**Reduced WTG Foundation Scenario – 79 Foundations** and Updated Marine Mammal Take Estimates for the **Revolution Wind Offshore Wind Farm** 

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## Introduction

This memo provides revised take estimates based on a reduction in the number of wind turbine generator (WTG) foundations to be installed within the Lease Area. The maximum design envelope and ITR Application assumed up to 100 WTG foundations would be installed. This memo provides revised take estimates for a reduced installation scenario of 79 WTG foundations. This analysis supports the various Alternatives evaluated in the DEIS and the applicants layout design refinement and continued evaluation of technical constraints. Marine mammal exposure estimates from foundation installations were revised based on the same assumption used in the ITR application that a maximum of 3 WTG monopile foundations would be installed per-day. This results in an updated installation schedule of 78 WTG monopiles (3 per day for 26 days), 1 WTG monopile (1 per day for 1 day) and 2 OSS monopile foundations (1 per day for 2 days) installed in the highest density month of each species for a total of 29 days of piling. Because all foundations are expected to be installed within one month, only the highest monthly density for each species was used in calculating take rather than both the maximum density month and second highest monthly density.

## **Revised Take Estimates**

The following tables reflect the updated exposure modeling results for 79 WTG and 2 OSS foundation installations as well as corresponding reductions in potential take from HRG surveys related to inter-array cables. A reduction in total WTG foundations results in an overall reduction in take within the Lease Area and therefore an overall reduction in take across the 5-year duration of Project activities.

The amount of HRG survey trackline within the Lease Area has been reduced to reflect the shorter overall distance of inter-array cable between WTG foundations that will be installed. During construction, the Project previously assumed 11,600 km of HRG surveys would occur within the Lease Area. Based on a scenario of 79 WTG foundations, 9,559 km of HRG surveys are now expected to occur within the Lease Area. Area. Assuming 70 km is surveyed per day, that results in 136.6 days of survey activity in the Lease Area. Multiplying the daily ensonified area (19.8 km<sup>2</sup>) by the number of days of survey activity results in a new total ensonified area of 2,704.1 km<sup>2</sup> in the Lease Area.

On an annual basis during operations, it was previously estimated that 2,640 km of HRG surveys would occur within the Lease Area. This has now been reduced to 2,117 km per year. Assuming 70 km is surveyed per day results in 30.2 days of survey activity in the Lease Area each year. Multiplying the daily ensonified area by the number of days of survey activity results in an annual ensonified area of 598.9 km<sup>2</sup> in the Lease Area. Over the four years of operations that would occur during the five-year period covered by the requested regulations, the total ensonified area in the Lease Area would be 2,395.7 km<sup>2</sup>.

The table numbers used below are the same as the corresponding tables in the ITR Application and supplemental Updated Densities Memo submitted to NMFS in August 2022 for 100 WTG foundations. The tables now show the revised take estimates based on the 79 WTG installation scenario. Additionally, Tables 51 and 52 from the supplemental Updated Densities Memo assuming the installation of 100 WTGs are repeated below for comparison.

The table numbers shown below are the same as the corresponding tables within the ITR Application.

Table 21. Estimated Level A and Level B take from 79 (7/12 m) WTG and 2 (7/15 m) OSS monopile foundation installations using an IHC S-4000 hammer assuming 10 dB of noise attenuation. Level B exposure modeling take estimates are based on the unweighted distances to the 160 dB level. "Static" Level B take estimates are from the standard density x area method described in the text, not from exposure modeling.

	-	Modeling stimates				Highest	
Species	Level A Level B (SPL <sub>cum</sub> ) (SPL <sub>rms</sub> )		Static Level B Take Estimates	PSO Data Take Estimate	Mean Group Size	Level B Take	
Mysticetes							
Blue Whale*	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	1.0	1	
Fin Whale*	6.4	14.9	10.6	15.8	1.8	16	
Humpback Whale	6.5	11.5	7.5	47.1	2.0	48	
Minke Whale	60.9	191.2	63.6	5.8	1.2	192	
North Atlantic Right Whale*	17.5	21.6	9.4	1.4	2.4	22	
Sei Whale*	2.5	7.8	4.6	0.4	1.6	8	
Odontocetes							
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin	0.0	0.0	1.9	-	29.0	29	
Atlantic White-Sided Dolphin	0.1	199.5	63.6	4.6	27.9	200	
Bottlenose Dolphin	0.0	68.8	33.0	51.4	7.8	69	
Common Dolphin	0.0	1,327.6	271.0	1,308.9	34.9	1,328	
Harbor Porpoise	320.9	661.0	187.6	1.3	2.7	661	
Pilot Whales	0.0	5.5	2.6	-	8.4	9	
Risso's Dolphin	0.0	15.5	6.1	3.6	5.4	16	
Sperm Whale*	0.0	2.8	1.5	-	1.5	3	
Pinnipeds							
Gray Seal	4.9	253.8	310.2	3.5	1.4	311	
Harbor Seal	32.0	894.8	697.0	4.6	1.4	895	

