ANGLING IN THE LIVERPOOL BAY WIND FARM SITES

During the past 12 years anglers and Wind Farm activity have cooperated successfully. This document is aimed to support the continued cooperation by giving guidance to highlight some of the safety issues you may encounter within the sites.

We hope you read this notice and find it useful to understand the safety measures before you enter the sites. If you are at all uncertain about any of the contents, or have any feedback you wish to submit, please use the contact details given later in this notice

Location of the Wind Farms

The boundary of the Wind Farms are marked on all of the current and corrected UK Hydrographic Office charts for the area, and all of the current and updated electronic charts for navigational plotters.

Navigation information can be found in the UK Hydrographic Office publications and online. Fishing plotter files can be downloaded for the area from the KIS-ORCA website for different types of plotter here: <u>http://www.kis-orca.eu/downloads#.Vp5d7yqLSUk</u>.

Kingfisher Awareness Charts showing the location of each Wind Farm are appended to this notice for your information (these charts are not to be used for navigation).

Exclusion Zones

DECC (Department of Energy and Climate Change) allow us to enforce a 500m exclusion zone around every vessel engaged in construction or special activities infield. The windfarm operators may, from time to time, enact and enforce these restrictions as operations demand. Prior to enacting any exclusion zones information with be communicated by Notice to Mariners and will show the correct day shapes / night lights to reflect this. These exclusions are intended to promote the safety of all vessels, their crew and any passengers while in the windfarm area.

For safety reasons, access to, mooring to, or attaching items to any offshore structure within the field is strictly prohibited.

Safety on site

The crew transfer vessels (CTV) and other vessels deployed by the wind farm will be instructed to keep clear of any vessel displaying the correct lights / shapes to indicate that they are engaged in fishing. The CTV operators will be instructed to keep a safe passing distance and appropriate speed from angling vessels at all times. Likewise we ask that any angling vessel will also keep a safe passing distance and appropriate speed from any Wind Farm vessel engaged in operational activity, in particular when transferring personnel and equipment.

Within the Wind Farm areas there are seabed obstructions, for the safety of all concerned anchor deployment is **not advised** within the fields.

Operational procedures

In order to assist with the safety issues contained within this notice it is strongly recommended to contact the relevant site before entering/exiting the field to ensure that you are aware of any hazards or activity on site.

Contact details

Useful contact details for angling vessels intending to fish in the Wind Farms are given below:-

- Gwynt y Môr Marine Coordinator
 - VHF Channel 16
 - Phone number 07827 244495 (mobile) or 0151 210 2388 (landline). Both are manned 24 hours.
 - Operational CTV's in field on VHF 14/16
- Rhyl Flats/North Hoyle
 - Operational CTV's in field on VHF 14/16
 - Swindon control room 08450782922
- Fishery Liaison Officer, Jim Andrews
 - Phone number 07908-225865
 - E-mail jim@awjmarine.co.uk

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Gwynt y Môr Offshore Windfarm Site – Kingfisher Awareness Chart (available for download here)



Rhyl Flats Offshore Windfarm Site – Kingfisher Awareness Chart (available for download here)



North Hoyle Offshore Windfarm Site – Kingfisher Awareness Chart (available for download here)