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Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NnGOWL) have commenced the horizontal directional drill (HDD) campaign from the landfall location at Thorntonloch. In order for the onshore and offshore transmission cables to be connected, two horizontal directional drills approximately 750 metres in length, will pass underneath the beach. The majority of works are completed from an onshore location, in a field immediately to the south of Thornton Burn.

Some supporting marine works are required to prepare the seabed in the nearshore area of Thorntonloch Beach. Mariners are advised that the associated marine works will commence on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, at the earliest.

A team of divers supported by two vessels, the *Teal of Wick (ZQXM9)* and *Shuna (VQBP3)*, will carry out seabed preparation of two small sub-tidal exit pits of up to 10m<sup>2</sup>, one for each drill hole to emerge from. Each exit pit will be marked temporarily by a surface marker buoy. The as-laid position of these marker buoys will be notified once installed.

The team of divers will be working from the *Teal of Wick*, *Shuna* will be supporting the works and undertaking guard vessel duties.

**Area of Operations**

Mariners are advised that both the *Teal of Wick* and *Shuna* will be mobilised from Eyemouth to work within the nearshore area of the Neart na Gaoithe (NnG) Export Cable Corridor, shown in Figure 1. A nearshore exclusion zone has been introduced for the works, with coordinates provided in Table 1.

**All vessels are requested to remain at least 500 metres away from the work vessels and static fishing gear is requested to be removed from the exclusion area.**

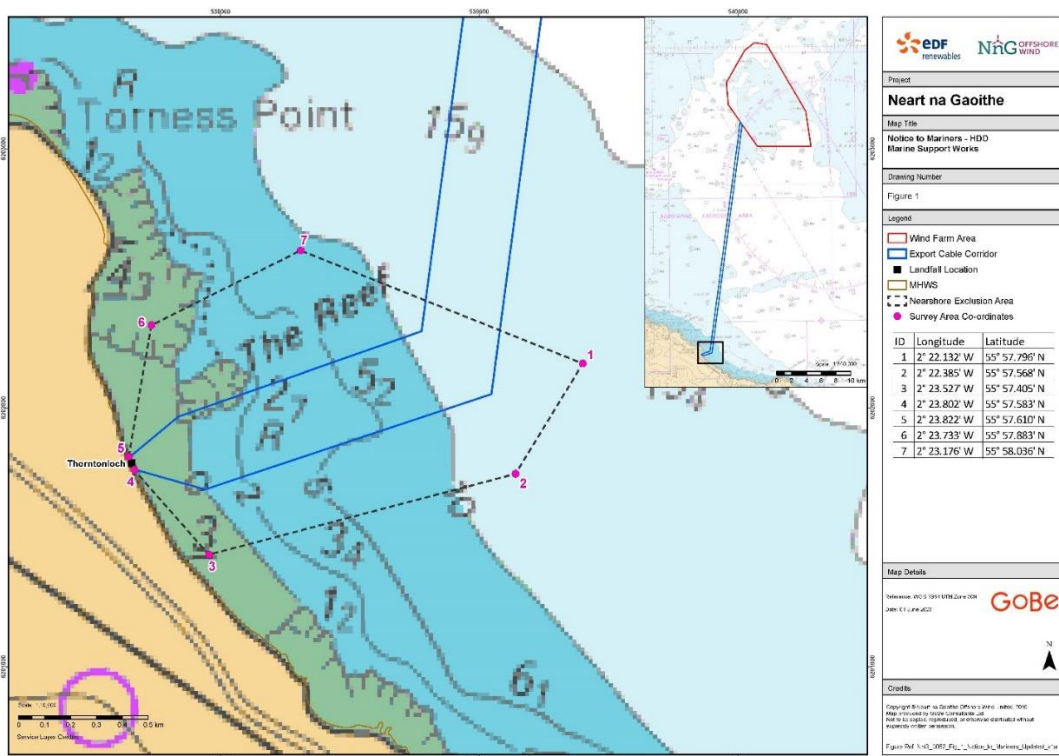


Figure 1 - HDD Marine Scope Nearshore Exclusion Zone

Table 1 - Nearshore Exclusion Zone Coordinates

Polygon Point (Figure 1)	Nearshore Exclusion Zone Coordinates (WGS84)	
	Longitude (DDM)	Latitude (DDM)
1	002° 22.132' W	55° 57.796' N
2	002° 22.385' W	55° 57.568' N
3	002° 23.527' W	55° 57.405' N
4	002° 23.802' W	55° 57.583' N
5	002° 23.822' W	55° 57.610' N
6	002° 23.733' W	55° 57.883' N
7	002° 23.176' W	55° 58.036' N

**Schedule**

The work will be undertaken in two phases, one for each cable, between early December 2020 and mid-March 2021. The works are due to commence 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 at the earliest, and each phase is expected to last up to three weeks, weather dependant. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by mid-March, weather dependent.

