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From: Nick Salter <Nick.Salter@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 October 2023 09:59
To: Gibbs, Richard; Bywater, Amelia; Vinu John
Cc: Moore, Kim; Jones, Robyn; Hill, Jackie; Curtis, Alison; Gemma Lee; Jay Hilton-Miller; Marc Murray
Subject: RE: Llyr Floating Offshore Wind Farm - Request for consultation on additional Band 1 Marine Licence application

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Dear Richard,

No concerns on our side and our previous advice still applies.

Best regards,

Nick

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Dear Nick,

Further to our consultation with you on additional survey works needed for the Llyr project (as per thread below) we have made a small amendment to the survey area originally proposed in our email of 7th September.

I have attached a figure to show the change (the figure labelled 'updated' shows the change to the survey area, whilst the figure labelled 'previous' shows the previous survey area, for comparison). The survey area now includes a slightly larger portion within the nearshore area, shown in blue, where we anticipate there to be minimal vessel traffic compared to areas further offshore. The survey methods, and likely survey duration, remain unchanged.

Due to the location of this additional survey area, the short duration and nature of the survey, we believe this small change is unlikely to have an impact on the safety of others at sea and represent a navigational risk, on the basis of the adoption of the mitigation measures you recommended in your response of 11th September. However, please could you confirm that this is the case?

Thank you so much for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Richard

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Sent: 11 September 2023 09:42

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Dear Amelia,

I can confirm we would be content with the proposed surveys and on the understanding that the following risk mitigation measures take place, we would be content that the risk to shipping and navigation is relatively low on this occasion:

- All relevant maritime safety legislation is followed;
- Issue local notifications to marine users, including fisherman's organisations, relevant authorities and other local stakeholders, to ensure that they are made fully aware of the activity at least five days before commencement.
- HM Coastguard is notified in advance via zone26@hmcg.gov.uk

Best regards,

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Good afternoon,

As part of the Llyr Floating Offshore Wind Farm project in the Celtic Sea, run by Floventis (a Joint Venture company between Cierco and SBM Offshore) we are applying for a new Band 1 Marine Licence to conduct further offshore surveys in an additional survey area (please see attached figure and shapefile which outline the additional survey area).

Following previous contact between yourselves and Floventis in May 2022 for the original Band 1 Marine Licence application (please see attached correspondence), we would like to request further consultation from you on this additional survey area.

The aim of the survey is to collect additional geophysical and benthic ecology data to supplement baseline data previously collected. The additional survey will consist of a maximum of 30 sediment grab samples of 0.1m² each within the area outlined on the attached figure and shapefile, as well as collection of bathymetry data using multibeam echosounding (MBES) and side scan sonar (SSS), plus sub-bottom profiling (SBP) data to identify seabed geology. The locations of the grab samples will be determined based on the bathymetry data.

The expectation is that the survey will take place between September and 31st December 2023. The additional survey area is estimated to be completed within approximately 20 days, with up to 10 days of geophysical activity. The geotechnical/environmental activities (i.e. grab sampling) are expected to take approximately 10 days. Therefore, the total survey duration, including allowance for weather downtime and tides is estimated to be 30 days.

Due to the short duration and nature of the survey, we believe it is unlikely to have an impact on the safety of others at sea. However, please could you confirm that this is the case?

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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