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1 Introduction

- 1. This section sets out the outline for the Guillemot [and Razorbill] Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (G[R]CIMP) that will be developed by the Applicants, in consultation with the proposed Guillemot [and Razorbill] Compensation Steering Group (G[R]CSG), should consent for Dogger Bank South be granted and compensation for guillemot [and razorbill] be required. The G[R]CIMP will be developed in accordance with the Volume 6, Appendix 2 Guillemot [and Razorbill] Compensation Plan (application ref: 6.2.2) which provides a detailed account of the strategy supporting the potential compensation measures for guillemot [and razorbill]. The G[R]CIMP will be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.
- 2. The following sections of this outline plan set out the proposed content of the G[R]CIMP. The G[R]CIMP will be structured as follows:
 - Section 1: Introduction
 - Section 2: Background
 - Section 3: Consultation
 - Section 4: Predator eradication / control
 - Section 4.1: Scale and location of compensation
 - Section 4.2: Design of predator eradication / control
 - Section 4.3: Delivery mechanism
 - Section 4.4: Monitoring and adaptive management
 - Section 4.5: Reporting
 - o Section 4.6: Programme for implementation and delivery
 - Section 4.7: Discharge of consent condition

2 Background

3. This section will provide context to the G[R]CIMP, confirming the reason for its need, its aims and objectives, and the latest project status.



3 Consultation

4. This section will summarise all relevant consultation that has taken place through the G[R]CSG process in the development of the G[R]CIMP. It will capture any key decisions, agreements, and where relevant any outstanding issues under discussion (with clarity as to the steps necessary to resolve any such matters). Ongoing engagement, for example to provide updates on monitoring, (post-discharge of the G[R]CIMP) will be outlined here.

4 Predator Eradication / Control

4.1 Scale and Location of Compensation

5. This section will identify the scale of compensation proposed to be provided and how this relates to the consent decision made by the Sectary of State. This section will then also detail the specific location(s) at which the compensation will be delivered and how the necessary land rights in those locations have been / will be secured. The evidence base included in support of the G[R]CIMP will help inform these aspects. The results of any monitoring carried out pre-construction will also be detailed here as this may influence the location(s).

4.2 Design of Predator Eradication / Control

6. This section will identify the design and delivery for the predator eradication / control programme proposed to be provided, including any updates to the evidence base to demonstrate the confidence that the compensation measure will be able to deliver the required increase in target species productivity. The evidence base provided in support of the **Volume 6**, **Appendix 2 - Guillemot [and Razorbill] Compensation Plan (application ref: 6.2.2)** and engagement with the G[R]CSG will be important in informing the specific design aspects of the predator eradication / control programme.

4.3 Delivery Mechanism

- 7. This section will confirm the nature and status of all consents, land access agreements, as well as any other relevant approvals and/or funding arrangements that are necessary to secure the implementation of the compensation measure and include a programme for delivery of any outstanding consents.
- 8. This section will also outline key members involved in the delivery, their role in the process and responsibilities associated with implementation.



4.4 Monitoring and Adaptive Management

9. This section will identify the monitoring and adaptive management principles and processes that have been agreed with the G[R]CSG, including the scenarios under which adaptive management measures are required. It will be developed in line with the evidence base that has been provided in support of the Volume 6, Appendix 2 - Guillemot [and Razorbill]

Compensation Plan (application ref: 6.2.2). Following discharge of the G[R]IMP, the G[R]CSG will be engaged in relation to implementing adaptive management if required as outlined in the Consultation section above. Specific topics of discussion for inclusion within the G[R]CSG, and therefore the purpose of the group, will be regarding site selection, project/ study design, monitoring, adaptive management options and associated triggers. The focus of the G[R]CSG will be specifically to deliver the compensation for Dogger Bank South East and Dogger Bank South West and topics beyond this will be out of scope for the G[R]CIMP.

4.5 Reporting

10. This section will set out the reporting requirements associated with the monitoring and adaptive management. In doing so, it will confirm the necessary objectives and timescales for the reporting.

4.6 Programme for Implementation and Delivery

11. This section will confirm the programme for the implementation and long-term delivery of the compensation.

4.7 Discharge of Consent Condition

12. This section will confirm how, based on the content of this report, the Secretary of State can discharge the condition relating to the delivery of the compensation required for the guillemot [and razorbill] feature of the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area.



5 Collaborative and Strategic Compensation

- 13. In the event that a viable option for collaborative delivery of compensation becomes available within the necessary timescales for the Projects, this section will, as secured by Schedule 18 of **Volume 3, Draft Development Consent Order (application ref: 3.1)**, confirm the nature of the collaborative compensatory measure/s to be delivered wholly or partly in place of the Applicants' proposed project led measures or as an adaptive management measure.
- 14. In the event that a viable strategic compensation funding mechanism becomes available within the necessary timescales for the Projects, this section will, as secured by Schedule 18 of **Volume 3, Draft Development Consent Order (application ref: 3.1)**, confirm the nature of the contribution to be made to a Strategic Compensation Fund wholly or partly in place of the Applicants' proposed project-led measures or as an adaptive management measure.

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