

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 THE MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

MachairWind Ltd, wholly owned by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd, is developing the MachairWind Offshore Windfarm, located northwest of Islay and west of Colonsay. With a generating capacity of around 2 Gigawatts, MachairWind could produce enough clean, green electricity to power the equivalent of around 2 million homes across the UK. Notice is hereby given of forthcoming statutory pre-application consultation by MachairWind Ltd relating to the proposed development of offshore works and licensable marine activities associated with MachairWind Offshore Windfarm.

The proposed works and licensable marine activities comprise the construction, operation and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm (a renewable energy structure) using fixed foundations within a defined Windfarm Development Area (WDA). The WDA extends to a maximum of 510km² in area and lies within Plan Option W1, as designated within the Scottish Government's Sectoral Marine Plan – Offshore Wind Energy (2020). MachairWind Offshore Windfarm is located within the 12 nautical miles boundary of the Scottish Marine Area defined under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

MachairWind intends to apply to the Scottish Ministers for a marine license and related consents, including consent to construct and operate an electricity generating station under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, for the proposed works and licensable activities within the MachairWind WDA. Separate consent applications for related electricity transmission infrastructure will be progressed at a later date and do not form part of the current proposals.

As part of the pre-application consultation process for the proposed works and licensable activities within the WDA, MachairWind intends to hold two periods of pre-application consultation during 2025. The first consultation period will take place over 6 weeks, from Monday 26th May to Sunday 6th July 2025; during this period, six public consultation events will take place:

- Tuesday 3rd June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Port Mor, Port Charlotte, Islay
- Wednesday 4th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Colonsay Village Hall, Scalasaig, Colonsay
- Wednesday 11th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Gaelic College, Bowmore, Islay
- Thursday 12th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Jura Village Hall, Craighouse, Jura
- Tuesday 17th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Creich Hall, Fionnphort, Mull
- Wednesday 18th June, from 3pm to 7.30pm, Iona Village Hall, Iona

MachairWind will offer a virtual consultation room, available from on the project website from 26th May, and will hold two online webinars on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 6.30pm to 7.30pm, and Monday 23rd June at 6.30pm to 7.30pm. You do not need the Microsoft Teams application to attend this meeting. To register for the online events and receive joining instructions, please email: machairwind@scottishpower.com

Details of the WDA proposals will be available at the public consultation events and the MachairWind project team will be available to answer questions. An information booklet and feedback form will be available at all the public events and online on the project website. There will be further opportunity to feedback on the proposals in writing by emailing machairwind@scottishpower.com

All feedback from this consultation period must be received by Sunday 6th July 2025 to be taken into account by the project. Details of a second consultation period will be publicised later in 2025.

Information on the WDA proposals will be available on the project website once the consultation launches on Monday 26th May 2025 at: www.machairwind.co.uk

Please note any comments made to the prospective applicant during this pre-application consultation are not representations to the Scottish Ministers or any other consenting body. If the prospective applicant, MachairWind Ltd, subsequently makes an application for a marine license, there will be a subsequent opportunity for formal representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers via Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT) upon application submission.