

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CARRY OUT AN EXEMPTED ACTIVITY

Person or company carrying out the activity:

Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Ltd

Contact address:

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Contact telephone:

Contact email:

Commencement date and expected completion date of activity:

1 week period between 01/07/2016 and 31/07/2016

Location of activity (please provide latitude and longitude co-ordinates of the boundary points of the project and mark on a map):

Area where works are to be carried out is provided in a shapefile

"ABER_GeoSvy_v15_160426\hop_32630_Extract_SvyJob10088.zip".

Target locations provided in "61290-2AG-700-002-A_ProposedCPT_CV_Locations.xlsx". Also see attached map.

Description of activity (for benthic surveys or sediment removal, give an estimate of the number of grabs/cores/trial pits to be undertaken and for deployment of equipment, include the period of time it will be in place, it's purpose, and expected position e.g. sea bed or water column):

The works will include shallow geotechnical intrusive investigation along the export cable route for Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm comprising vibrocores (VC) and shallow cone penetration testing (CPT) alongside it carried out from a Multicat or similar type vessel.

Up to 10No locations will be investigated along the export cable route in water depth between 4 and 18m below LAT. The CPT and VC will penetrate to approximately 6m below seabed at each location. The maximum recovered sample quantity per VC would not exceed 0.05m³ with a total across the campaign not exceeding 0.5m³.

The vessel would operate on a 12hr/day basis but would remain onsite overnight until the scope of work is complete, which is anticipated to last up to a week (subject to weather conditions) .

I declare that the following conditions relative to the activity/activities to be undertaken are met:

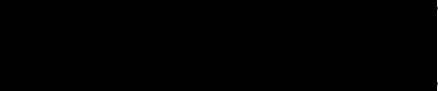
Sediment Sampling

- the volume of sediment removed will be less than 1 cubic metre (per grab);
- the activity is not likely to cause a danger or obstruction to navigation;
- the plan or project is not likely (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) to have a significant effect on a European site; a Ramsar site; the protected features of an Marine Protected Area (MPA); or any process on which the conservation of any protected feature of a MPA is dependent;
- the activity is not likely to have a significant adverse impact on a historical monument/ designated wreck;
- the site is not in the locality of a designated bathing water site (if so all physical works should be done out with the Bathing Water Season (1st June to 15th September));
- a Notice to Mariners will be issued and a notice placed in the Kingfisher Fortnightly Bulletin which clearly states the nature and duration of the works.

Scientific Instrument Deployment

- the activity is not likely to cause a danger or obstruction to navigation (note: if a marker buoy is used, a Marine Licence will usually be required);
- all reagents and chemical/ particle tracers used will be approved by Marine Scotland;
- the plan or project is not likely (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) to have a significant effect on a European site; a Ramsar site; the protected features of a MPA; or any process on which the conservation of any protected feature of a MPA is dependent (this condition does not apply if the activity is directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site or area);
- the activity is not likely to have a significant adverse impact on a historical monument/ designated wreck;
- a Notice to Mariners will be issued and a notice placed in the Kingfisher Fortnightly Bulletin which clearly states the nature and duration of the works;
- If a scientific instrument is to be in situ for longer than six months the UK Hydrographic Office will be notified;
- all scientific instruments/ associated equipment will be removed on conclusion of the survey.

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this form and related papers is true.

Signature	
Name in BLOCK LETTERS	GRAHAM DAVEY
Date	23 May 2016

WARNING

It is an offence under the Act under which this notice is given to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents or authorisations that may be required.