

# Notice to Mariners

## Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm

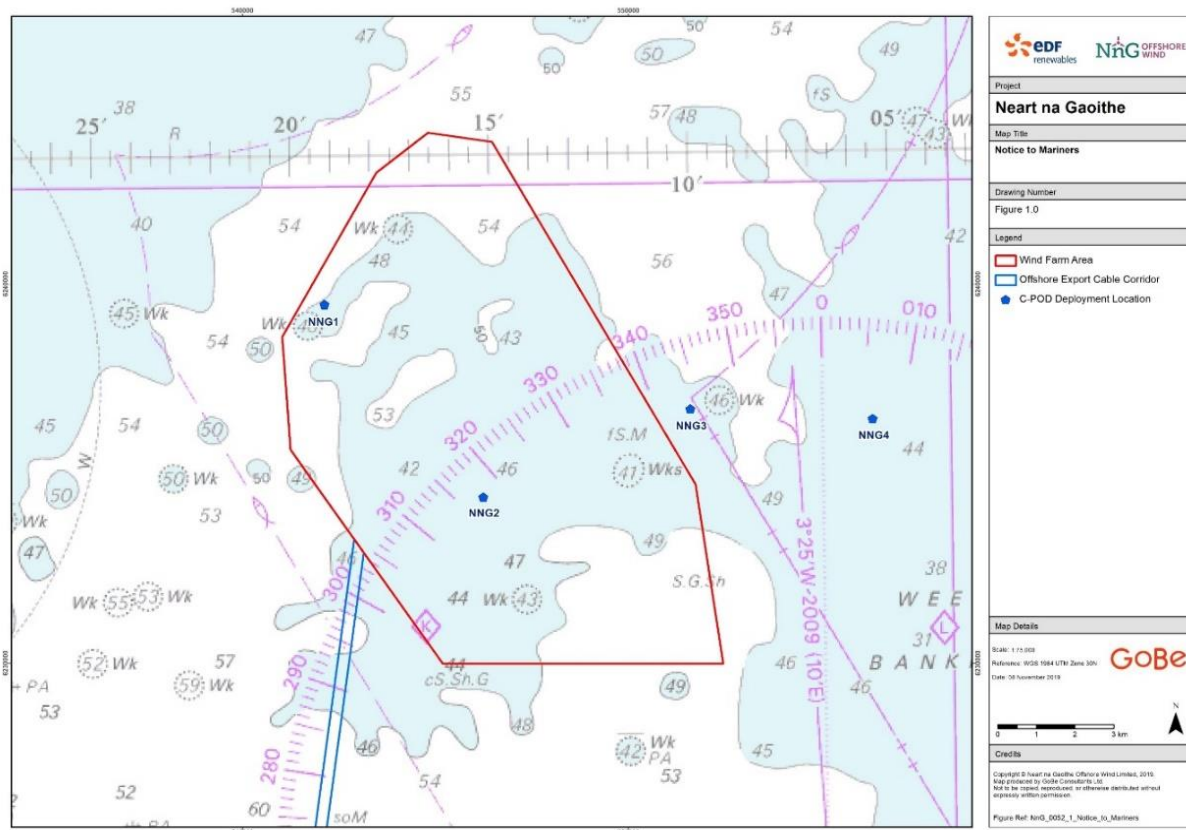
### Maintenance of Acoustic Monitoring Devices

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Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (NnGOWL) will be undertaking maintenance of the four Acoustic Monitoring Devices deployed in November 2019 within Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm and surrounding waters, in the outer Firth of Forth (see Figure below).

The maintenance will be completed over two days, within a window from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, at the earliest, to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, weather dependent. This work will be carried out using *Waterfall* (call sign 2CBT4). The vessel will be working on a 12-hour basis.



Each device at each location requires three deployment/recovery cycles in each year (separate Notices to Mariners will be issued prior to subsequent deployments). The devices sit in the water column approximately 6m above the seabed. The devices have an ARC Acoustic Release Anchor Retrieval System at all deployment locations.

**Deployment locations**

The devices are located within the wind farm site and to the east, defined by the following WGS84 coordinates:

Longitude (DD MM.MMM)	Latitude (DD.MM.MMM)
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

**Schedule**

The maintenance operations are expected to be completed over two days within a window from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, at the earliest, to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, weather dependent. The vessel will be working on a 12-hour basis.

**Vessel Details**

One vessel, *Waterfall* (call sign 2CBT4), operated by Moray First Marine Ltd., will be used to carry out maintenance on the four Acoustic Monitoring Devices.

The operations will be supported by a guard vessel. The guard vessel will be either;

- *Artemis*, call sign MVIX5;
- *Tranquillity S*, call sign MJUH9 or
- *Seagull*, call sign MVBO2.

*Vessels are requested to remain at least 500 metres away from the maintenance vessel*



Guard vessel: *Tranquillity S*



Guard vessel: *Artemis*



Guard vessel: *Seagull*



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