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Mariners are advised that Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NnGOWL) are due to commence a pre-lay grapnel run (PLGR) for the inter-array cables within the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm site. The works began on the 25th of November and were completed on the 29th of November.

The PLGR was completed by the vessel *Pacific Discovery* (call sign: 9VFL8) using a grapnel towed from the vessel. The grapnel will be deployed to detect and remove surface debris located on the inter-array cable routes, and at the wind turbine and offshore substation topside locations. Debris caught by the grapnel will be recovered to deck and retained on board the vessel for disposal onshore. Should fishing gear be caught, efforts will be taken to identify ownership and return. The PLGR works were completed on the 29th November and the *Pacific Discovery* will depart the site on the 20th November, depending on weather.

The subsequent cable installation campaign will be completed by the *Viking Neptun* vessel (call sign: LAYH7), the load out for the campaign will commence the 4th December at the earliest and take 7-10 days. The *Viking Neptun* vessel will return to the field the 14th December at the earliest and commence cable installation works. . The walk-to-work vessel, the *Normand Navigator* (call sign: LASG7) will support the IAC campaign and will be on site from the 4th December at the earliest.

Cable burial works were currently ongoing, from the vessel *Living Stone*, call sign (PBXN) and this phase of burial works were completed on the 22nd November with the *Living Stone* vessel departing site on the 23rd November. It will return to the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm site for the next phase of cable burial works, date tbc and will be confirmed in a subsequent update to this notice.

Further details of the vessels involved are provided in Table 2 below.

Area of Operations

Mariners are advised that all vessels in this campaign will be working within the boundaries of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm, shown in Figure 1 within the coordinates shown in Table 1.

All vessels are requested to remain at least 500 meters away from all the work vessels and static fishing gear is requested to be removed from the exclusion area shown in Figure 1 and Table 1. Vessels over 15m are also requested to have AIS turned on and detectable when in the vicinity of construction works.

