

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE TO DEPOSIT ANY SUBSTANCE OR OBJECT IN THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA

Licence Number: **MD-00011464**

The Scottish Ministers (hereinafter referred to as "the Licensing Authority") hereby grant a marine licence authorising:

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited
Atria One, Level Six
144 Morrison Street
Edinburgh
EH3 8EX

to deposit any substance or object as described in Part 2. The licence is subject to the conditions set out, or referred to, in Part 3.

The licence is valid from **14 February, 2026** until **31 December, 2026**

Signed:

Toni-marie Mcginn

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 13 February, 2026

1. PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 Interpretation

In the licence, terms are as defined in Section 1, 64 and 157 of the Marine Scotland Act 2010, and

- a) **"the 2010 Act"** means the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010;
- b) **"Licensed Activity"** means any activity or activities listed in section 21 of the 2010 Act which is, or are authorised under the licence;
- c) **"Licensee"** means Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited
- d) **"Mean High Water Springs"** means any area submerged at mean high water spring tide;
- e) **"Commencement of the Licensed Activity"** means the date on which the first vehicle or vessel arrives on the site to begin carrying on any activities in connection with the Licensed Activity;
- f) **"Completion of the Licensed Activity"** means the date on which the Licensed Activity has been installed in full, or the Licensed Activity has been deemed complete by the Licensing Authority, whichever occurs first;

All geographical co-ordinates contained within the licence are in WGS84 format (latitude and longitude degrees and minutes to three decimal places) unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Contacts

All correspondence or communications relating to the licence should be addressed to:
Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team
375 Victoria Road
Aberdeen
AB11 9DB
Email: MD.MarineRenewables@gov.scot

1.3 Other authorisations and consents

The Licensee is deemed to have satisfied itself that there are no barriers or restrictions, legal or otherwise, to the carrying on of the Licensed Activities in connection with the licensed activity. The issuing of the licence does not absolve the Licensee from obtaining such other authorisations and consents, which may be required under statute.

1.4 Variation, suspension, revocation and transfer

Under section 30 (1) of the 2010 Act the Licensing Authority may by notice vary, suspend or revoke the licence granted by them if it appears to the Licensing Authority that there has been a breach of any of its provisions. For any such other reason that appears to be relevant to the Licensing Authority under section 30(2) or (3) of the 2010 Act.

Under the 2010 Act variations, suspensions, revocations and transfers of licences are subject to the procedures set out in section 31 of the Act.

Under section 30 (7) of the 2010 Act, on an application made by a licensee, the Licensing Authority may vary a licence if satisfied that the variation being applied for is not material.

Under section 30 (8) of the 2010 Act, on an application made by the licensee, the Licensing Authority may transfer the licence from the Licensee to another person.

1.5 Breach of requirement for, or conditions of, licence

Under section 39 of the 2010 Act it is an offence to carry on a Licensable Marine Activity without a marine licence and it is also an offence to fail to comply with any condition of a marine licence.

1.6 Defences: actions taken in an emergency

Under section 40 of the 2010 Act it is a defence for a person charged with an offence under section 39(1) of the 2010 Act in relation to any activity to prove that – the activity was carried out for the purpose of saving life, or for the purpose of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure ('force majeure'), and that the person took steps within a reasonable time to inform the Licensing Authority as set out in section 40(2) of the 2010 Act.

1.7 Offences relating to information

Under section 42 of the 2010 Act it is an offence for a person to make a statement which is false or misleading in a material way, knowing the statement to be false or misleading or being reckless as to whether the statement is false or misleading, or to intentionally fail to disclose any material information for the purpose of procuring the issue, variation or transfer of a marine licence or for the purpose of complying with, or purporting to comply with, any obligation imposed by either Part 4 of the 2010 Act or the provisions of this licence.

1.8 Appeals

Under Regulation 3(1) of the Marine Licensing Appeals (Scotland) Regulations 2011 a person who has applied for a marine licence may by summary application appeal to against a decision taken by the Licensing Authority under section 71(1)(b) or (c) or (5) of the Act.

2. PART 2 – PARTICULARS

2.1 Agent

As per Licensee.

2.2 Location of deposit of the substances or objects:

Near na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm, Firth of Forth:

56° 15.271' N 02° 09.898' W
56° 12.721' N 02° 09.255' W
56° 12.752' N 02° 13.998' W
56° 12.766' N 02° 16.293' W
56° 15.479' N 02° 19.628' W
56° 15.827' N 02° 20.055' W
56° 17.430' N 02° 20.232' W
56° 19.752' N 02° 17.826' W
56° 20.312' N 02° 16.518' W
56° 20.171' N 02° 14.910' W

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Marine Licence for the deposit of marine growth in the marine area following inspection and removal of marine growth from approximately 29 welds in the Near na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm.

As described in the application dated 15 October 2025 and further supporting information submitted 19 January 2026.

2.4 Descriptions of the substances or objects to be deposited

The licence authorises the deposit of the undernoted substances and objects required in connection with the licensed activity, subject to the maximum amounts as specified below:

Up to 300 kilograms of marine growth to be deposited in-situ upon removal from jacket foundations and offshore substations.

