

Dear All,

ORMONDE WIND FARM – DIVING OPERATIONS

The underwater (sub-sea) inspections involving DIVE OPERATIONS at all of the Turbine positions in this Wind Farm are ongoing as weather and conditions permit.

As previously advertised DIVE OPERATIONS are to be carried out at all of the Turbine positions in the Wind Farm and the current Turbine positions to undergo sub-sea inspections are as listed below.

C6, D6, A5, C4, C3, D8.

The Dive Support vessel is the 14meter Bay Towage vessel 'ARGUS-G' and a 500 meter safety exclusion distance is requested at all times whenever this vessel is observed to be on site.

'ARGUS G' will display the ALPHA FLAG whenever DIVERS are in the water

DIVERS will access Turbine position according to the conditions of weather and tide at the time and because of this fishermen are requested and advised to avoid setting any pots within 500 meters of any of the above mentioned Turbines during this period, if in doubt please contact me.

Dependant on weather and conditions this programme of work is expected to last for a period of at least 12 weeks

A listening watch will be kept on VHF Channels 16 & 12 and 'ARGUS-G' can be contacted for information relating to DIVING OPERATIONS only

Fishermen using pots are requested to note the Turbines to be inspected and move their gear away from any Turbine on that list to at least 500 meters, if in doubt please contact me.

Weekly notices will be broadcast giving the progress of the works.

Attached is the 'Kingfisher Flyer' which gives all of the relevant information concerning the ORMONDE WIND FARM there is also a picture of 'ARGUS-G'.

Please note that the 'Flyer' is provided for information purposes relating to the Wind Farm only and should not be used for navigation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are unsure about any of the above or require any further information, also please pass this information to any of your colleagues who you think might be interested.

If you know of any fisherman who works the area and does not receive this information or anybody else who would benefit from this information please let me know.

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FISHING INSIDE THE WIND FARM

For more information on the boundaries of the 50 metre Advisory Safety distances please ensure that you have the latest KIS-ORCA information installed - this can be downloaded from www.KIS-ORCA.eu

Please also consult the MMO website : <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/markings-of-fishing-gear-retrieval-and-notification-of-lost-gear>

If fishing inside the Wind Farm you are advised to use Dhan Buoys anchored towards the middle of the lane with a long weighted feed line rather than Marker Buoys that can be moved by the strong tides and so foul the Turbines.

A REMINDER OF THE MAILBOX DROP FACILITY THAT HAS BEEN SET UP ENABLING ANY FISHERMEN WITH STATIC GEAR DEPLOYED **EITHER INSIDE THE PERIMETER OF OR IN THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED WIND FARM TO REPORT THE POSITIONS OF THE GEAR TO THE OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT TEAM IS STILL OPERATIONAL, THIS INFORMATION WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE RELAYED TO THE CTVs**

Please use the E-mail address WF_FishingActivities@dongenergy.co.uk to identify the position/s of the gear providing a contact mobile telephone number which can then be passed on to the service craft so that they can monitor it and also keep clear of it when carrying out their maintenance routines, also arrangements can be made if there is a requirement to move the gear to facilitate any maintenance activity.

If in any doubt please contact me

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