

Notice to Mariners

Site Investigations – Offshore UXO – August 2022

Moray West Offshore Wind Farm

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Activity	Offshore UXO Surveys

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1. Introduction

This notice to mariners is to inform that Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited (Moray West) have been carrying out UXO survey investigations from a vessel at the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm site and Export Cable Corridor.

The Moray West site is located on the Smith Bank in the Outer Moray Firth, approximately 22.5km from the Caithness coastline. The offshore wind farm site covers an area of approximately 225km². The offshore wind farm site is given in

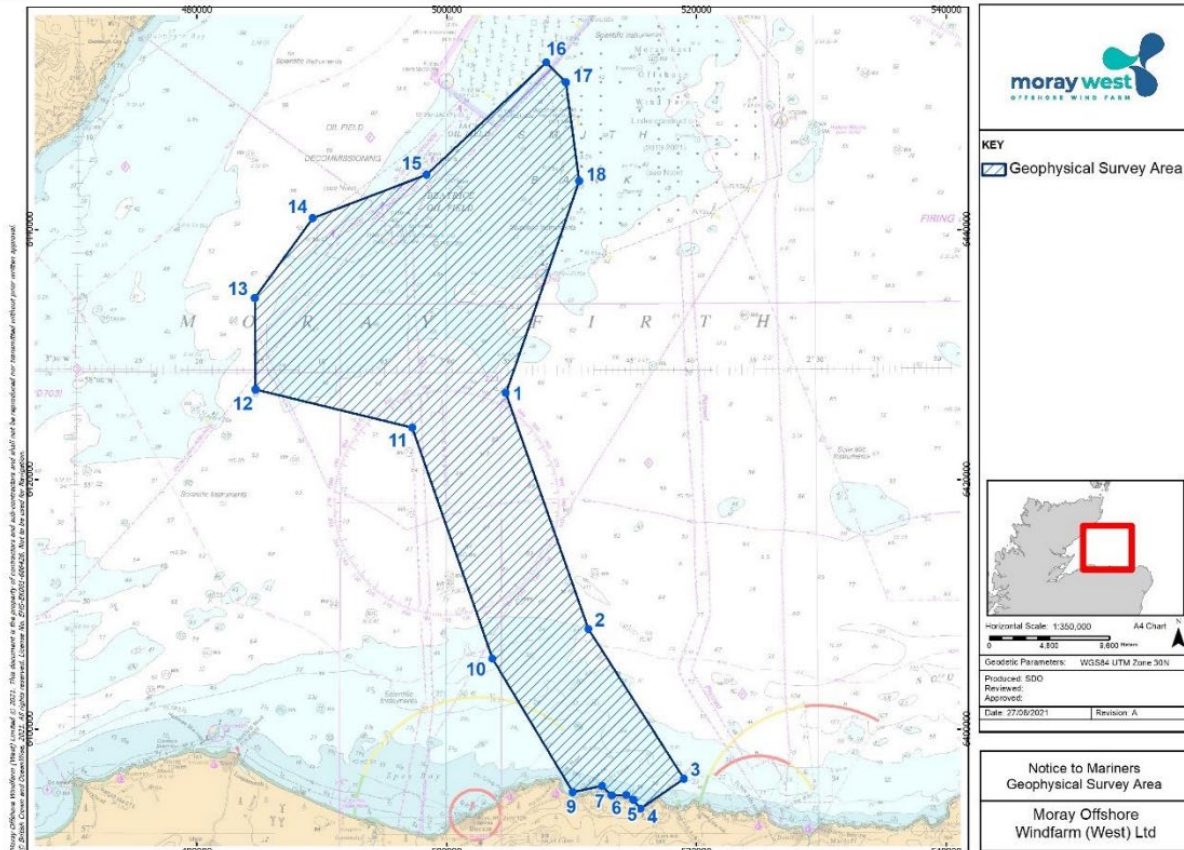


Figure 1. Moray West Wind Farm Site. Location of the works

The vessel works are to taking place within the blue boundary shown in the figure above.