	Construction Phase Take		Total _Density-based	PSO Data	Mean	Highest Level B Take	
	by Surv			Take	Group		
Species	LA ECR		Take Estimate	Estimate	Size		
Mysticetes							
Blue Whale*	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	1.0	1	
Fin Whale*	4.4	1.4	5.8	6.6	1.8	7	
Humpback Whale	2.8	1.2	4.0	16.5	2.0	17	
Minke Whale	11.8	3.7	15.5	5.9	1.2	16	
North Atlantic Right Whale*	7.4	1.8	9.2	-	2.4	10	
Sei Whale*	1.1	0.4	1.6	-	1.6	2	
Odontocetes							
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin	0.3	0.1	0.3	-	29.0	29	
Atlantic White-Sided Dolphin	24.5	6.5	31.0	-	27.9	31	
Bottlenose Dolphin	13.2	3.8	17.0	100.1	7.8	101	
Common Dolphin	110.5	33.5	144.0	2,353.4	34.9	2,354	
Harbor Porpoise	85.4	30.9	116.3	-	2.7	117	
Pilot Whales	1.4	0.1	1.5	-	8.4	9	
Risso's Dolphin	0.8	0.2	1.0	2.3	5.4	6	
Sperm Whale*	0.4	0.1	0.5	-	1.5	2	
Pinnipeds							
Gray Seal	98.5	75.5	174.0	7.1	1.4	174	
Harbor Seal	221.2	169.6	390.9	11.2	1.4	391	

Table 35. Estimated Level B take from HRG surveys during construction. LA = Lease Area, ECR = Export Cable Route

	Operatio	nual ns Phase urvey Area	Annual Total Density-based	Annual PSO Data	Mean Group	Highest Annual Level B	4-year Level B
Species	LA	ECR	Take Estimate	Take Estimate	Size	Take	Take
Mysticetes							
Blue Whale*	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	1.0	1	4
Fin Whale*	1.0	0.4	1.3	1.6	1.8	2	8
Humpback Whale	0.6	0.4	1.0	4.0	2.0	5	20
Minke Whale	2.6	1.0	3.6	1.5	1.2	4	16
North Atlantic Right Whale*	1.6	0.5	2.1	-	2.4	3	12
Sei Whale*	0.3	0.1	0.4	-	1.6	2	8
Odontocetes							
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin	0.1	0.0	0.1	-	29.0	29	116
Atlantic White-Sided Dolphin	5.4	1.8	7.2	-	27.9	28	112
Bottlenose Dolphin	2.9	1.0	3.9	24.6	7.8	25	100
Common Dolphin	24.5	9.4	33.8	578.0	34.9	579	2,316
Harbor Porpoise	18.9	8.9	27.8	-	2.7	28	112
Pilot Whales	0.3	0.0	0.3	-	8.4	9	36
Risso's Dolphin	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	5.4	6	24
Sperm Whale*	0.1	0.0	0.1	-	1.5	2	8
Pinnipeds							
Gray Seal	27.2	21.1	48.3	1.7	1.4	49	196
Harbor Seal	61.1	47.5	108.6	2.7	1.4	109	436

Table 36. Estimated Level B take from HRG surveys during operations. LA = Lease Area, ECR = Export Cable Route

		Year 1 (Maximum)		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5	
	NMFS Stock	Level A	Level B	Level A	Level B	Requested Level A	Level B	Level A	Level B	Level A	Level B
Species	Abundance <sup>a</sup>	Take	Take	Take	Take	Take	Take	Take	Take	Take	Take
Mysticetes			_								
Blue Whale*	402	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Fin Whale*	6,802	-	40	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Humpback Whale	1,396	7	77	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5
Minke Whale	21,968	-	304	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	4
North Atlantic Right Whale*	368	-	44	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	3
Sei Whale*	6,292	-	18	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Odontocetes											
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin	39,921	-	87	-	29	-	29	-	29	-	29
Atlantic White-Sided Dolphin	93,233	-	260	-	28	-	28	-	28	-	28
Bottlenose Dolphin	62,851	-	180	-	25	-	25	-	25	-	25
Common Dolphin	172,974	-	3,913	-	579	-	579	-	579	-	579
Harbor Porpoise	95,543	49	1,125	-	28	-	28	-	28	-	28
Pilot Whales	68,139	-	27	-	9	-	9	-	9	-	9
Risso's Dolphin	35,215	-	28	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	6
Sperm Whale*	4,349	-	7	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Pinnipeds											
Gray Seal	27,300	3	978	-	49	-	49	-	49	-	49
Harbor Seal	61,336	5	2,393		109	-	109	-	109	-	109

Table 51 . Summary of the estimated Level A and Level B take from all activities on a year-by-year basis for the Project (assuming 79 WTG foundations).

\*Denotes species listed under the Endangered Species Act

Table 51. Summary of the estimated Level A and Level B take from all activities on a year-by-year basis for the Project (assuming 100 WTG	
foundations).	

