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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.



Berwick Bank and Marr Bank Wind Farms

The Berwick Bank and Marr Bank Wind Farm projects within Crown Estate Scotland's (CES) Firth of Forth Zone continue their development. The challenges surrounding COVID-19 remain; however, the survey campaign for the sites has continued almost as planned into 2021 and significant milestones have been achieved.

These include the completion of our winter vessel traffic survey, all ornithological surveys and the geophysical survey of one of the landfall locations using unmanned surface vessels (USV's). The ornithology surveys consisted of 300 hours of flight

time across an area of 5,000 km², producing 15 million images which have documented more than 338,000 birds and over 2000 marine mammals.

We are currently analysing the Scoping Opinion for the Berwick Bank Wind Farm, which will be considered fully ahead of the May 2022 submission date for the full EIA Report. Over the next year to May 2022 there will be many opportunities to discuss the project with the team as we look to further engage with all stakeholders and we will also be planning more public events, both in 2021 and 2022.

Further information on the projects can be found at <https://www.sserenewables.com/offshore-wind/projects/berwick-bank-and-marr-bank/> or by emailing berwickbank@sse.com or marrbank@sse.com



Seagreen Offshore Wind Farm

The desired construction phase Cooperation Agreements are in place with the majority of the static gear fishermen working in the project area. The pre-commencement surveys of the wind farm site are continuing, following which boulder and UXO (if required) clearance works will take place, commencing July/August. Additional scout surveys have been completed and the cooperation of fishermen in moving any gear still identified in the site is appreciated.

The Seagreen Marine Coordination Centre at Montrose is now fully operational and can be contacted on 0333 344 5255, email seagreenmarinecoordination@sse.com. Site establishment, deployment of the construction marker buoys, will take place before the planned start of offshore construction works in Q3. Offshore works will commence with OSP jacket installation in mid-September. Installation of Wind Farm infrastructure and further Transmission Asset infrastructure is planned to ramp up from Q3/Q4 2021 and into the following year. The first WTG jackets will arrive at the Nigg marshalling yard during August prior to their subsequent transport to site for installation. Discussions are ongoing with local fisheries

representatives regarding transit routes and shelter areas.

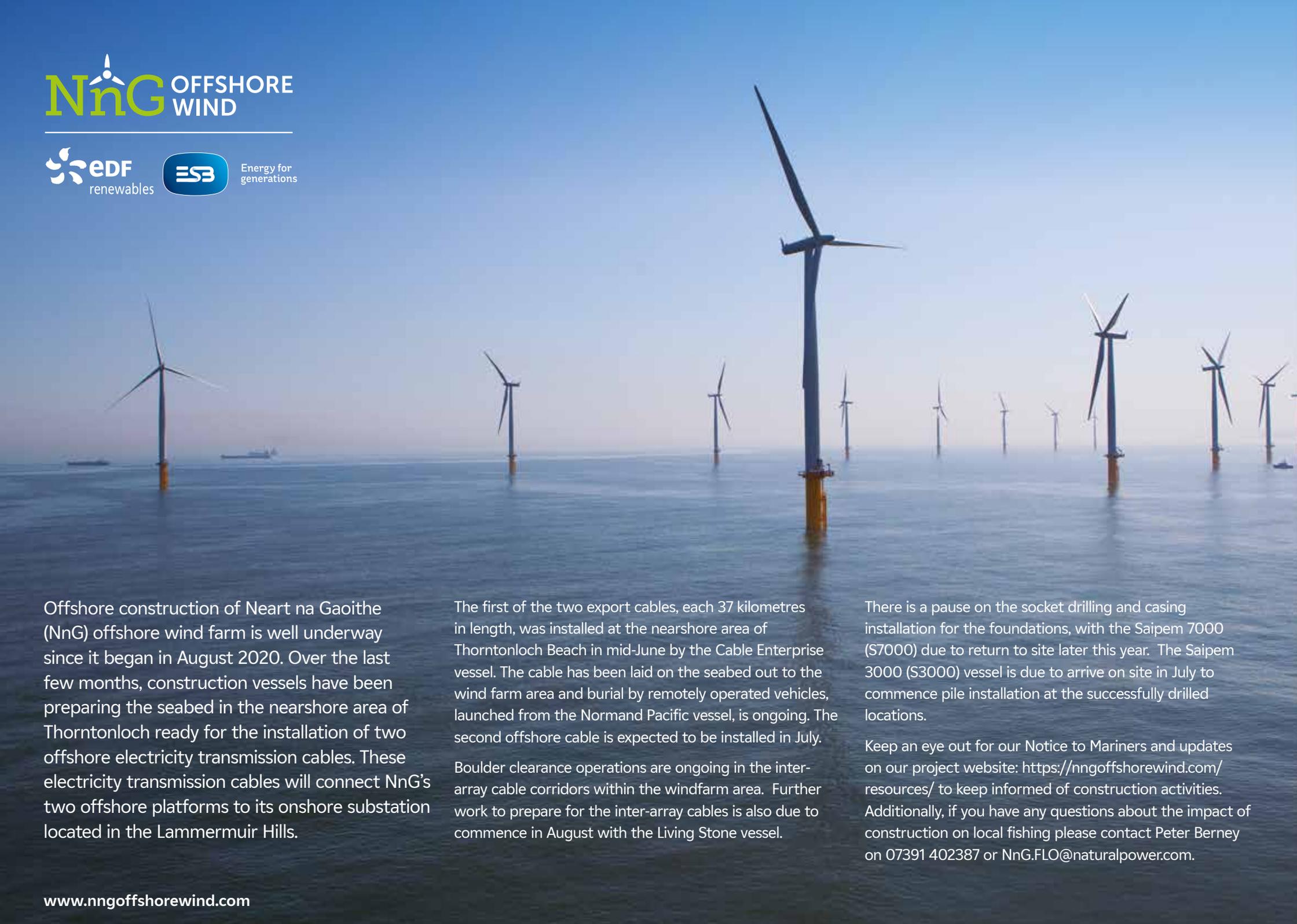
Landfall works at Carnoustie are progressing, with cable duct installation at the coastal defence complete and reinstatement of the defence due to start. Installation of nearshore cable pipes will commence in August. Work is also progressing onshore at the substation site and along the cable route in line with the onshore construction programme.



