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Good afternoon Rachel,

I can confirm receipt and advise that at this stage Trinity House has no concerns in relation to this activity.

Kind regards,

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Subject: Notification of Grab Sample Surveys in Celtic Sea

Dear Stephen,

We are writing to notify you of grab sample surveys to be conducted in the Celtic Sea in 2024.

The Crown Estate intends to commission surveys to facilitate the deployment of floating offshore windfarms in the Celtic Sea. The objective of the surveys is to collect data within three Project Development Areas (PDAs) in the Celtic Sea prior to the projects being consented. By investing in these surveys at an early stage and making the data freely available to successful bidders, The Crown Estate aims to accelerate the delivery of offshore windfarm projects, by making it easier for developers to manage risk and informing future project level planning applications.

Up to ten grab samples will be taken at each PDA and each sample will take around 40 minutes. The survey vessel will be stationary during the deployment and will display appropriate lights and/or day marks. A Fisheries Liaison Officer will be on board and a Fisheries Scout Vessel will also be employed on the project to notify vessels engaged in fishing activity. The survey vessel will adhere to the IMO convention on the international regulations for prevention of a collision at sea.

The sampling will take up to three days and is programmed to take place between 29th April and 31st October 2024. The sample sites do not coincide with any SACs or MCZs. We have attached a plan showing the locations of PDAs to this email.

We are currently submitting a marine licence application to Natural Resources Wales, and an exemption to Marine Management Organisation to conduct these surveys and we would be obliged

if you could confirm receipt of this email and inform us of any concerns you may have about these works.

Many thanks,

Rachel

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