

Appendix B – Band Model Inputs and Outputs

The following pages present the outputs of a model used to assess collision risk of birds through wind farms. The results were generated by BOEM in August 2022 using a revised version of the Band (2012) model. Two scenarios were assessed for each of the three ESA-listed bird species included in this BA: 1) 100, 8-MW turbines, and 2) 74, 12-MW turbines. Refer to the first sheet of each output for the details of the model inputs. The second sheet presents the overall collision risk applying the number of bird transits, flight timing, flight height distribution, and avoidance rates. The results for each bird species are summarized in Section 4.1.1.4 of the BA.

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Bird data				
Species name		Piping plover		
Bird length	m	0.17		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piping_plover_(averaged_15-19_cm) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piping_plover_(averaged_35-41_cm) Stantial & Cohen 2015 Loring et al 2019, Fig 66; value = 4
Wingspan	m	0.38		
Flight speed	m/sec	9.3		
Nocturnal activity factor (1-5)		4		
Flight type, flapping or gliding		flapping		

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Bird survey data													
Daytime bird density	birds/sq km												
Proportion at rotor height	%												
Proportion of flights upwind	%	8.6%											

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Birds on migration data													
Migration passages	birds	171 171 171 855											
Width of migration corridor	km	38											
Proportion at rotor height	%	15%											
Proportion of flights upwind	%	8.6%											

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 Loring et al 2019, Table 26
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Windfarm data			
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Number of turbines		100	
Width of windfarm	km	38	
Tidal offset	m	1	

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Turbine data														
Turbine model		8 MW												
No of blades		3												
Rotation speed	rpm	10.5												
Rotor radius	m	82												
Hub height	m	115												
Monthly proportion of time operational	%		94%	94%	92%	91%	88%	89%	86%	85%	87%	91%	93%	94%
Max blade width	m	5.000												
Pitch	degrees	1												

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		95.00%	98.00%	99.00%	99.50%	Data sources (if applicable)
Avoidance rates used in presenting results		X	X	X		Hatch & Brault 2007
			X			Hatch & Brault 2007, Stantial 2014
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					X	

COLLISION RISK ASSESSMENT (BIRDS ON MIGRATION)

Sheet 2 - Overall collision risk

**All data input on Sheet 1:
no data entry needed on this sheet!
other than to choose option for final tables**

- from Sheet 1 - input data
- from Sheet 6 - available hours
- from Sheet 3 - single transit collision risk
- from survey data
- calculated field

			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	year average
Bird details:															
Species		Piping plover													
Flight speed	m/sec	9.3													
Flight type		flapping													
Windfarm data:															
Number of turbines		100													
Rotor radius	m	82													
Minimum height of rotor	m	115													
Total rotor frontal area	sq m	2112407													
Proportion of time operational	%		94%	94%	92%	91%	88%	89%	86%	85%	87%	91%	93%	94%	90.3%
Stage A - flight activity															
Migration passages			0	0	171	171	171	0	855	0	0	0	0	0	per annum
Migrant flux density	birds/ km		0	0	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	1368
Proportion at rotor height	%	15%													
Flux factor			0	0	58	58	58	0	290	0	0	0	0	0	
Option 1 -Basic model - Stages B, C and D															
Potential bird transits through rotors			0	0	9	9	9	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	70
Collision risk for single rotor transit		(from sheet 3) 4.5%													
Collisions for entire windfarm, allowing for non-op time, assuming no avoidance	birds per month or year		0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Option 2-Basic model using proportion from flight distribution															
			0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Option 3-Extended model using flight height distribution															
Proportion at rotor height		(from sheet 4) 27.5%													
Potential bird transits through rotors		Flux integral 0.3156	0	0	18	18	18	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	146
Collisions assuming no avoidance		Collision integral 0.01809	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7
Average collision risk for single rotor transit		5.7%													
Stage E - applying avoidance rates															
Using which of above options?		Option 3	0.00%	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	7
Collisions assuming avoidance rate	birds per month or year		95.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			98.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			99.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			99.50%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collisions after applying large array correction															

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Windfarm data			
Name of windfarm site		RWF	
Latitude	degrees	41.00	
Number of turbines		74	
Width of windfarm	km	38	
Tidal offset	m	1	

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Turbine data														
Turbine model		12 MW												
No of blades		3												
Rotation speed	rpm	7.8												
Rotor radius	m	110												
Hub height	m	156												
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Max blade width	m	8.000												
Pitch	degrees	1												

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Species name		Roseate tern		
Bird length	m	0.35		
Wingspan	m	0.72		
Flight speed	m/sec	10.4		
Nocturnal activity factor (1-5)		1		
Flight type, flapping or gliding		flapping		

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Daytime bird density	birds/sq km													
Proportion at rotor height	%	6.0%												
Proportion of flights upwind	%	37.5%												

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Birds on migration data														
Migration passages	birds													
Width of migration corridor	km	135	4331	4331	817	817	8657	8657						
Proportion at rotor height	%	6%												
Proportion of flights upwind	%	37.5%												

Adult, fledglings, non-breeding, numbers devived from Mostello unpub data & Nisbet et al 2014
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Species name		RedKnot	
Bird length	m	0.24	
Wingspan	m	0.54	
Flight speed	m/sec	20.1	
Nocturnal activity factor (1-5)		5	
Flight type, flapping or gliding		flapping	

Source
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