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Forth and Tay Offshore Wind Commercial Fisheries Working Group

The CFWG provides a forum for discussion on how the local commercial fishing industry and offshore wind developers can work together in the Forth and Tay. It seeks to provide a platform for information sharing, discussion around key issues and potential impacts, and maintaining a good working relationship throughout the lifecycle of the wind farms. Membership includes representatives from national and local fisheries bodies as well as wind farm developers and Marine Scotland.



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The Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm (NnG) is located approximately 15.5 kilometres (km) from Fife Ness. Generated power will be exported via subsea cables to landfall at Thorntonloch Beach in East Lothian, and then via underground cables to a new substation at Crystal Rig wind farm in the Lammermuir Hills. EDF Renewables acquired NnG in 2018 and the site was awarded to the previous owners (Mainstream Renewable Power) in 2009.

Scottish Ministers granted consent for the offshore elements of the project in 2014. The original consent allowed for up to 75 turbines. An application for an updated design was submitted to Scottish Ministers in 2018, allowing the use of newer, more powerful turbines which will enable the wind farm to generate the same output using fewer turbines. A new consent was granted in December 2018 for a maximum of 54 turbines with a maximum output of 450 megawatts (MW).

Onshore construction is expected to commence in summer 2019. Offshore construction is due to commence in spring 2020 with completion expected in 2023.

A series of geophysical site investigations will commence at NnG from mid-May 2019 onwards. Engagement will continue with local fishermen in relation to these surveys.

A Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) for NnG will be appointed shortly, in the meantime, any questions or concerns in relation to commercial fisheries on NnG should be directed to rosie.scurr@nngoffshorewind.com

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The Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm project, 15km off the Angus Coast, is expected to begin offshore construction in May 2021. Developer, Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL), is awaiting approval of a new planning application which would result in fewer, larger capacity and more efficient turbines being used. Installation of export cables, which will connect the wind farm to the National Grid at Cockenzie in East Lothian, will take place between April and August 2022. The first of the up to 72 turbines is set for installation in March 2023, with first generation anticipated in April.

ICOL is currently progressing offshore site investigation works in preparation for the next detailed design phase. Since the beginning of April this year, the Horizon Geobay has been drilling boreholes on site to gain a better understanding of the geology beneath the seabed. A further geophysical survey of the cable route will also potentially be undertaken to further inform cable installation and ensure the majority of the route can be buried. This is expected to be completed in July 2019 with any other site investigation works required being much shorter in duration.

ICOL has worked closely with the survey contractors to develop a strategy which re-opens sections of the site for fishing activity as quickly as possible once works have been completed. Fisheries Liaison Officers (FLOs) are currently and will continue to notify local fishermen of survey activity, and measures are in place where possible to minimise disruption to the local industry. Please contact the team at InchCapeWind@redrockpower.co.uk should you have any questions or concerns.