		Year 1 (N	laximum)	Yea	ar 2	Yea	Year 3		ar 4	Year 5	
Species A	NMFS Stock Abundance <sup>a</sup>	Requested Level A Take	Requested Level B Take								
Mysticetes											
Blue Whale*	402	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Fin Whale*	6,802	-	44	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Humpback Whale	1,396	8	85	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5
Minke Whale	21,968	-	344	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5
North Atlantic Right Whale*	368	-	50	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	3
Sei Whale*	6,292	-	20	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Odontocetes											
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin	39,921	-	87	-	29	-	29	-	29	-	29
Atlantic White-Sided Dolphin	93,233	-	312	-	28	-	28	-	28	-	28
Bottlenose Dolphin	62,851	-	211	-	29	-	29	-	29	-	29
Common Dolphin	172,974	-	4,532	-	659	-	659	-	659	-	659
Harbor Porpoise	95,543	49	1,283	-	33	-	33	-	33	-	33
Pilot Whales	68,139	-	27	-	9	-	9	-	9	-	9
Risso's Dolphin	35,215	-	30	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	6
Sperm Whale*	4,349	-	8	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Pinnipeds											
Gray Seal	27,300	3	1,073	-	49	-	49	-	49	-	49
Harbor Seal	61,336	5	2,669		109	-	109	-	109	-	109

		5-Year	Totals	
Species	NMFS Stock Abundance <sup>a</sup>	Requested Request Level A Level B Take Take		Percent of NMFS Stock Abundance <sup>a</sup>
Mysticetes				
Blue Whale*	402	-	7	1.7
Fin Whale*	6,802	-	48	0.7
Humpback Whale	1,396	7	97	6.9
Minke Whale	21,968	-	320	1.5
North Atlantic Right Whale*	368	-	56	15.2
Sei Whale*	6,292	-	26	0.4
Odontocetes				
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin	39,921	-	203	0.5
Atlantic White-Sided Dolphin	93,233	-	372	0.4
Bottlenose Dolphin	62,851	-	280	0.4
Common Dolphin	172,974	-	6,229	3.6
Harbor Porpoise	95,543	49	1,237	1.3
Pilot Whales	68,139	-	63	0.1
Risso's Dolphin	35,215	-	52	0.1
Sperm Whale*	4,349	-	15	0.3
Pinnipeds				
Gray Seal	27,300	3	1,174	4.3
Harbor Seal	61,336	5	2,829	4.6

Table 52 . Total 5-year requested Level A and Level B take from all activities for the Project (assuming 79 WTG foundations).

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		5-Year	Totals	
Species	NMFS Stock Abundance <sup>a</sup>	Requested Level A Take	Requested Level B Take	Percent of NMFS Stock Abundace <sup>a</sup>
Mysticetes				
Blue Whale*	402	-	7	1.7
Fin Whale*	6,802	-	52	0.8
Humpback Whale	1,396	8	105	7.5
Minke Whale	21,968	-	364	1.7
North Atlantic Right Whale*	368	-	62	16.8
Sei Whale*	6,292	-	28	0.4
Odontocetes				
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin	39,921	-	203	0.5
Atlantic White-Sided Dolphin	93,233	-	424	0.5
Bottlenose Dolphin	62,851	-	327	0.5
Common Dolphin	172,974	-	7,168	4.1
Harbor Porpoise	95,543	49	1,415	1.5
Pilot Whales	68,139	-	63	0.1
Risso's Dolphin	35,215	-	54	0.2
Sperm Whale*	4,349	-	16	0.4
Pinnipeds				
Gray Seal	27,300	3	1,269	4.6
Harbor Seal	61,336	5	3,105	5.1

Table 52 . Total 5-year requested Level A and Level B take from all activities for the Project (assuming 100 WTG foundations).

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Table 52. This table shows the difference between the total requested take calculated assuming the original 100 WTG and the new scenario assuming 79 WTG foundation installations (100 WTG estimates minus 79 WTG estimates).

		5-Year	Totals	
Species	NMFS Stock Abundance <sup>a</sup>	Requested Level A Take	Requested Level B Take	Percent of NMFS Stock Abundance <sup>a</sup>
Mysticetes				
Blue Whale*	402	-	0	0.0
Fin Whale*	6,802	-	-4	-0.1
Humpback Whale	1,396	-1	-8	-0.6
Minke Whale	21,968	-	-44	-0.2
North Atlantic Right Whale*	368	-	-6	-1.6
Sei Whale*	6,292	-	-2	0.0
Odontocetes				
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin	39,921	-	0	0.0
Atlantic White-Sided Dolphin	93,233	-	-52	-0.1
Bottlenose Dolphin	62,851	-	-47	-0.1
Common Dolphin	172,974	-	-939	-0.5
Harbor Porpoise	95,543	0	-178	-0.2
Pilot Whales	68,139	-	0	0.0
Risso's Dolphin	35,215	-	-2	0.0
Sperm Whale*	4,349	-	-1	0.0
Pinnipeds				
Gray Seal	27,300	0	-95	-0.3
Harbor Seal	61,336	0	-276	-0.4

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