



Marine Notice No. 52 of 2021

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

North Irish Sea Array Offshore Wind Farm, Benthic Survey Campaign

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that the North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm intend to undertake a benthic survey campaign off the coast of north County Dublin, Meath, and Louth. The campaign will involve the deployment of benthic grab and drop-down video equipment from a survey vessel within the bounds of the proposed NISA Offshore Wind Farm (OWF) array area detailed below. The campaign is expected to be completed between 29 September 2021 and 7 October 2021, weather permitting.

2. Location of Activity

The survey campaign will be confined to the proposed NISA OWF array area. This area forms an irregular, approximately rectangular shape, spanning 31 km north-south and 14km east-west at its widest point. At its closest location, near Rush in Co. Dublin, the survey site is 7.4km from the coastline see Map Appendix 1.

The operations will take place in the locations provided below:

| ID | Latitude | Longitude |
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| 1 | 53°48.120' N | 005°49.980' W |
| 2 | 53°47.220' N | 005°46.260' W |
| 3 | 53°40.980' N | 005°49.860' W |
| 4 | 53°34.620' N | 005°50.400' W |
| 5 | 53°31.440' N | 005°49.920' W |
| 6 | 53°30.120' N | 005°58.020' W |
| 7 | 53°33.840' N | 005°57.960' W |
| 8 | 53°33.840' N | 005°57.060' W |
| 9 | 53°34.860' N | 005°56.880' W |
| 10 | 53°37.800' N | 005°56.700' W |
| 11 | 53°38.520' N | 005°56.340' W |
| 12 | 53°41.760' N | 005°57.420' W |

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| 13 | 53°44.100' N | 005°59.400' W |
| 14 | 53°44.520' N | 005°58.320' W |
| 15 | 53°44.520' N | 005°52.380' W |
| 16 | 53°46.620' N | 005°51.600' W |
| 17 | 53°46.800' N | 005°52.860' W |

3. Details of the Survey Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the “**Husky**” Survey vessel “(call sign **2EQI7**). As this vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre when surveying, due to the deployment of the grab sampler from the deck of the vessel for the duration of the drop and recovery, other vessels are requested to keep a wide berth. An onboard Fisheries Liaison Officer will be aboard the vessel throughout the duration of the survey campaign.

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other matters, should be directed to:

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Tina Raleigh at tina.raleigh@statkraft.com

For enquiries related to fishing, please contact the dedicated Fisheries Liaison Officer for NISA Offshore Wind Farm,

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and are reminded 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, 52 St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476834/1890-213434. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Encl: Appendix 1 Location of Operation Activity

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