Marine Aggregate Industry Survey Notification

Anglian Region

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Overview

Please be advised that from 28 April 2023 companies of the Anglian Offshore Dredging Association (AODA) will be undertaking seabed sampling surveys and geophysical survey of aggregate dredging areas in the Anglian Dredging region, from the sites shown in Figure 1. The seabed sampling survey will deploy a grab sampler at each of these sites and recover a seabed sample for processing onboard the vessel for further analysis.

Geophysical survey works will be completed by personnel from Manor Renewable Energy from the survey vessel Manor Venture. Vessel details are presented below in Table 1. The work is expected to take approximately 4-6 weeks in suitable weather conditions, although adverse weather conditions may mean that the total estimated survey time is spread over a longer period.

This notification is intended for circulation to all interested parties responsible for navigational safety or undertaking activities in the vicinity of the planned survey works. Further details regarding the surveys can be obtained by contacting the Liaison Programme Coordinator using the contact details at the head of this communication.

Liaison and General Operational Principles

- 1. The Liaison Programme Coordinator and survey contractor will ensure advance notice of survey works is provided to all marine users including notifications that will be sent to navigational authorities by the survey vessel before entry to and upon exit from the survey area.
- 2. During the survey, updates of the current and future operational zones will be circulated and communicated to navigation management authorities.
- 3. As near-shore areas have the potential to hold higher densities of static fishing gear, whenever practical these areas will be surveyed during daylight hours.
- 4. An onshore Fisheries Liaison Representative will be used to provide advice to the survey contractors and facilitate liaison with the fishing industry.
- 5. During liaison, should areas of high fishing density be identified, best efforts will be made to modify survey timing to avoid damage to both survey and fishing gear.

Survey Vessel

At present, the following vessel will be used in the survey works. Further updates regarding vessels that will undertake the surveys may be provided during survey operations if required.

Table 1a. Survey vessel details

Vessel Name: MV 'Manor Venture'	Official Number: 9828558	
Vessel Call Sign: MAW16	Gross Tonnage: 159 tons	
MMSI Number: 232007444	Length Overall: 27m	
Survey Coordinator:		
Gary Robinson 07969559716		
Vessel Contact Details: +44 (0)7407 35854		



Survey Location

The areas within which the planned seabed survey works will take place are shown in Figure 1 below. Survey operations will take place within the **blue boundary region** for this survey.



Figure 1. General location of the sampling within the Anglian Dredging Region