters/specifications? These parameters (section 8) set out the types of projects that will be considered under this plan, the size of these projects and the ways in which they will be considered spatially (e.g. the locations in which projects can or cannot be located).**

At a time when the Outer Hebrides are actively supporting both Governments to reach Net Zero by stated target dates, the Comhairle is extremely concerned that the potential for community scale renewable generation schemes off the east coast of the Uists and Barra is being prohibited by the INTOG Sectoral Plan. Exclusion of the Minch area east of South Lewis and Harris could possibly be tolerated because marine generation schemes elsewhere around Lewis and West Harris could feed into a common electricity network. However, there is no connectivity between the electricity network of the Uists and Barra and that of Lewis and Harris (both networks connect separately to Ardmore, Skye and downstream to National Grid at Fort Augustus). With MOD exclusion to the west of the Uists and Barra and INTOG exclusion to the east, there is no opportunity for the communities of Uist and Barra to develop small offshore renewable schemes for the supply of electricity to local communities or for the production of Green Hydrogen for local use.

The Comhairle urges Marine Scotland to allow the development of small community generation schemes in the South Minch (North Lochs, Lewis to Barra). A maximum installed capacity of 10MW would suffice for community purposes and each deployment could be considered on a case-by-case basis. The local community will work hand-in-hand with Marine Scotland and environmental interests to ensure that these small deployments, likely to be small, single turbine, floating platforms, are sustainably located.

The community of Barra and Vatersay are already engaged with a global technology developer to provide a small Floating Wind and Wave platform west of Barra which will take constrained generation from a community-owned onshore wind turbine, add it to electricity generated offshore and convert it to Hydrogen, possibly through marinized electrolysis, to be fed back into the Barra and Vatersay energy system. This sort of community innovation should be encouraged across the Hebrides Marine Area and it is the Comhairle's opinion that carefully planned deployments at this scale will not impact on wider interests, even in the West Exclusion Area.

6. Do you have any comments or information you would like to provide, to support or otherwise seek the removal of, the Areas of Search (AoS) identified in the map included in the Plan Specification (section 9)? These comments/data can be related to specific AoS or more general in nature. Please identify particular AoS in your response when appropriate. Any data you wish to include in your response can also be provided below.

No comment on removal of Oil & Gas Decarbonisation Areas of Search since these are not relevant to the Outer Hebrides but a STRONG resistance to a blanket exclusion for the South Minch when small, lifeline Net Zero deployments brought forward by the community could be easily accommodated through careful placement.

7. Please use this space to provide any additional comments not captured by the previous questions

None.

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Best

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Everything's been up in the air here since we were told to work at home this week. Some of our remote access systems have taken a while to activate and, as a result, I missed yesterday's closing date for the Sectoral Marine Plan Consultation. Our response is mostly done and I can get something to you by close of play today if that would be allowed?

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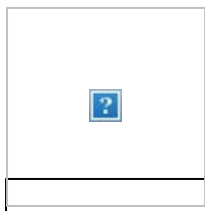
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- Yes No

Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy

Questions for consultees

Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind

The draft Plan Options (“DPO”) are named sequentially according to the assessment region in which they are located e.g. NE2 is the second DPO in the North East region. We are seeking your views on the Draft Plan and the individual Plan options. The draft Plan and supporting documents provides detailed information for each DPO.

1. Do you support the selection of the following draft Plan Options?

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If you have stated that the level should be lower or higher, please provide reasons below.

Comments (optional)

3. Do you agree that the scientific evidence presented demonstrates that DPOs NE2-6 and E3 are subject to high levels ornithological constraint and, therefore, the mitigation measures outlined in the draft Plan should be applied to these DPOs?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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4. Do you agree that the scientific evidence presented demonstrates the requirements for further regional-level survey work within DPOs E1 and E2?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please enter your comments in relation to this question below. Please ensure that you indicate which DPO(s) you are referring to

Comments (optional)

5. Do you have any comments regarding the proposed approach to iterative plan review?

Comments (optional)

6. Do you have any comments regarding the proposed formation and role of the Advisory Group?

Comments (optional)

7. If you have any further comments or points that you think should be taken into account in the plan, please provide those below

Comments (optional)

Sustainability Appraisal

These questions cover the Sustainability Appraisal for the draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind. This includes the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report, a Habitats Regulations Appraisal and a Social and Economic Impact Assessment.

8. Do you have any comments on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report?

Comments (optional)

9. Do you have any comments on the Habitat Regulations Appraisal?

Comments (optional)

10. Do you have any comments on the Social and Economic Impact Assessment?

Comments (optional)

11. Do you have any comments on the draft Regional Locational Guidance?

Comments (optional)

12. Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal report?

Comments (optional)

Supporting partial assessments

13. Would you add or change anything in the partial Equality Impact Assessment?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Comments (optional)

14. Would you add or change anything in the partial Islands Communities Impact Assessment?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Comments (optional)

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Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry, wrong poster and date in previous e-mail – 5th March for Stornoway!
Shouldn't write emails in a hurry!

