Annex 1 (revised September 2023)

Marine Directorate – Science Evidence Data and Digital (MD-SEDD) – EIA Checklist

The generic scoping guidelines should ensure that all matters relevant to freshwater and diadromous fish and fisheries have been addressed and presented in the appropriate chapters of the EIA report. Use of the checklist below should ensure that the EIA report contains the following information; the absence of such information ***may necessitate requesting additional information*** which could delay the process:

MD-SEDD Standard EIA Report Requirements	Provided in application YES/NO	If YES – please signpost to relevant chapter of EIA Report	If not provided or provided different to **MD-SEDD** advice, please set out reasons.
1. A map outlining the proposed development area and the proposed location of: o the turbines, o associated crane hard standing areas, o borrow pits, o permanent meteorological masts, o access tracks including watercourse crossings, o all buildings including substation, battery storage; o permanent and temporary construction compounds; o all watercourses; and o contour lines;	**Yes**	**Chapter 1 - Introduction & Figures 1.1-1.3**	

2. A description and results of the site characterisation surveys for fish (including fully quantitative electrofishing surveys) and water quality including the location of the electrofishing and fish habitat survey sites and water quality sampling sites on the map outlining the proposed turbines and associated infrastructure. **This should be carried out where a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is present and where salmon are a qualifying feature, and in exceptional cases when required in the scoping advice for other reasons. In other cases, developers can assume that fish populations are present**;	**No**		**Chapter 7 Ecology details how the historic baseline information and discussions with the River Tweed Foundation were used to underpin the impact assessment. No targeted fish surveys were undertaken to inform the assessment, as agreed with the Tweed Foundation, as there is existing baseline data from within the Crystal Rig complex.**
3. An outline of the potential impacts on fish populations and water quality within and downstream of the proposed development area;	**Yes**	**Chapter 7 - Ecology**	
4. Any potential cumulative impacts on the water quality and fish populations associated with adjacent (operational and consented) developments including wind farms, hydro schemes, aquaculture and mining;	**Yes**	**Chapter 7 - Ecology**	

5. Any proposed site specific mitigation measures as outlined in **MD-SEDD** generic scoping guidelines and the joint publication "Good Practice during Wind Farm Construction" (https://www.nature.scot/guidance-good-practice-during-wind-farm-construction);	**Yes**	**Chapter 7 - Ecology & Chapter 13 - Summary of Mitigation, Enhancements and Residual Effects**	
6. Full details of proposed monitoring programmes using guidelines issued by **MD-SEDD** and accompanied by a map outlining the proposed sampling and control sites in addition to the location of all turbines and associated infrastructure. **At least 12 months of baseline pre-construction data should be included. The monitoring programme can be secured using suitable wording in a condition.**	**No**		**See proposed wording within ECU draft conditions for Water Quality and Fish Monitoring Plan**
7. A decommissioning and restoration plan outlining proposed mitigation/monitoring for water quality and fish populations. **This can be secured using suitable wording in a condition.**	**No**		**See proposed wording within ECU draft conditions for Water Quality and Fish Monitoring Plan**

Developers should specifically discuss and assess potential impacts and appropriate mitigation measures associated with the following:	Provided in application YES/NO	If YES – please signpost to relevant chapter of EIA Report	If not provided or provided different to **MD-SEDD** advice, please set out reasons.
1. Any designated area **(e.g. SAC),** for which fish is a qualifying feature, within and/or downstream of the proposed development area;	**Yes**	**Chapter 7 - Ecology**	
2. The presence of a large density of watercourses;	**No**		**No significant density of watercourses**
3. The presence of large areas of deep peat deposits;	**No**		**No large areas of deep peat deposits on site**
4. Known acidification problems and/or other existing pressures on fish populations in the area; and	**No**		**No acidification or existing pressures on fish populations**
5. Proposed felling operations.	**No**		**No proposed felling as part of the application**