

██████████
South Coast DMAP Submission
International and Offshore Energy Division
Department of the Environment, Climate and
Communications
29-31 Adelaide Road
DUBLIN
D02 X285
Ireland

17 June 2024

Our ref: EU00031 – DECC Ireland –
Draft South Coast maritime Area of
Offshore Renewable Energy

By email only:

Dear ██████████

**EU00031 - DECC IRELAND - DRAFT SOUTH COAST DESIGNATED MARITIME AREA
PLAN FOR OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY – SEA ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

Thank you for your consultation on the above plan and accompanying SEA Environmental Report. We apologise for the delay in getting our comments to you this is due to a heavy volume of casework.

We have reviewed the documents and note the geographical scope for this plan is for the south coast of Ireland, and at this stage there are no specific project details on which to provide a detailed assessment.

As you will be aware NatureScot's remit is in respect of nature and impacts to nature. There may be species that commute / migrate between the plan area and Scottish waters and have connectivity to European Sites in Scotland. We therefore indicate that if connectivity is identified at individual project proposals scoping and / or assessment than we should be contacted for further advice at that point.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this response. My contact details are below.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Head of Marine Energy / Sustainable Coasts and Seas

Email: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Battleby, Redgorton, Perth PH1 3EW
Battleby, Ràth a' Ghoirtein, Peairt PH1 3EW

01738 444177 nature.scot

NatureScot is the operating name of Scottish Natural Heritage