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Your ref: Marine licence 07111

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Dear Mr McGhie,

Thank you for your correspondence, of 27 November 2020, raising concerns about the marine licence 07111/20/0.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised about the potential impacts and the importance of the fishing interests to the coastal communities and wider area and can assure you that Marine Scotland is already engaged with Kishorn Port Ltd and local fishing interests on the matter.

The Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team (“MS-LOT”) has been working to address fisheries stakeholder concerns in relation to the moorings to which marine licence 07111/20/0 relates. We recognise that consultation on the application for a marine licence did not give a suitable opportunity for such matters to be raised and MS-LOT has held meetings to establish an initial way forward to address these concerns with the Scottish Creel Fishermen’s Federation (SCFF), North West Responsible Fishing Association (NWRFA) and Kishorn Port Ltd.

These meetings have established a collaborative approach to agree solutions to ensure that agreements are in place to mitigate fisheries impacts. These solutions include that Kishorn Port Ltd. will create a liaison group and develop a Fisheries Liaison Management and Mitigation Plan (FLMMP). The liaison group will ensure clear ongoing communication and collaboration between Kishorn Port Ltd and fishery stakeholders. The FLMMP is currently being developed by Kishorn Port Ltd and will include a number of scenarios for the use of the moorings, crucially such scenarios will focus on the effects on the parties affected and provide tailored communication and mitigation strategies. The liaison group will provide for ongoing input into the FLMMP and use of the moorings area. MS-LOT continues to provide Kishorn Port Ltd with advice on the FLMMP and will ensure that fisheries stakeholders are consulted.

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MS-LOT will continue to ensure the stakeholder concerns are addressed and to engage with Kishorn Port as they develop a Fisheries Liaison Management and Mitigation Plan and liaison group.

Kind regards,



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