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# Community Newsletter

## Edition 2

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# Rounding off an exciting year



Season's greetings from the Salamander team! As the year comes to a close, we would like to thank you for your continued support for our project.

We've gathered some updates for you to wrap up the year and look forward to embarking a new year together, as we get one step closer to our innovative development reaching consent and progressing towards construction.

**Wishing you a happy festive season!**



## A message from our Stakeholder Manager



We're at an exciting stage for the Salamander development, and I'm pleased to be able to share some updates with you in the second edition of our newsletter.

Since we shared our last bulletin, both our onshore and offshore consents applications have been submitted to the relevant authorities, allowing us to begin to focus on the technical engineering aspects of the project while we wait for the consents to be granted.

In this edition, we'll discuss the next steps in our consenting journey and share an environmental update, along with some big news for the supply chain.



## The latest project news

In early October, following months of dedication and hard work from the Salamander project team, we submitted our onshore consents applications.

The first submission, for the onshore substation and associated infrastructure, was made to Aberdeenshire Council and has been validated. It is now being assessed. The second submission, to the Energy Consents Unit of the Scottish Government, focused on the wind farm's energy balancing infrastructure (including a battery

storage unit) that will help to balance the electricity grid. These applications, following on from our offshore consent application - which was submitted in April - represent huge steps forward for the project, and subject to approval, mean that our team can shift its focus to the more technical elements of the development.

Timely approval from the Scottish Government will allow us to fulfil our full potential as a stepping-stone project, providing local supply chain organisations a chance to deploy technologies on a smaller-scale project that will be needed in the wider commercial build-out of floating wind.

# Our Supplier and Innovation Pathway is now open!

Phase 2 of our supplier and innovation pathway is now open on our website until 14 January 2025.

Phase 1 of our supplier and innovation pathway was launched in 2021. The aim of this initiative is to provide the opportunity for companies with innovative offerings, or offerings based on a high-level of Scottish and UK local content, to have a direct route into consideration for the Salamander project. This pathway highlights key areas of interest for the project in all engineering phases so that we can engage with those that have the solutions that we require.

For this second phase, we are looking for suppliers addressing challenges related to:



**Construction and operational health and safety**



**Wind turbine foundation integration**



**Novel anchor technology**



**Low carbon materials and processes**



**Construction vessel optimisation**

If you're interested in getting involved in the project, please enter your details into the portal on our website while it's open.

If you have any queries, please get in touch at [info@salamanderwind.com](mailto:info@salamanderwind.com)



## Public consultation on our consent applications is complete

As you may have seen on our social media channels, we concluded our third round of public consultation in May this year. We invited stakeholders to engage with our team to find out more about our project plans and address any concerns they may have.

As we progress into the next phases of development, we remain committed to transparency and community involvement. We will continue to provide regular updates and opportunities for engagement to ensure that our project reflects the local community's needs. Thank you once again for your invaluable contributions and support in helping us build a sustainable future together.

# An update on our Community Benefit Fund

We have recently appointed GrantScape, a leading UK community fund administrator, to manage consultation around our Community Benefit Fund (CBF). As an independent party, GrantScape will ensure that local residents, community groups and organisations are included in discussions around how best our project can give back to Peterhead and the surrounding areas.

We remain in the early stages of planning the CBF, and wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that we will shortly advertise, through social media and other appropriate channels, a CBF consultation. This will provide the opportunity for you to let us know how our exciting project can translate to real benefits for the people and communities which are crucial to its success.

## The PREDICT 2.0 environmental study is progressing

As part of our commitment to ensure that the Salamander project not only benefits our communities but also our planet, we have undertaken an environmental study in collaboration with two leading Scottish universities.

The PREDICT 2.0 initiative forms part of a research programme led by experts at the University of the Highlands and Islands' (UHI) Environmental Research Institute and the University of Aberdeen and will help us further our understanding of any potential impacts floating windfarms may have on marine ecosystems.

Our proposed site has been installed with a variety of monitoring technologies which will allow us to gather data on the drivers of variation in fish movement and availability as prey.

This crucial piece of research will provide insights about how to best locate windfarm sites in the future, to minimise any negative influence on biodiversity.

As an innovation stepping-stone project, part of our role is to prepare the industry to deliver the renewable needs of the future, and this study will enable us to do so in the most sustainable way possible.





## A message from our Project Director

Season's greetings from all of us at Salamander! We would like to thank you, our local community, for your support and collaboration as we work together toward a sustainable and prosperous future.

See you in the new year!

# Keep in touch

If you have an email address, please sign up for future newsletters on our website, below.

If you are a local supplier and would like to get involved with the project, please register your interest in working with us on our supply chain portal, also on our website.

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