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Hi Harriet

Thanks for clarifying. Regarding your 2<sup>nd</sup> point, we have no issues with you referring to or including the previous SoCG in your submission to BEIS.

Regards, Martin

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Dear Martin

We propose only a quick update for marine mammals just to set out our proposed future engagement with NE so no requirement for a specialist at the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. We could then arrange a specific meeting when we have more information available.

We do have a question in relation to marine mammals. It is our intention to submit a NMC application (and DML variation) for an increase in hammer energy in the near future. It is our current position that we would seek an increase to 4000kJ as opposed to the 5500kJ we previously requested in the 2018 application which was withdrawn (this has yet to be finally confirmed). If the hammer energy is lower than that previously submitted (i.e 4000kJ as opposed to 5500kJ), would you anticipate a requirement for a new SoCG for the application or could we refer to the previous SoCG agreed with Natural England?

Thanks Harriet