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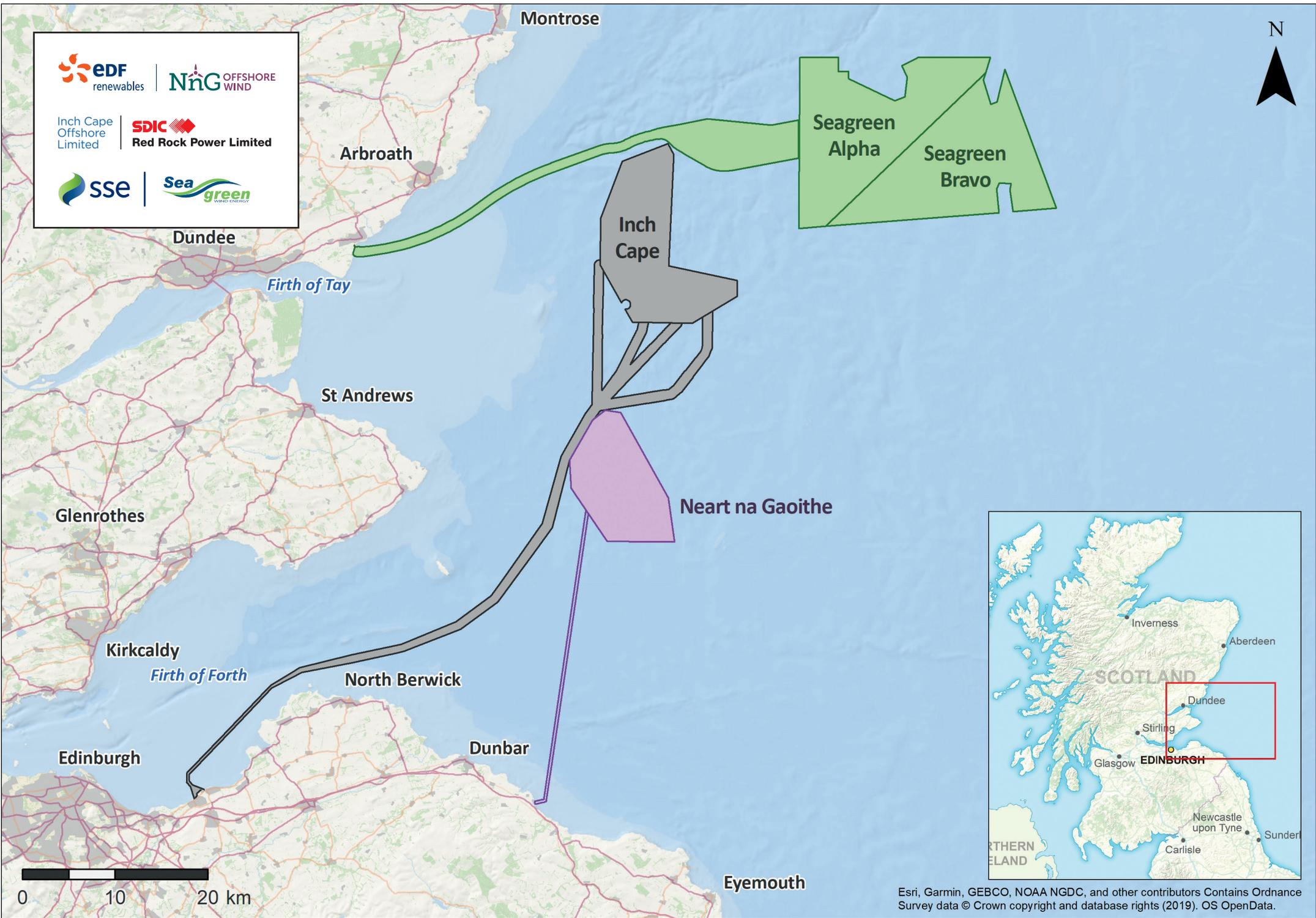
Seagreen Wind Energy Limited is an offshore wind farm development wholly owned by Perth based energy company SSE. In 2010, Seagreen was awarded exclusive development rights by The Crown Estate for the Firth of Forth Zone of the UK's Round 3 offshore wind farm development programme.

Seagreen Phase One within the Zone includes the development of two windfarms, 'Seagreen Alpha' and 'Seagreen Bravo' with a potential combined capacity of up to 1.5GW. The projects are located over 27km from the Angus coastline. Generated power will be transmitted through subsea cables from the wind farms to a landfall at Carnoustie then via underground cables to a new onshore substation at Tealing (north of Dundee). The offshore consent for Seagreen Phase One was received from Scottish Ministers in 2014.

Seagreen are currently engaged in a programme of offshore site investigations to inform wind farm design refinement decisions. Seagreen will continue to engage and consult with local fisheries interests throughout this period and thereafter.

For more information about Seagreen or to register for project updates please go online to our project website at www.seagreenwindenergy.com. You can also contact our Fisheries Liaison Manager directly at Jen.Miller@brownmay.com should you have any queries or concerns.

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