

## Terms of Reference – SOWEC Barriers to Deployment Group

The SOWEC Barrier to Deployment Group has been established as part of a delivery programme with the overall aim of delivering the Scotland Vision and contributing to the UK Sector Deal delivery. The purpose of the group is to support the growth of the Offshore Wind sector in Scotland and create a regular forum where relevant stakeholders can engage on issues of joint economic and environmental interest.

Success would see us building our knowledge and relationships through early and senior level engagement which will foster a collaborative approach to developing the sector in Scotland.

The SOWEC Barriers to Deployment Group will be comprised of the members set out below, the remit of the Barriers to Deployment Group is to be focussed to fulfil the following tasks on an ongoing basis:

### 1. Workstream A

**Blue Economy:** Working to foster a collaborative approach to growing and optimising Scotland's Blue Economy. This workstream will bring users of the sea together and support work already in progress to create a sustainable growth plan for one of Scotland's key natural resources.

### 2. Workstream B

**Environmental Forum:** Scotland has a rich marine environment and the growth of offshore wind will need to be cognisant of this. This forum will bring together the key players from Government, industry and the third sector to foster collaboration, identify issues and provide an overview of the various initiatives already underway.

### 3. Workstream C

The BtD group lead will undertake liaison with the OWIC BtD Group to ensure complementarity of work programme and act as liaison and reporter to SOWEC meetings on OWIC sub-group activity around Grid/ OFTO as well as Aviation issues as they impact development.

We also recognise the need to bring together our data and research base to ensure that we are building a clear and useable picture of our marine environment, particularly around post construction monitoring. Marine Scotland take a leading role in this already and the group will seek to support them in this task which is a relevant enabling factor in the growth of offshore development.

**Frequency:** The group will meet 4 times per year, with ad hoc meetings/conference calls as required.

**Governance:** The Barriers to Deployment Group will be Chaired by an individual who attends SOWEC to act as link from the group. Where necessary, the Chair will escalate issues to SOWEC for resolution or further action.

**Agendas:** Agendas and Action logs will be prepared by the Work Group lead in coordination with the SOWEC PMO.

- Membership List:
- Crown Estate Scotland
- Marine Scotland
- SNH
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee
- Developer input
- UK Chamber of Shipping
- RSPB
- Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- Regional Inshore Fisheries Group
- Oil and Gas rep (focused on stakeholder relationships with fishing industry)
- SG Energy Directorate