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Dear Mark,

KIRKAN WIND FARM, GARVE, HIGHLAND

Thank you for seeking comment from Marine Scotland Science (MSS), in relation to freshwater and diadromous fish and fisheries, on the Supplementary Information accompanying the application for the proposed Kirkan wind farm.

MSS has no comment to make as the content of the report is on hydrological and peat assessments which are outwith our expertise. We reiterate our previous advice namely that the developer carries out site characterisation surveys to assess the presence and abundance of fish species in the watercourses. From this information the developer should establish a robust integrated water quality and fish population monitoring programme to help to ensure fish populations, which are already under pressure as a result of the hydro-electric scheme, are protected from impacts associated with the proposed wind farm development.

Kind regards,

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