



Marine Notice No. 56 of 2025

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers,
Yachtsmen and Seafarers

North Irish Sea Array Offshore Wind Farm Subtidal Benthic Survey

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that a subtidal benthic ecology survey will be undertaken in the Irish Sea (off the coast of North County Dublin, Meath and Louth). The survey will involve the deployment of Hamon grab and drop-down video equipment from a survey vessel at specific locations within the array and cable corridor area as show in the Appendix to this Marine Notice. The survey work will run from **29 September 2025** to **27 October 2025**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The survey will be confined to distinct locations within the proposed North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm (OWF) and cable corridor area, a total of approximately 125km². The survey area is bounded by the points in the coordinate table below:

Table of Coordinates

ID	Longitude	Latitude
2	53° 44' 59.84" N	005° 52' 12.5" W
3	53° 43' 49.6" N	005° 50' 31.32" W
4	53° 42' 40.33" N	005° 50' 26.65" W
5	53° 42' 36.59" N	005° 53' 2.8" W
6	53° 39' 4.93" N	005° 52' 48.34" W
7	53° 38' 22.4" N	005° 50' 3.8" W
8	53° 36' 6.16" N	005° 50' 15.24" W
9	53° 37' 47.83" N	005° 56' 42.58" W
10	53° 38' 30.37" N	005° 56' 18.83" W
11	53° 39' 53.43" N	005° 56' 47.16" W
12	53° 38' 30.69" N	006° 02' 30.32" W
13	53° 37' 33.66" N	006° 09' 41.33" W
14	53° 37' 25.27" N	006° 10' 19.99" W

15	53° 37' 23.74" N	006° 11' 7.71" W
16	53° 37' 18.53" N	006° 11' 20.43" W
17	53° 37' 15.46" N	006° 11' 20.45" W
18	53° 37' 13.04" N	006° 11' 19.72" W
19	53° 37' 12.3" N	006° 11' 22.34" W
20	53° 37' 14.92" N	006° 11' 23.38" W
21	53° 37' 17.6" N	006° 11' 26.75" W
22	53° 37' 30.06" N	006° 11' 24.88" W
23	53° 37' 33.92" N	006° 11' 26.46" W
24	53° 37' 35.31" N	006° 11' 20.33" W
25	53° 37' 34.53" N	006° 11' 19.49" W
26	53° 37' 33.39" N	006° 11' 19.53" W
27	53° 37' 38.9" N	006° 10' 52.52" W
28	53° 37' 41.27" N	006° 10' 45.29" W
29	53° 37' 45.29" N	006° 10' 37.49" W
30	53° 37' 49.56" N	006° 10' 32.15" W
31	53° 37' 53.61" N	006° 10' 28.84" W
32	53° 37' 55.84" N	006° 10' 27.59" W
33	53° 38' 1.69" N	006° 09' 42.6" W
34	53° 38' 12.56" N	006° 09' 4.89" W
35	53° 38' 16.07" N	006° 08' 41.44" W
36	53° 40' 16.28" N	006° 01' 42.32" W
37	53° 41' 59.81" N	005° 57' 37.62" W
38	53° 44' 7.09" N	005° 59' 25.32" W
39	53° 44' 29.45" N	005° 58' 21.0" W
1	53° 44' 29.52" N	005° 52' 23.61" W

3. Details of Survey Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the "Rós Áine 1" (Call Sign EIZG5). The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. Mariners are advised to keep continuous watch on VHF radio channel 16 when navigating the area.

4. Contact Details

For enquiries regarding the contents of this marine notice, and any other relevant matters, should be directed to:

- Development Director
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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* (S.I. No. 507 of 2012) and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* (S.I. No.170 of 2012). [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Appendix: Survey Area Map and Coordinates

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