Foreshore Unit, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Co. Wexford 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Marine Adviser Environment Screening Stage Report

# **Re:** FS007588 WICKLOW SEA WIND/SITE INVESTIGATIONS OFF THE COAST OF COUNTY WICKLOW

## Applicant: WICKLOW SEA WIND LTD

I have reviewed the foreshore licence application FS007588 and all the environmental documents associated with it. As the Department's Marine Environment Advisor I conducted independent assessments of the information provided by the Applicant, having regard to the Habitats, Birds and EIA Directives. My comments on and recommendations for this application are as follows:

### Article 6(3) of Directive (92/43/EEC) (as amended) (Habitats Directive):

Having considered the application by Wicklow Sea Wind Ltd and all associated documentation I conclude as per the internal Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, that a stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required.

My signed Recommending Officer's **Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination** which requires the signature of the Minister as part of the decision-makers obligations under the Habitats Directive is attached.

On completion of the Public and Prescribed Bodies Consultation, I will furnish my final environment assessment with Appropriate Assessment Determination. This report may include any case specific conditions having regard to the information obtained during consultation phase.

## Signature and Date of Recommending Officer - Marine Advisor Environment:

9th February 2023