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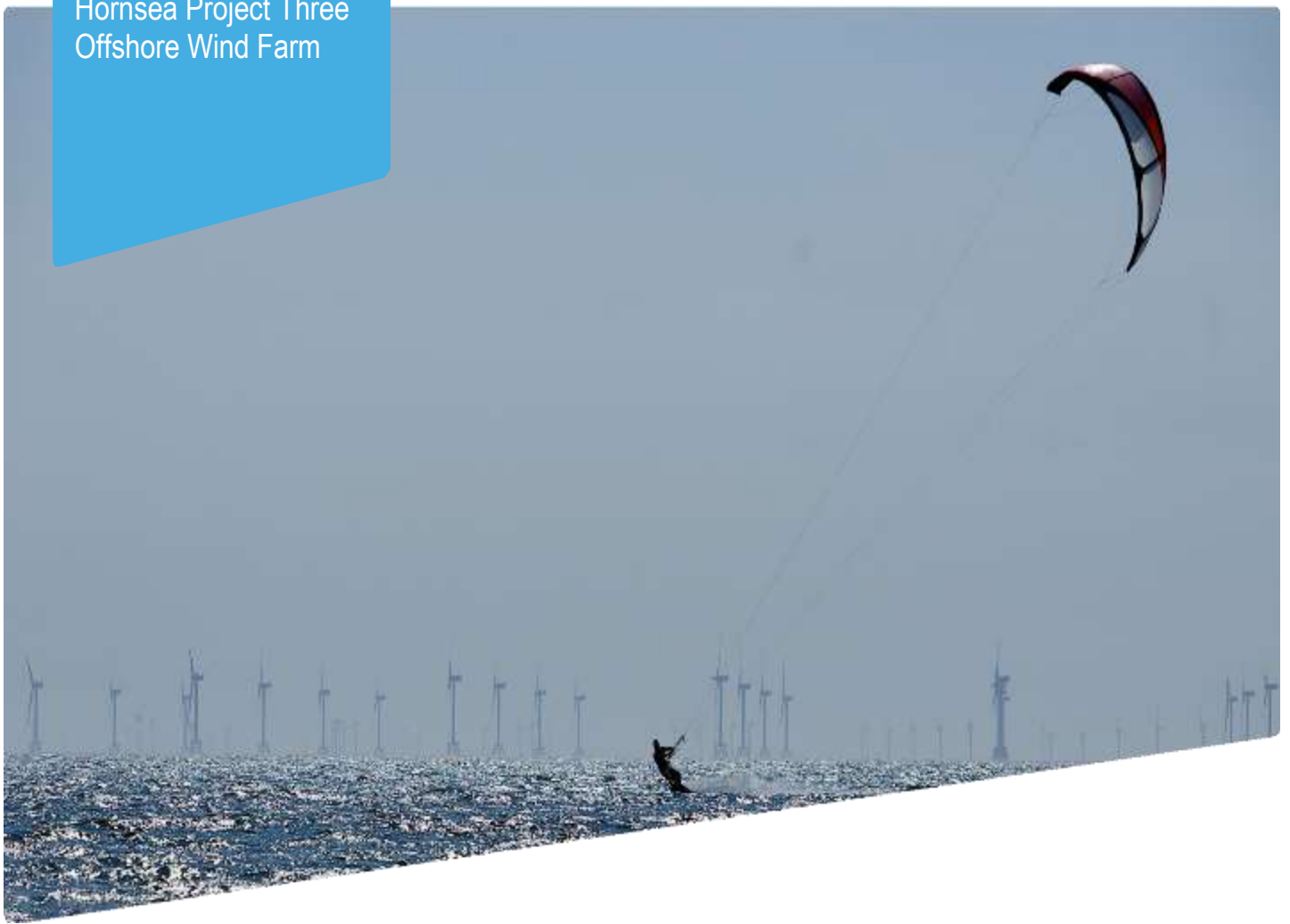
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1. Porpoise return times summary table

Introduction

- 1.1 This Appendix provides a summary of the return time of porpoises to sites of offshore wind farm construction after the end of pile driving activity in support of the Applicants response to the Ex.A Question 2.2.68. Also provided is detail on the scale and duration of each wind farm project. Only projects that did not use noise reduction mitigation are included.

Site	# turbines	Duration of pile driving activity	Harbour porpoise 'return time'	Any other observations
Beatrice (Graham et al. 2018)	84 jacket foundations (336 pile installations)	9 months	12 hours reducing to 6 hours later in piling period	There was a reduction in response over the period of pile driving – both in terms of spatial extent of response and return time
Horns Rev II (Brandt et al. 2011)	91 monopile foundations	7 months	24-72 hours at 2.5 km from piling	The duration of response was less than this at distances beyond 2.5 km
Gemini (Brasseur et al. 2015, Nabe-Nielsen et al. 2018)	158 monopile foundations	4 months (2 vessels operating simultaneously)	6-10 hours	
Egmond an Zee (Scheidat et al. 2011)	36 monopile foundations	4 months	No monitoring during or immediately after construction	Porpoise encounter rates increased during operation relative to baseline (pre-construction) and were significantly higher inside the wind farm than in reference areas outside
BARD Offshore I (Brandt et al. 2018)	81 monopile foundations	Intermittent over 3 years	16 hours	

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