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Responding to the launch of the Scottish Government's draft Sectoral Marine Plan and Offshore Wind Policy Statement,

Brian McFarlane, Co-Chair of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council, said: "As co-chair of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council (SOWEC), I welcome the publication today of a draft offshore wind policy statement and draft sectoral marine plan from the Scottish Government.

"I encourage all stakeholders to engage with these consultations and provide their views to help to shape the development of this critical sector for the Scottish economy.

"Both of these documents will be important in helping our pathway to net zero by achieving the deployment of at least 8GW of offshore wind in Scotland by 2030, in line with the vision of SOWEC."

Notes:

- The [Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council](#) is co-chaired by Scottish Government Energy Minister Paul Wheelhouse and Brian McFarlane, Head of Projects, Offshore Development at SSE Renewables.
- More details can be found on the [Scottish Government's website](#).

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