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Moray East Offshore Windfarm Scoping Report

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Scoping Report for the Moray East Offshore Windfarm. Fisheries Management Scotland have no specific comments to make, other than those previously offered through previous responses as the Association of Salmon Fishery Boards.

However, we would like to emphasise the uncertainty that remains in relation to the potential impacts of such developments on migratory salmonid fish. On that basis, we welcome the continuing commitment of Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Ltd to monitor wild fish through acoustic tracking. Given the work already undertaken by the BOWL development, we consider that the monitoring should build on the work undertaken to date, and include work to understand the use of the marine environment by sea trout. We consider that there are considerable advantages in ensuring that such work is undertaken in partnership with local District Salmon Fishery Boards and Fisheries Trusts with the continuing input of Marine Scotland Science.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Wells".

Dr Alan Wells

cc. Jim McKee MS-LOT