Cheers

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Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy

CONSULTATION EVENT

DATE: 5 March 2020

PLACE: Caladh Inn, 9 James Street
Stornoway

- Drop-in information service: 13:00-17:30
- Presentation and discussion: 18:30-20:00, refreshments available from 18:00



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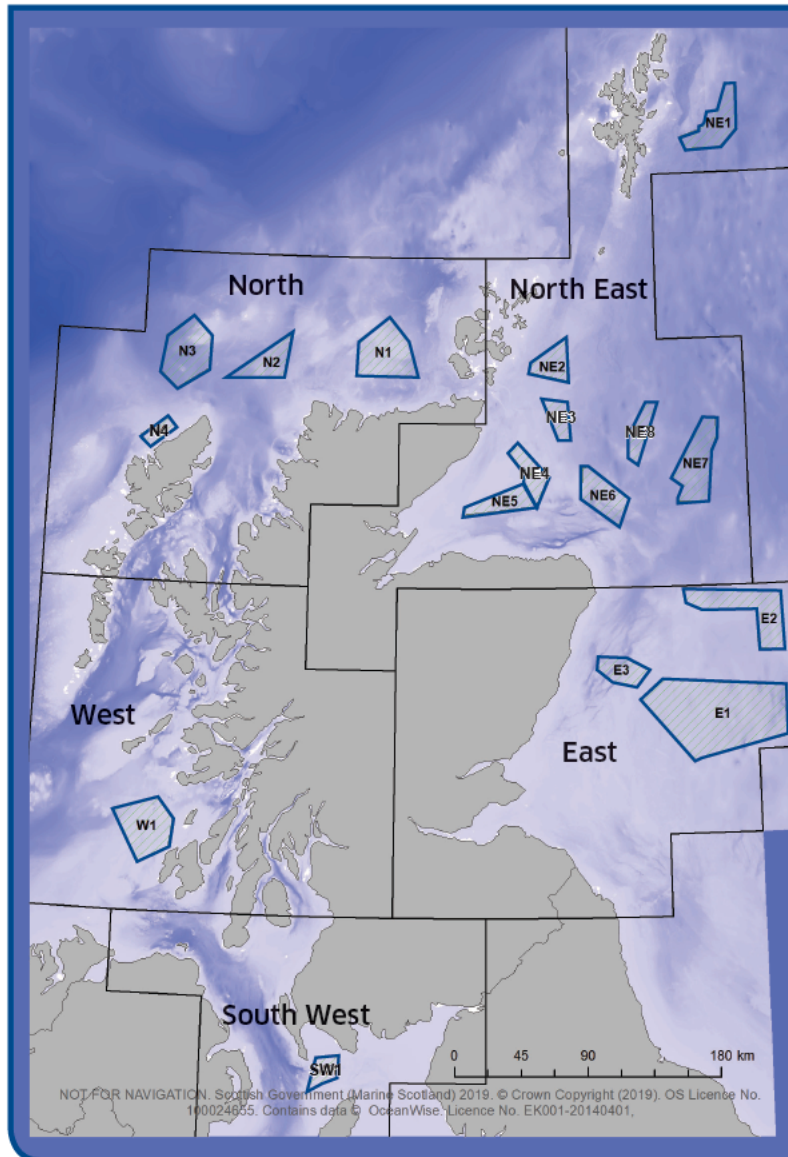
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DRAFT SECTORAL MARINE PLAN FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY



Key facts

- 17 Draft Plan Options “(DPOs)” identified across 5 geographic regions (see map below).
- Located in a mix of shallower (<60m) and deeper (>60m) waters suitable for a range of traditional (fixed-bottom) and innovative technologies (such as floating offshore wind).
- It is proposed that no more than 10 GW of generating capacity can be developed nationally under this Plan.

Only a proportion of each DPO will be able to be developed. It is not expected that all of the draft Plan Options will be developed.



DRAFT SECTORAL MARINE PLAN FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY - DRAFT PLAN OPTIONS

Introduction

The Scottish Government has recently launched its consultation on the draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy. The draft Plan aims to identify the most sustainable areas for future commercial-scale offshore wind development in Scottish waters out to 2030 and beyond.

The process of developing this draft Plan started in 2018 and seeks to minimise adverse effects on the marine environment and other marine users, whilst maximising the opportunities for the Scottish economy from further offshore wind development in our waters. The Plan will inform the first cycle of seabed leasing by Crown Estate Scotland for offshore wind energy.

This consultation

We are seeking your views on the draft Plan Options and content of the draft Sectoral Marine Plan, as well as the supporting documents. The following documents have been prepared and published for consultation:

- **Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy**
- **Sustainability Appraisal – summarises the findings of the following reports;**
 - **Strategic Environmental Assessment - identifies and assesses the potential environmental impacts;**
 - **Socio-Economic Impact Assessment - identifies and assesses the potential social and economic impacts; and**
 - **Habitats Regulations Appraisal - identifies and assessing the likely significant effects on protected European sites and European marine sites**
 - **Draft Regional Locational Guidance - to support further spatial planning and inform project-level site selection and assessment.**

In addition, draft partial Islands Communities and Equalities Impact Assessments have also been prepared and published for comment.

After the consultation closes the responses will be reviewed and the final Sectoral Marine Plan will be prepared for adoption and publication by the Scottish Ministers. If consultation results in substantial changes to the Sectoral Marine Plan further rounds of assessment and/or consultation may be required. A Post Adoption Statement will be published with the final plan, detailing any changes made to the final version.

How can I get involved?

The consultation will be open until Wednesday 25 March 2020. You can submit your views on the draft Sectoral Marine Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and other supporting documents online at:

 <https://consult.gov.scot/marine-scotland/draft-sectoral-marine-plan-for-offshore-wind/>

You can also submit written responses, following the instructions available online.


We will be holding a series of events across Scotland during February to March 2020 to raise awareness of this consultation and further details about these events, including dates and locations, will be available online here:

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