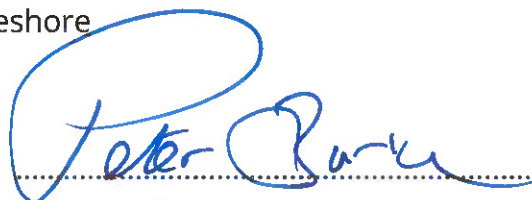


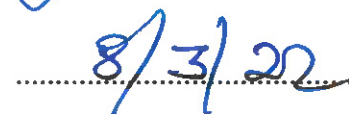
FS007062 Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination re Site Investigations for a Floating Offshore Wind demonstration project at AMETS test site, Mayo

REF #:	HLG 00085-22	AUTHOR:	[REDACTED] (Housing)
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STATUS:	Review	REVIEWERS:	[REDACTED] (Housing), [REDACTED] (Housing), [REDACTED] (Housing)
PURPOSE:	For Decision and Signature	DECISION BY:	
DIVISION/OFFICE:	Foreshore		

SEEN AND APPROVED:



DATE SIGNED:



Action required

For Determination on Appropriate Assessment Screening and Signing of Appropriate
Assessment Screening Determination (Tab 01)

Executive summary

SEAI have applied for a Foreshore licence to carry out site investigations relating to a floating offshore wind (FOW) demonstration project at the Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site (AMETS) off the coast of Mayo.

As part of the assessment of this application the Minister is required to make a Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended ('The Regulations').

Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination

Project reference: FS007062 for the undertaking of site investigation activities for the development of Floating Offshore Wind technology west of the Mullet Peninsula/Annagh Head, Co. Mayo.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended ('The Regulations'), the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has undertaken Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the proposed project which includes a site investigation requiring the use of Sub-bottom Profiling and Core Penetration Testing, bathymetric and benthic surveys would be likely, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect (s) on a European site(s).

In accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the project individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on any European sites. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites cannot be excluded on the basis of objective evidence. This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed development, including temporary works, and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

Signature and Date of Recommending Officer: [REDACTED] **28th February 2022**

Signature and Date of the Decision Maker: [REDACTED]
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