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Date	Consultee	Comments
31/05/2024	Floodrisk	With regard to Coastal processes, Climate Change, Flooding I have no comment to make on the content of the Scoping Report.
31/05/2024	Western Isles District Salmon Fisheries Board	<p>Thank you for consulting with the Western Isles District Salmon Fisheries Board regarding the Deep Water South project. Having studied section 13 of the scoping report WIDSFB are concerned over the repeated inference that no impact is anticipated on migratory salmonids. Since the Deep Water Port EIA was published in 2020 Atlantic Salmon have been reclassified on the IUCN Red List as an endangered species in Great Britain. This designation reflects the serious population decline Atlantic Salmon have suffered which the IUCN suggest is partly due to water quality. The development presents a risk of increased sediment loading as well as noise from piling work. WIDSFB would prefer a precautionary approach be adopted whereby the potential for impact to occur is anticipated and mitigation measures are identified. The Scoping report mentions adult Atlantic Salmon on their return migration to spawn but there is no mention of outward migrating Salmon smolts. Dredging and piling work should be avoided during sensitive times for wild salmon. This would include mid April to the end of May for the smolt run and then mid June until the end of September for returning adults. Further information on smolt run timing, swimming speeds and migration is available via the west coast tracking project.</p> <p>In summary WIDSFB do not agree that Atlantic Salmon/Migratory Salmonids should be scoped out of the Deep Water South EIA.</p>
31/05/2024	Environmental Health	<p>I refer to the above and the scoping report and am satisfied with the reasoning for scoping out the parts relevant to our service (Air Quality, Soil Quality, Contaminated Land, shellfish protected waters/classification, noise and vibration, therefore agree with them being scoped out.</p> <p>I am assuming that the Comhairle will be consulted on the final application and will have an opportunity to recommend potential conditions then.</p>
31/05/2024	Economic Development	No comment on this one from ED side
04/06/2024	Roads	Parking for the development should be based on the standards set out in the Outer Hebrides Local Development Plan. The Scoping Report states the projected transport figures suggest that both the junctions and the routes on the existing network will operate within their capacity. The document also recognises that certain roads will be affected by a marked increase in the volume and frequency of HGV's on both the construction and operational phase of the development.

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		<p>An updated TA will be scoped in to the EIAR which will be used to develop a Construction Traffic Management Plan. This should be submitted before works commence on the development. There may be restrictions on HGV movements around schools at specific times.</p> <p>The Report also states that the Operational Phase of the development will be scoped out of the report on the basis of the Potential Operational Impacts 24.4</p> <p>The proposed improvement to the Arnish Road will lessen the effect of the operational impact.</p>
07/06/2024	Archaeology	<p>The Archaeology Service notes the inclusion of Section 19: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage within the EIA Scoping document. Appropriate legislation and guidelines have been acknowledged and this section discusses both terrestrial and marine historic environment assets and considers the potential impact / effects on these features, during the construction and post construction phases of the development. Additionally, the potential for unknown archaeological remains and palaeo-environmental deposits are also considered.</p> <p>The document makes reference to the findings of both the terrestrial and marine archaeological program of works carried out for the Deep Water Port (DWP) project; however, it should be noted that the CnES Archaeology Service has not received copies of either the marine archaeological survey or the terrestrial watching brief reports. Due to this lack of information the Archaeology Service is unable to comment in detail.</p> <p>It is recommended that copies of these reports are sent to the Archaeology Service prior to submission of the EIAR.</p> <p>This section also identifies potential operational impacts from aspects of the development on the setting of historic assets and assessment it proposed. It is recommended that visual impact assessment is expanded beyond the proposed 5km buffer to enabled appropriate assessment regarding the floating wind turbine impacts. This could be approached using an inner study area and then increasing 5km buffers.</p> <p>The document proposes appropriate mitigation covering pre-construction and construction phases of the development, including review of previous geophysical survey data carried out for DWP, watching briefs and Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries. A program of new geophysical survey should be carried out for any areas within the DWS boundaries and buffer zones that were not previously surveyed during the DWP assessments. This data will further inform the marine planning consent aspect of this development as set out in Scotland’s National Marine Plan 2015.</p> <p>With regard to 3.3.1 Construction Methods, it is noted that rock blasting, vibration and impact drilling are some of the construction techniques likely to be implemented. The Archaeology Service would take this opportunity to highlight potential negative impact to the island dun in Loch Arnish, through shock waves or vibration. Recent studies have identified this site as a stone and possibly timber constructed crannog. Loch Arnish Dun (MWE4316) is also a</p>

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		scheduled monument (SM 5397). It is recommended that early discussion is entered into with Historic Environment Scotland to discuss this potential issue.
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