The first phase will take place between 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, weather permitting. It is currently anticipated that the second phase will take place between mid-February 2021 and mid-March.

Weather permitting and during daylight hours, construction works will be carried out on a continuous basis (i.e. 12-hour working, seven days a week), unless notified otherwise.

For updates on the progress of the works, information will be provided in the Weekly Notice of Operations available on the NnG project website: <https://nngoffshorewind.com/downloads/>.

**Vessels Associated with the Activity**


Please be aware that by virtue of its mode of operation and the equipment deployed, the *Teal of Wick* and *Shuna* will at times be Restricted in their Ability to Manoeuvre as defined under COLREGS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, Rule 3). Masters of vessels are therefore requested to maintain their vessels and gears at a minimum safe distance from these vessels of 500 metres when they are undertaking it work and showing the appropriate shapes and lights.

Table 2 – Teal of Wick Vessel Details

Vessel name:	Teal of Wick
Vessel role:	Diving Support Vessel
Call sign:	ZQXM9
Maritime Mobile Service Identity:	235000773
On board contact:	Contact Email: <a href="mailto:admin@seafastltd.co.uk">admin@seafastltd.co.uk</a>
Onshore representative:	Contact name: David Wood Email: <a href="mailto:david.wood@caldive.co.uk">david.wood@caldive.co.uk</a>

Vessel name:	Teal of Wick
	

Table 3 - Shuna Vessel Details

Vessel name:	Shuna
Vessel role:	Tug Support Vessel
Call sign:	VQBP3
Maritime Mobile Service Identity:	235007528
On board contact:	Contact Email: <a href="mailto:admin@seafastltd.co.uk">admin@seafastltd.co.uk</a>
Onshore representative:	Contact name: David Wood Email: <a href="mailto:david.wood@caldive.co.uk">david.wood@caldive.co.uk</a>
	

**Port of Operation**

The *Teal of Wick* and *Shuna* will both mobilise from Eyemouth, UK. The vessels will return to Eyemouth daily after completing operations during daylight hours.

**Adverse weather conditions**

Upon adverse weather conditions, if the *Teal of Wick* and *Shuna* are not able to hold on position, they will both return to Eyemouth.

## **General Safety Advice**

Construction activities are ongoing within the boundaries of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm. Mariners are advised to refer to the NnG Weekly Notice of Operations where up to date information regarding activities on site is broadcast. A copy of this notice and the Weekly Notice of Operations can also be found at <https://nngoffshorewind.com/downloads/>

## **Marine Coordination Contact Details**

The following contact can provide more information if required. Please note that specific queries can also be addressed to the relevant vessel or shore-based representative.

*Table 4 - Marine Coordination Contact Details*

Telephone number (daytime):	+44 (0) 1890 751415 (use Emergency contact only until further notice)
Emergency contact (24/7):	+44 (0) 7508 421406
Email:	<a href="mailto:nng.mc@smchse.com">nng.mc@smchse.com</a>
Address:	NnG Offshore Wind Farm Marine Coordination Centre, Gunsreen Basin, Eyemouth, TD14 5SD

## **Fisheries Liaison**

Fisheries liaison associated with the activity will be co-ordinated by Natural Power. For any commercial fishery queries please contact the NnG company Fisheries Liaison Officer (CFLO) Peter Berney, telephone: +44 (0)7391 402387 or email: [NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com](mailto:NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com). An Offshore Fisheries Liaison Officers (OFLO) is present on the *Shuna* and can be contacted via VHF Channel 16.

## **Distribution List**

A central list of recipients is maintained by the company Fisheries Liaison Officer; if you are not the appropriate recipient of these notices, or do not wish to receive the notices in the future, please contact us at [NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com](mailto:NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com). A copy of this notice can also be found at <https://nngoffshorewind.com/>