

Appendix 4: Summary of feedback request

We invite general comments on any aspect this Discussion Document. We have also asked specific questions throughout the document which are listed below.

Please note that the deadline for responses is close of business on **31 August 2018**. We will publish a summary of responses received on our website. Responses will not be attributed.

A word document version of this form is available to [download here](#).

Respondent information

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Individual

Organisation

Name

Organisation's name

Phone number

Address

Postcode

Email

Please send this form to marine@crownestatescotland.com by close of business **31 August 2018**. If you have any queries about the Discussion Document, or the feedback form, please email hannah.hendron@crownestatescotland.com or call 0131 260 6071 to speak to Hannah Hendron, Policy & Planning Manager.

Specific questions in the Discussion Document

Questions in the main document (pages 1-12)

Section 6 – New offshore wind leasing

Question 1: Do you support our approach of accepting applications at the Draft Sectoral Marine Plan stage or do you favour applications being made only when there is a final adopted Plan?

Question 2: Do you have any comments on the timescales we have indicated?

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Section 7 - Offshore wind in the wider context

Question 3: *What could be done which might result in the level and location of project development interest aligning well with how the grid might be developed?*

Question 4: *Do you (potential applicants) anticipate being willing to include non-binding information of this kind when making an application to Crown Estate Scotland, which could be shared?*

Question 5: *Are there aspects of the provisional design of the leasing process which may be significant barriers to the establishment of cost effective projects and supporting supply chain?*

Question 6: *Please provide us with your ideas on how wider benefits from the development of offshore wind might be realised.*

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Questions in Appendix 1 (pages 13-18)

Question 7: *Should an interval other than 24 months be adopted between cycles of leasing? Is there a more appropriate time gap?*

Question 8: *Do you agree with our proposal to enable applicants to select site boundary and size?*

Question 9: *Is a ceiling on application size required? If required, what area would be realistic to develop over a ten-year Option Agreement term?*

Question 10: *What is your opinion of our proposed approach to Option Agreement fees?*

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Question 11: Do you agree that single-project Option Agreements are sufficient for areas of 150km² and below?

Question 12: What is the best combination of elapsed time and percentage commitment of development budget for Milestone 1?

Question 13: Is it preferable that we define specific actions which the budget must be committed to, or will the milestone provide a suitable incentive by specifying the proportion of expenditure alone?

Question 14: What is the earliest we might set a deadline for consent application that does not risk cancelling Option Agreements held by projects which could otherwise have been successful?

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Question 15: Is a broad-brush approach to Milestone 1 (Commencement) viable for multi-project Option Agreements, or is it unlikely to be possible to select parameters which give worthwhile incentives whilst not posing undesirable risks to some potential developments?

Question 16: Assuming two broad-brush milestones could be worthwhile, what is the best combination of elapsed time and percentage commitment of development budget for Milestones 1.1 and 1.2?

Question 17: Does profiling of rent along these lines provide a suitable incentive to commence operations in a timely manner?

Questions in Appendix 2 (pages 19-25)

Question 18: Do you think the information we are requesting at this stage is appropriate? Is there anything else you would expect to see on the above list to help us reach robust selection decisions? Please explain.

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Question 19: *What aspects of the plan for project delivery are most material in identifying applications which are likely to progress successfully?*

Question 20: *What aspects of the project concept can be assessed, and in what level of detail, to determine the amount of operating capacity likely to result from an application?*

Question 21: *Should we try to reduce the chances of clustering occurring?*

Question 22: *What is the correct minimum separation we should allow between projects? Please explain.*

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Question 23: *Should we have a Clearing process? Please explain.*

Question 24: *Is limiting the total seabed awarded in a cycle of leasing something we should consider? If we limit, what level should we consider (or what rationale should we consider adopting)?*

Question 25: *Do you support us reserving the ability to limit dominant holdings of seabed?*

Question 26: *Should a Refinement stage be included?*

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Question 27: *What should be included in the scope of a Refinement stage?*