Seagreen Offshore Wind Farm 1A

The Marine Licence, which would allow the Seagreen Project to connect to the grid at Cockenzie, was consulted on between 13 May until 24 June 2021. We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to respond to our Seagreen 1A proposals.

Geotechnical surveys, within the proposed SG1A Export Cable Corridor and the consented Array area, will be undertaken this year to inform engineering decisions regarding construction of the cable landfall, cable burial requirements and decisions around wind turbine foundation and OSP foundation design.



Offshore construction of Neart na Gaoithe (NnG) offshore wind farm is well underway since it began in August 2020. Over the last few months, construction vessels have been preparing the seabed in the nearshore area of Thorntonloch ready for the installation of two offshore electricity transmission cables. These electricity transmission cables will connect NnG's two offshore platforms to its onshore substation located in the Lammermuir Hills.

The first of the two export cables, each 37 kilometres in length, was installed at the nearshore area of Thorntonloch Beach in mid-June by the Cable Enterprise vessel. The cable has been laid on the seabed out to the wind farm area and burial by remotely operated vehicles, launched from the Normand Pacific vessel, is ongoing. The second offshore cable is expected to be installed in July.

Boulder clearance operations are ongoing in the inter-array cable corridors within the windfarm area. Further work to prepare for the inter-array cables is also due to commence in August with the Living Stone vessel.

There is a pause on the socket drilling and casing installation for the foundations, with the Saipem 7000 (S7000) due to return to site later this year. The Saipem 3000 (S3000) vessel is due to arrive on site in July to commence pile installation at the successfully drilled locations.

Keep an eye out for our Notice to Mariners and updates on our project website: <https://nngoffshorewind.com/resources/> to keep informed of construction activities. Additionally, if you have any questions about the impact of construction on local fishing please contact Peter Berney on 07391 402387 or NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com.



Inch Cape
OFFSHORE LIMITED

Inch Cape Offshore Limited (ICOL) has been working on a number of different elements of the project, both offshore and onshore related. Key to this work is ensuring a smooth transition from development and consenting to planned construction activity.

The next element of this work offshore is a site investigation campaign at the wind farm site, which will be undertaken this summer, dates to be confirmed. This work will provide further geotechnical data to help plan the detailed construction programme and is

expected to consist of a survey vessel visiting specific locations within the wind farm. This work will be promoted via the ICOL FLO and FIR network and via the usual Notice to Mariners updates.

We will share further project updates as soon as they are available and very much look forward to resuming face-to-face contact with our local fishing communities when considered safe to do so.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact our FLO, Peter Berney by calling 01661 312109 or 07391 402387 or by emailing him at ICOL.FLO@naturalpower.com.