3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 General Conditions

3.1.1 The Licensee must only deposit the substances listed in Part 2 of the licence in accordance with the licence, the application and any plans or programmes approved by the Licensing Authority unless otherwise authorised by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.2 Only the substances listed in Part 2 of the licence may be used during the execution of the Licensed Activity.

3.1.3 All materials, substances and objects used during the execution of the Licensed Activity must be inert and must not contain toxic elements which may be harmful to the marine environment, the living resources which it supports or human health.

3.1.4 The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity does not encroach on any recognised anchorage, either charted or noted in nautical publications, within the licensed area as described in Part 2 of the Licence.

3.1.5 The Licensee must provide written notification of any serious unforeseen incident of harm to the environment or human health, or any serious unforeseen incident of interference with legitimate uses of the sea during the Licensed Activity, to the Licensing Authority within 24 hours of the incident occurring.

3.1.6 The Licensee must notify the UK Hydrographic Office at sdr@ukho.gov.uk of the following information:

- a) no less than 10 days prior to the Commencement of the Licensed Activity
 - i) the start date of the Licensed Activity and proposed end date
 - ii) a description of the Licensed Activity
 - iii) details of any aids to navigation
 - iv) location of the area of the Licensed Activity (latitude and longitude coordinates in WGS84 (ETRS89) datum)
 - v) a copy of the Licence
- b) the progress of the Licensed Activity
- c) no later than 10 working days after the completion of the Licensed Activity
 - i) the date of Completion of the Licensed Activity

A copy of the notification in a) and c) must be sent to the Licensing Authority within five working days of the notification being sent.

3.1.7 The Licensee must adopt measures to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive non-native species as a result of the Licensed Activity. The Licensee must ensure that all licensed activities are carried out in strict accordance with the Marine Licence Application for Marine Growth Deposition Supporting Environmental Information Report (NNG-NNG-PMG-REP-0695) signed 20 January 2026.

3.1.8 The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity is only carried out at the location of the Licensed Activity specified in Part 2 of the licence.

3.2 Prior to the Commencement of the Licensed Activity

3.2.1 The Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority in writing of the name and address of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor not already listed in Part 2 of the licence being used to carry out any Licensed Activity listed in Part 2 of the licence. Such notification must be received by the Licensing Authority no less than 24 hours before the Commencement of the Licensed Activity.

3.2.2 The Licensee must provide the name and address of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor proposed to be engaged in the activity to the Licensing Authority prior to the Commencement of the Licensed Activity.

3.2.3 The Licensee must issue local notification to marine users, including fisher's organisations, neighbouring port authorities and other local stakeholders, of the Commencement of the Licensed Activity at least five days before the Commencement of the Licensed Activity.

The Licensing Authority must be sent a copy of the notification within 24 hours of the notification being sent.

3.2.4 The Licensee must notify HM Coastguard National Maritime Operations Centre (nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk), HM Coastguard (Zone4@hmcg.gov.uk), The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk), no less than 7 days prior to the Commencement of the Licensed Activity, of the following information:

a) the start date and proposed end date of the Licensed Activity

A copy of the notification must be sent to the Licensing Authority within five working days of the notification being sent.

3.3 During the Licensed Activity

3.3.1 Only those persons acting on behalf of, and authorised by, the agent or the Licensee shall undertake the Licensed Activity.

3.3.2 The Licensee must ensure that a copy of the licence is available for inspection by a Marine Enforcement Officer at:

- a) the premises of the Licensee;
- b) the premises of any agent, contractor and sub-contractor engaged in the Licensed Activity;
- c) location of the Licensed Activity;
- d) any vessel or vehicle carrying on the Licensed Activity.

3.3.3 The Licensee must provide a copy of the licence to each agent, contractor and sub-contractor engaged in the Licensed Activity and must ensure that any person engaged in the Licensed Activity is aware of the particulars in Part 2 of the licence and the conditions in Part 3 of the licence.

3.3.4 The Licensee must minimise suspension of sediment and minimise damage to the seabed when carrying on the Licensed Activity.

3.3.5 Any person authorised by the Licensing Authority must be permitted to inspect the site at any reasonable time.

3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

3.4.1 If a new licence is required, the Licensee must make an application at least fourteen weeks before the expiry date of the licence. This licence shall not continue in force after the expiry date of 31 December 2026 .

3.4.2 The Licensee must submit to MD-LOT, a written report detailing all actions taken in accordance with the specified terms and conditions of the licence. This report must detail the procedures and any visual observations. The written report must be submitted on the forms provided by the Licensing Authority no later than 31 July 2027.

NOTES

1. You are deemed to have satisfied yourself that there are no barriers, legal or otherwise, to the carrying out of the licensed activity. The issue of the licence does not absolve the licensee from obtaining such authorisations, consents etc which may be required under any other legislation.
2. In the event that the licensee wishes any of the particulars set down in the Schedule to be altered, the licensing authority must be immediately notified of the alterations. It should be noted that changes can invalidate a licence, and that an application for a new licence may be necessary.