

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CARRY OUT AN EXEMPTED ACTIVITY

Person or company carrying out the activity:

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Commencement date and expected completion date of activity:

Commencement earliest: week 9, 26th February 2018

Expected end date: Week 13, 30th March 2018

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

Nearshore export cable routes for the Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm. Between the beach and a large sandbar approximately 600m from the low water line.

Contained within the boundaries: 57.215,-2.055; 57.212,-2.050; 57.211,-2.051; 57.214,-2.055

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 purpose of these works is to gain geotechnical information on the seabed for use in installation the Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm export cables.

Works will be carried out by a specialised shallow draft vessel:

- Cone penetration tests on the seabed: No sediment removal. Expect 40 tests within the area going no deeper than 3m into the seabed.
- Vibrocore, and possibly rockdrill, samples taken from the seabed: Small amounts of sediment removal, less than 1 cubic meter total from all tests. Expect 20 tests within the area going no deeper than 3m into the seabed.

The sandbar roughly 700m from the beach heavily restricts vessels entry into the area and only specialised shallow hull vessels can enter during the high tide. This in combination with the shallow water indicates that this activity will not cause danger or give obstruction to navigation. The area is within the Consented Export Cable Laying Area.

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

[Redacted Signature]

Name in BLOCK LETTERS SANDRA HAYES

Date 23/02/2018

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.