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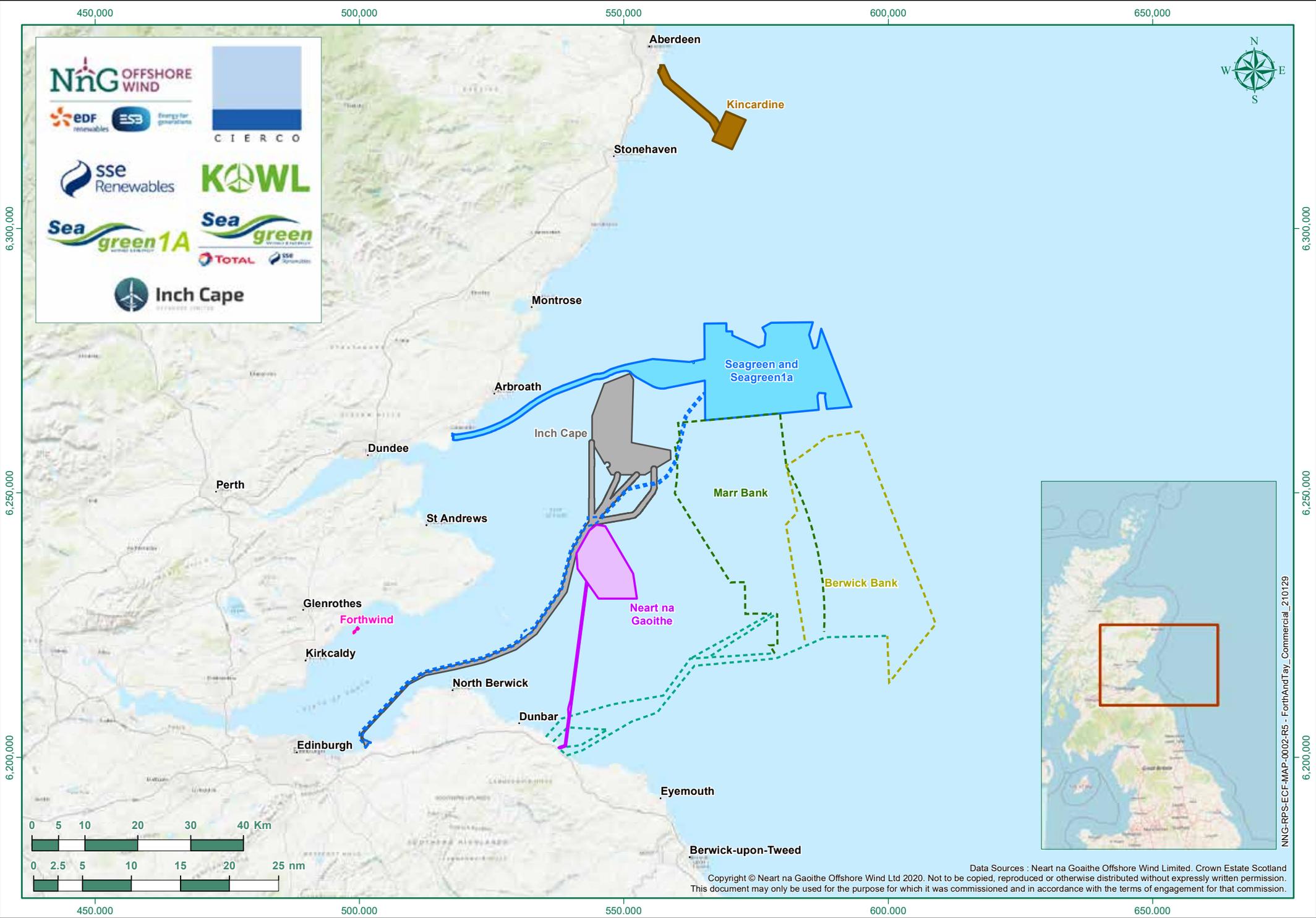
KOWL

Kincardine Offshore Windfarm is a commercial demonstrator project which, when complete, will be the largest floating windfarm in the world. It is located approximately 8NM south-east of Aberdeen in a water depth between 60 - 80m.

Four V164-9.5MW Vestas turbines have been installed and are generating electricity and the fifth will be installed during July 2021. The project is planned to be completed during Q3 2021.

For further information about the KOWL project please visit the project website at www.pilot-renewables.com. Should you have any questions regarding the project please fill in a contact form on the website and our team will reply directly.

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