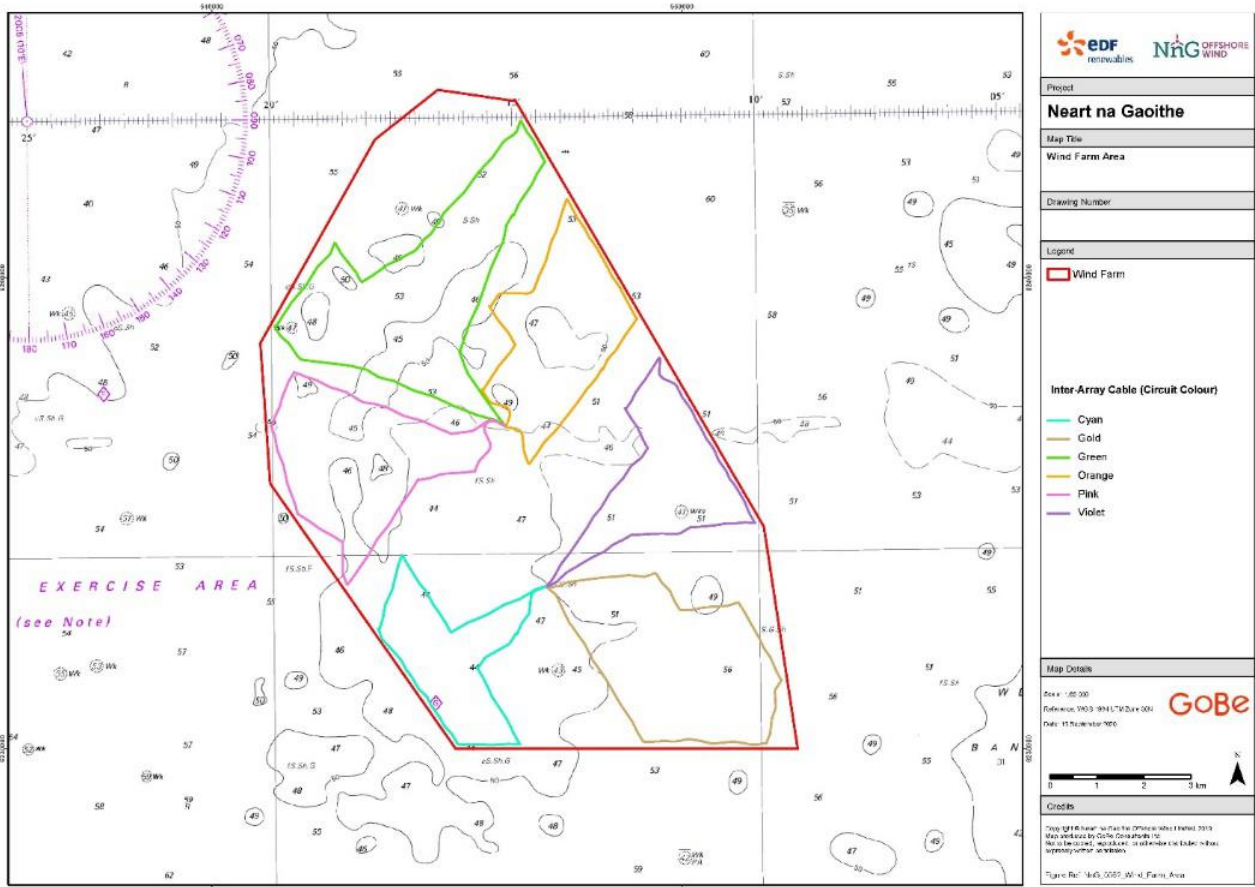


Figure 1 – Wind Farm Area – Inter-Array Cable Routes

Table 1 - Coordinates for NnG Offshore Wind Farm Area and Exclusion Area

	LONGITUDE (DD.MM.MMM)	LATITUDE (DD.MM.MMM)		LONGITUDE (DD.MM.MMM)	LATITUDE (DD.MM.MMM)
Wind Farm Lease Area	002° 09.898' W	56° 15.271' N	Exclusion to Static Gear	002° 20.566' W	56° 15.680' N
	002° 13.998' W	56° 12.752' N		002° 20.849' W	56° 17.468' N
	002° 19.628' W	56° 15.479' N		002° 18.242' W	56° 19.938' N
	002° 20.232' W	56° 17.430' N		002° 16.611' W	56° 20.613' N
	002° 16.518' W	56° 20.312' N		002° 14.363' W	56° 20.392' N
	002° 09.255' W	56° 12.721' N		002° 09.300' W	56° 15.334' N
	002° 16.293' W	56° 12.766' N		002° 08.661' W	56° 12.651' N
	002° 20.055' W	56° 15.827' N		002° 09.058' W	56° 12.405' N
	002° 17.826' W	56° 19.752' N		002° 16.505' W	56° 12.410' N
002° 14.910' W	56° 20.171' N				

Schedule

The inter-array cable PLGR is due to begin on the 25th of November 2023 at the earliest, weather dependant. It is anticipated that all PLGR will be completed by end of December 2023, weather dependant.

Weather permitting, constructions work will be carried out on a continuous basis; 24-hour working, seven days a week.

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/>.

Vessel Associated with the Activity

Table 2 – Viking Neptun Vessel Details


Vessel name:	Viking Neptun
Vessel role:	Cable Lay Out Vessel
Call sign:	LAYH7
IMO:	9664902
Maritime Mobile Service Identity:	258789000
On board contact:	Contact name: Mobile Captain Email: Captain.VikingNeptun@deme-group.com / Bridge.VikingNeptun@deme-group.com Phone: +47 9746 9156
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Table 3 – Normand Navigator Vessel Details

Vessel name:	Normand Navigator
Vessel role:	Walk to work vessel
Call sign:	LASG7
IMO:	9687356
Maritime Mobile Service Identity:	257794000
On board contact:	Contact name : TBC Contact number: TBC Email address: TBC



Adverse weather conditions

Upon adverse weather conditions, if the construction vessels are not able to hold on position, they will seek shelter either around the Isle of May or within the Firth of Forth or return to a Port.

Port of Operation

The *Pacific Discovery* will mobilise from Rosyth/Montrose/Aberdeen (tbc).

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/resources/>

One guard vessel is currently within the wind farm site. The guard vessel will be one of the below, which can be contacted as follows, if required:

Table 4 - Seagull Guard Vessel Details

Vessel name:	Seagull
Vessel role:	Guard Vessel
Call sign:	MVBO2
On board contact:	Contact name: Vessel Master Email: seagullbf74@gmail.com Phone: +44 (0) 1261 878040 / +44 (0) 7895 919100



Table 5 - Tranquillity S Guard Vessel Details

Vessel name:	Tranquillity S
Vessel role:	Guard Vessel
Call sign:	MJUH9
On board contact:	Contact name: Vessel Master Email: spousekeil@yahoo.com Phone: +44 (0) 1346 454758



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 6 – Marine Coordination Contact Details

Telephone number (daytime):	+44 (0) 1890 751415
Emergency contact (24/7):	+44 (0) 7508 421406
Email:	nng.mc@smchse.com

Address:	NnG Offshore Wind Farm Marine Coordination Centre, Gunsreen Basin, Eyemouth, TD14 5SD
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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. An Offshore Fisheries Liaison Officer (OFLO) is present on the Guard Vessel *Tranquillity*, in the wind farm area 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.

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