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Sent: 06 May 2022 08:44
To: Jon Stoddard
Cc: Marine Area Advice and Management Team
Subject: Re: A494 Dee Bridge Improvement Scheme

Morning Jon

Andrew has now moved roles within NRW and has passed this enquiry on to me.

The advice is that the work requiring a jack-up barge or pontoons can be done at any time of year, subject to the following restrictions:

- Working hours restricted to between 8am and 5pm.
- No piling work to take place in the 3 hours leading up to high tide at Chester weir.

So we are happy for the work to take place during the period 8am to 5pm so no night time working. The text regarding the restriction of no in river works between early March and November would only be relevant if the above two conditions could not be agreed. It is to allow a period of time where the fish could migrate up/down the Dee (during night time and during the 3hr period before high tide).

Happy to discuss further if you are still unsure

Regards
Rowland

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From: Jon Stoddard <j.stoddard@rmlconsult.com>
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To: Lewis, Andrew S. <andrew.s.lewis@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: A494 Dee Bridge Improvement Scheme

Good afternoon Andrew,

My colleague Stephen Blunt contacted you back in April 2021 regarding the above project, he has now left RML and I have taken on the role of Environmental Coordinator for the project.

Please could you clarify the mitigation measures for working within the river. The text below was received from yourselves has been inserted into the SIAA and Environmental Statement. This suggests that works within the river can be undertaken at any time of year as long it is restricted to night time working.

Following a review with fisheries technical colleagues we consider that operations requiring a jack-up barge or pontoons can be done at any time of year, subject to the following restrictions:

Working hours restricted to between 8am and 5pm.

No piling work to take place in the 3 hours leading up to high tide at Chester weir.

The main concern for fisheries relates to the potential for underwater noise emissions from the works impacting fish migration in the river. The restriction of no in-river works between early March and November was suggested to protecting salmon smolts leaving the river and adult salmon returning. We would advise that if the above restrictions are conditioned agreed and conditioned in the Marine License this would reduce the risk of disturbance to migrating Annex II features of river Dee SAC to an acceptable level.

Please could you confirm that we have interpreted this correctly and that work within the river is acceptable at any time of the year between 8am and 5pm and that this is not restricted to outside the period early March to November of any year?

Many thanks

Regards

Jon

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