

Appendix 2. Potential impacts on navigation and proposed mitigation.

The licence area is not open to trawling or dredging, and is not fished by the Nephrop fishing fleet. It is occasionally fished by small local boats for crab, lobster and Wrasse, and very occasionally visited by angling/leisure craft (canoes etc).

Through consultation with the Torridon fleet, we have agreed where possible all longline headlines will be at least 2m below surface. Surface buoys will be connected vertically to the headline to minimise any potential for entanglement (boats would usually go around either end of the longline where there is a gap in the surface floats, however small inshore craft could cross over the longline unhindered). There will be no loose or slack ropes capable of entanglement with a boat propeller, and the raft will be marked with a radar reflector.