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Glossary of Acronyms

AEoI	Adverse Effect on Integrity
CIMP	Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan
DCO	Development Consent Order
GGOW	Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm
NFOW	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited
OTE	Outer Thames Estuary
OWF	Offshore Wind Farm
RIAA	Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
RWE	RWE Renewables UK Swindon Limited
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSER	SSE Renewables Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited
UK	United Kingdom

Glossary of Terminology

The Applicant	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NFOW)
The Project Or 'North Falls'	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

1. The North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter 'North Falls' or 'the Project') is an extension to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm (GGOW), located over 40km off the East Anglian coast in England. When operational, North Falls would have the potential to generate renewable power for approximately 400,000 United Kingdom (UK) homes from up to 57 wind turbines.
2. The Applicant, North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Ltd (NFOW), is a joint venture between SSE Renewables Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited (SSER) and RWE Renewables UK Swindon Limited (RWE), both of which are highly experienced developers.
3. As part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application, the Applicant must provide information to support the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) to be completed by the Competent Authority, the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ).
4. With respect to red-throated diver from the Outer Thames Estuary Special Protection Area (OTE SPA), the Applicant's RIAA concludes that there will be no adverse effect on integrity (AEol) of the red-throated diver features of the OTE SPA from North Falls alone or in-combination with other plans and projects.
5. In the event that the Secretary of State concludes an AEol in the Appropriate Assessment, the Applicant has developed compensatory measures that could be applied to fully compensate for the predicted effects, which are detailed in the Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) Part 4 Offshore Ornithology (Document Reference: 7.1.4).

1.2 Purpose of document

6. The Red-throated Diver Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (CIMP) will be produced post-consent and will set out the detailed delivery proposals for the agreed compensatory measure(s), based on the measure(s) set out in the Appendix 3 Red-throated Diver Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.3). As described in the sections below, for the project-led measure to be implemented the CIMP will include details of the:
 - Scale and location;
 - Design;
 - Arrangements for monitoring, maintenance and adaptive management;
 - Reporting requirements;
 - Implementation and delivery programme; and
 - How the Red-throated Diver CIMP can be approved.
 - The purpose of this document is to set out the outline of the Red-throated Diver CIMP, which will in due course be developed in consultation with

stakeholders through the Red-throated Diver Compensation Steering Group (RTDCSG) and later submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

1.3 Consultation

7. This section will provide a summary of the consultation that has taken place through within the RTDCSG during the creation of the Red-throated Diver CIMP (including, any relevant consultation undertaken prior to formal inception of the RTDCSG), which will include:
 - Key decisions;
 - Agreements; and
 - Outstanding issues that remain under discussion.
8. Where any of these outstanding issues occur, information on proposed steps toward resolution will be provided. Additionally, details of proposed future engagements will also be detailed, including the sharing of and further action on monitoring outcomes.
9. Matters of discussion for inclusion within the RTDCSG, and therefore the group's purpose, will be regarding:
 - Project / study design;
 - Monitoring;
 - Adaptive management options; and
 - Associated triggers.
10. The specific focus of the RTDCSG will be to deliver the compensation measures for NFOW.

2 Provision of Breeding Enhancement

2.1 Scale and Location

11. This section will detail the scale of compensation and how this conforms with the consent decision made by the Secretary of State (SoS). This section will also detail the specific location(s) where compensation will be delivered, the suitability of these sites for the delivery of the compensation measure, and how the required land rights at the location have been secured. The base of evidence included in aid of the measures detailed in Appendix 3 Red-throated Diver Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.3) will provide information on these aspects.

2.2 Design

12. This section will detail the selected method of breeding habitat enhancement e.g. raft design and installation requirements and/or habitat management methods. The method(s) selected will be subject to the selected location and relevant pressures on red-throated diver at this location. An important part of measure design will include the evidence provided in support of the measures

that is set out in Appendix 3 Red-throated Diver Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.3).

2.3 Routine Maintenance and Management

13. This section will detail any routine maintenance and management requirements and responsibilities for the measure.

2.4 Monitoring and Adaptive Management

14. This section will detail the monitoring and adaptive management principles and processes that have been agreed between the Applicant and the RTDCSG, including under what scenarios adaptive management measures will be required. These measures will be developed in accordance with the evidence provided in Appendix 3 Red-throated Diver Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.3). Following the approval of the Red-throated Diver CIMP, the RTDCSG will be engaged in the context of implementing monitoring and adaptive management in an ongoing programme.

2.5 Reporting

15. This section will set out the necessary reporting points in connection with the monitoring and adaptive management. This will therefore set out the objectives and timescales for the reporting.

2.6 Implementation and Delivery Programme

16. This section will lay out the programme for the application and long-term delivery of the compensation. It will confirm the purpose and stage of all consents, land access agreements, and any other relevant approvals that are necessary to enable the enactment of the compensation measures and will detail how any outstanding consents will be delivered.

2.7 Approval of the Red-throated Diver CIMP

17. This section will detail how the SoS can approve the Red-throated Diver CIMP, to which the delivery of all agreed compensatory measures must be compliant.

3 Collaborative or Strategic Compensation

18. If a feasible opportunity for a collaborative compensatory measure arises within the required timescales for North Falls, this section will confirm how the collaborative compensatory measure/s will be delivered.
19. If a viable strategic compensation funding mechanism were to become available within the required timescales for North Falls and is the option preferred by the Applicant, this section will confirm how a contribution will be made to a Strategic Compensation Fund.
20. Strategic or collaborative compensation would be delivered wholly or partly, replacing the Applicant's initial proposal of project-led measures or as part of adaptive management, if required.

4 Summary

21. This section will provide a summary of the delivery proposals detailed above for the agreed compensatory measures for red-throated diver.



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