

# Environmental Information Regulations

SARF low-frequency ADD report

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### Request

Please provide information on <u>SARF112 – Influences of lower-frequency Acoustic Deterrent Devices</u> (ADDs) on cetaceans in Scottish coastal waters.



SARF112: Low-Frequency ADDs and Porpoises (LEAP)

Influences of Iower-frequency Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADDs) on cetaceans in Scottish coastal waters



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#### Reply

Thank you for your request for information received by JNCC yesterday, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You requested information on the SARF112 (Influences of lower-frequency Acoustic Deterrent Devices (ADDs) on cetaceans in Scottish coastal waters) report, published by the Scottish Aquaculture Research Forum (SARF). Specifically, you asked for any emails, letters and other information on discussions regarding the report, and any information on the publication of the report, including any delays.

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