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**Correction to Marine Licence – error regarding maximum number of predicted lesser black-backed gull mortalities**

Dear Greg

Further to our discussion on 20 December, I hereby draw your attention to a drafting error in the Galloper Wind Farm Deemed Marine Licence (Schedule 2 of The Galloper Wind Farm Order 2013).

In the Secretary of State decision letter of 24 May 2013, from paragraph 24 (and the project Appropriate Assessment), it is clearly stated that the maximum number of predicted lesser black back gull (LBBG) mortalities at the Alde-Ore SPA should be 101 birds per annum. As such the definition of the Percentage Reduction (of 15.2%) of the predicted project impact on LBBG means that the maximum mortality is limited to 101 individuals.

An error in this number was noted in the DCO and deemed Marine Licence when issued on 24 May 2013. On 20 August, the Secretary of State corrected the error in the DCO (Schedule 1 Part 3 Paragraph 1 (Interpretation)) but were unable to do likewise in the Marine Licence (Schedule 2, Part 1, Paragraph 1 (Interpretation)).

As such, I would kindly request that a correction to the deemed Marine Licence is made, with the recommendation that the same definition is used in The Galloper Wind Farm (Correction Order) 2013:

“the Percentage Reduction means the reduction of 15.2% in the predicted mortality of lesser black-backed gulls, by restricting the number of predicted mortalities attributable to the authorised development to a maximum of 101;”

I would be grateful if the MMO could confirm that this correction is accepted, and also when the correction notice would be formally provided.

Yours sincerely

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