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Scottish Government  
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Our ref: Screening 01605  
14 January 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1):**

Amendments to Permitted Development Rights for Fin Fish Developments to increase the maximum cage size to help mitigate effects of seal predation.

**Screening Determination**

I refer to the screening report prepared for the above, which was submitted to the SEA Gateway on 6 November. Responses from the Consultation Authorities were subsequently received on 04/12/2020, and whose overall opinion agreed with our own, that there was no likelihood of significant environmental effects.

It should be noted that the Consultation Authorities were made aware of a small amendment to the original screening report shortly after submission. This was to alter a restriction limiting the increase in the surface area of the waters covered by the equipment under permitted development from 1000m<sup>2</sup> to 1100m<sup>2</sup>. This change to the plan was considered by the Consultation Authorities, along with the original screening request, who confirmed in their responses that the proposed changes were not likely to result in significant environmental effects.

I write to confirm that the Scottish Government has determined, using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, that the amendments to Permitted Development Rights for Fin Fish Developments to increase the maximum cage size to help mitigate effects of seal predation is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. As the Consultation Authorities agree with this view, the Scottish Government has concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

I enclose a copy of the determination advert which will be placed in the Edinburgh Gazette and Glasgow Herald. I would be grateful if you could forward this determination to the SEA Consultation Authorities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

John Bewley

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening Determination**

Amendments to Permitted Development Rights for Fin Fish Developments

The Scottish Government has determined that the above plan is not likely to generate significant environmental effects, and that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is therefore not required. The screening determination can be viewed at <https://www.gov.scot/policies/aquaculture/latest/>.

A copy of the determination can be obtained by emailing [screening01605@gov.scot](mailto:screening01605@gov.scot) or by calling 0131 528 5508. Written requests should be addressed to Screening Determination 01605, Aquaculture and Recreational Fisheries Division, Marine Scotland, 1B North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh. EH6 6QQ.