As part of these works, some equipment has been placed on the seabed that will be left unattended this week before it is recovered. Recovery date is expected to be before 22/08/2022.

2. Seabed items

Three metal cylinders c/w recovery lines have been deployed to the seabed as part of the on going survey works. These are intended to be recovered as soon as practicable. Recovery date is expected to be before 22/08/2022



Figure 2. Ocean Researcher – Surrogate Items

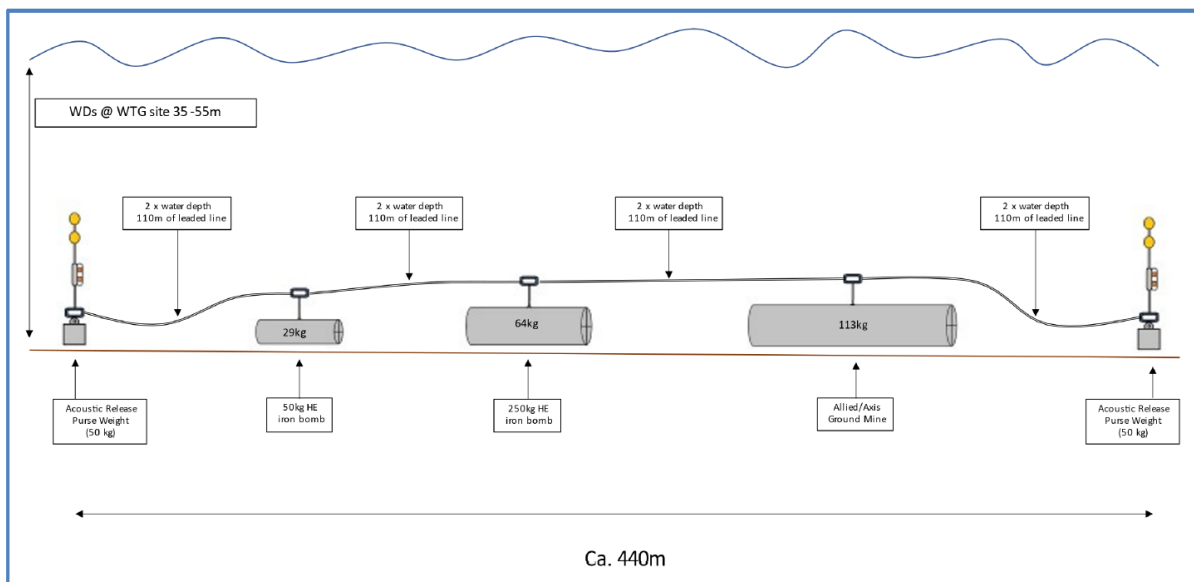


Figure 3. Ocean Researcher – Items on seabed

Table 1. Coordinates of deployed items

Site Investigation survey Coordinates				
Site ID	UTM30(N) Easting (m)	UTM30(N) Northing (m)	WGS84 Latitude	WGS84 Longitude
50kg Surrogate Position	488419	6430046	58° 00.71073N	003° 11.75923W
250kg Surrogate Position	488315	6430069	58° 00.72306N	003° 11.86541W
Ground Mine Surrogate Position	488209	6430083	58° 00.73031N	003° 11.97313W

3. Vessel Information

Site investigation operations are being carried out by the survey vessel Ocean Researcher.

Ocean Researcher will be towing geophysical equipment which may be up to 300 m behind the vessel. It is requested that all vessels operating within the area keep a safe distance (at least 500m) and pass at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash.

Table 2. Ocean Observer General Information

Vessel Name	Ocean Researcher
MMSI Number	235011460
Operating Company	Gardline
Vessel Call Sign	GDLS
Vessel Phone Number	+870 773 06 07 80
Vessel Email Address	master@researcher.gardline.co.uk



Figure 4. Ocean Researcher – photo of the vessel

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