

Newsletter

moray west
OFFSHORE WIND FARM



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Please take a moment to learn about the progress we are making towards the development of the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm.

Moray West is being developed by Ocean Winds, a strong partnership of EDPR and ENGIE, established energy utilities operating across global markets with a strong local emphasis.

Permission is in place to construct Moray West Offshore Wind Farm in the outer Moray Firth. The cables to export the power are consented to come ashore between Sandend and Portsoy and connect to the National Grid at Blackhillock substation by Keith.

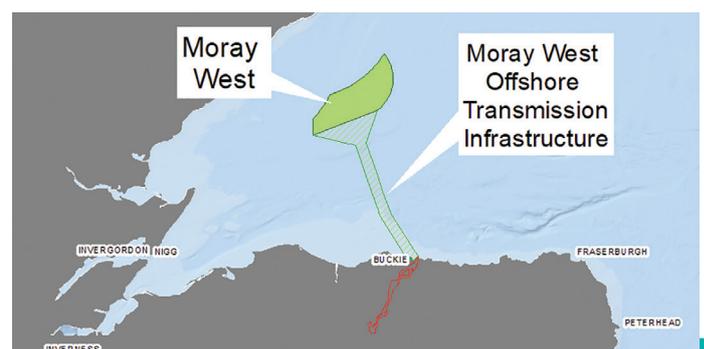
The project will consist of:

- Up to 85 wind turbines with total installed capacity ca.850MW
- Associated substructures and seabed foundations
- Inter-array cables
- Two offshore substation platforms
- Offshore export cable circuits
- Onshore cable jointing bays and cabling for 2 underground circuits from landfall to Whitehillock
- Onshore substation at Whitehillock
- Onshore underground cabling between Whitehillock substation and Blackhillock substation

The project is ready to move into construction, subject to discharging planning conditions and securing a route to market. When the project is able to proceed it will:

- Be one of the largest infrastructure projects in Scotland
- Play a vital role in the drive to Net Zero and a fully decarbonised economy
- Be part of the vital green recovery
- Play an important role in the energy transition
- Deliver supply chain opportunities locally in construction and operational phases
- Provide a secure, reliable, low carbon source of energy

A key threat to the progression of the project remains the current model for charging large generation projects to connect to the grid. Moray West, like other projects in the north of Scotland, is exposed to very high charges based on its location. Those charges have been increasing and are very uncertain in the long term. This presents a significant issue to the project and northern Scottish generation more generally, which must be factored into our bid pricing. The project team is active in seeking change through direct lobbying and via various forums.



Next Steps

April 2021
Virtual planning
consultation events

May to July 2021
Submissions to
Councils re discharge
of planning
conditions

Mid - Late 2021
Expected Contracts
for Difference (CfD)
auction round from
UK government

**Late 2021 -
Early 2022**
CfD signed

Mid - Late 2022
Financial Close

2022-2024
Construction
activity onshore
and offshore

2024
Wind farm
generating

Meet the Moray West team

1. **Name:** Adam Morrison

2. **Position**

Project Director.

3. **How long have you worked
for Moray West?**

Since Autumn 2019.

4. **What does your role involve?**

I lead a growing team to ensure the Moray West project is consented, constructed and generating.

5. **What is the best part of your job?**

Working with dedicated people who are similarly passionate about building a cleaner better world based on renewable energy.



Project Development Activity

We have spent a significant amount of time and effort undertaking surveys in support of the project and these have helped to influence the detailed design. We are undertaking further onshore and offshore pre-construction engineering and environmental surveys. This will allow us to progress the detailed design documentation that is required to discharge planning conditions before construction can start. Onshore, as well as a range of ecology surveys, a series of trial pits will be opened for a temporary period along the cable corridor to better understand soil conditions. Together with limited further test drilling near the coast we will refine the landfall and cable corridor alignment.



The project team will be holding a number of community consultation sessions early in 2021, where further information will be available. The events will be advertised in local press and through our established community channels.

Supply Chain

As industry 'champion' for the DeepWind cluster of supply chain and related stakeholders the project is working to provide visibility of supply chain opportunities. This included a supply chain webinar in August where we received 390 registrants in total. The development, construction and operational phases of the project will result in numerous economic opportunities for the Scottish supply chains. We invite potential suppliers to register with us via the website.



Keep in touch

We aim to keep you informed and involved with the project as it progresses through to construction and operation.

As a result of Covid 19 our face-to-face engagement has been restricted. We will be advertising virtual consultations events for April 2021 in the New Year.

For further information please visit www.moraywest.com or contact Roger McMichael, Stakeholder Manager at roger.mcmichael@moraywest.com or **M: 07717 367 150** if you have any questions or want to sign up for future newsletters.