

Notice to Mariners

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm – Acoustic Monitoring Device deployment completion

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Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (NnGOWL) has completed the deployment of four Acoustic Monitoring Devices, within NnGOWL wind farm area and surrounding waters, in the outer Firth of Forth. The vessel *MRV Alba na Mara* (call sign 2A1E4) operating out of Fraserburgh completed the deployments on 20th November 2019 and has now moved away from the area.

The deployment forms part of the NnGOWL environmental monitoring programme and will be in place for approximately five years from the deployment date. Each device at each location will require three deployment/recovery cycles in each year (separate Notices to Mariners will be issued prior to subsequent deployment/recovery cycles). The devices sit in the water column approximately 6m above the seabed. The device has an ARC Acoustic Release Anchor Retrieval System to allow retrieval and recovery, by bringing a receiver and devices to the surface whilst leaving the ropes attached to the anchor/weight on the seabed. The devices are not marked with a surface marker, but the final as deployed locations have been submitted to the UKHO for charting.

Deployment locations

The devices were deployed within the wind farm site and to the west, defined by the following WGS84 coordinates:

Longitude (DD MM.MMM)	Latitude (DD.MM.MMM)
Deployment positions	
002° 19.162' W	056° 17.886' N
002° 15.207' W	056° 15.125' N
002° 09.980' W	056° 16.343' N
002° 05.450' W	056° 16.339' N

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