

# East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarms

# Draft Statement of Common Ground

**Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority** 

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# Glossary of Acronyms

APP	Application Document
DCO	Development Consent Order
DML	Deemed Marine Licence
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIFCA	Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority
ES	Environmental Statement
ExA	Examining Authority
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground





# Glossary of Terminology

Applicants	East Anglia TWO Limited / East Anglia ONE North Limited
Construction, operation and maintenance platform	A fixed offshore structure required for construction, operation, and maintenance personnel and activities.
East Anglia TWO project	The proposed project consisting of up to 75 wind turbines, up to four offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction operation and maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia ONE North project	The proposed project consisting of up to 67 wind turbines, up to four offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction operation and maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North windfarm site	The offshore area within which wind turbines and offshore platforms will be located.
Evidence Plan Process	A voluntary consultation process with specialist stakeholders to agree the approach to the EIA and the information required to support HRA.
Generation Deemed Marine Licence (DML)	The deemed marine licence in respect of the generation assets set out within Schedule 13 of the draft DCO.
Horizontal directional drilling (HDD)	A method of cable installation where the cable is drilled beneath a feature without the need for trenching.
Inter-array cables	Offshore cables which link the wind turbines to each other and the offshore electrical platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.
Landfall	The area (from Mean Low Water Springs) where the offshore export cables would make contact with land and connect to the onshore cables.
Offshore cable corridor	This is the area which will contain the offshore export cables between offshore electrical platforms and landfall.
Offshore development area	The East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North windfarm site and offshore cable corridor (up to Mean High Water Springs).
Offshore electrical platform	A fixed structure located within the windfarm area, containing electrical equipment to aggregate the power from the wind turbine generators and convert it into a more suitable form for export to shore.
Offshore export cables	The cables which would bring electricity from the offshore electrical platforms to the landfall. These cables will include fibre optic cables.
Offshore platform	A collective term for the construction, operation and maintenance platform and the offshore electrical platforms.
Platform link cable	Electrical cable which links one or more offshore platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.
Safety zone	A marine area declared for the purposes of safety around a renewable energy installation or works / construction area under the Energy Act 2004.
Scour protection	Protective materials to avoid sediment being eroded away from the base of the foundations or over cables as a result of the flow of water.

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Transmission DML	The deemed marine licence in respect of the transmission assets set out			
	within Schedule 14 of the draft DCO.			





### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

- 1. This document is applicable to both the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Development Consent Order (DCO) applications, and therefore is endorsed with the yellow and blue icon used to identify materially identical documentation in accordance with the Examining Authority's (ExA) procedural decisions on document management of 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (PD-004). Whilst this document has been submitted to both Examinations, if it is read for one project submission there is no need to read it for the other project submission.
- This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited (the Applicants) and the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Eastern IFCA). It identifies areas of the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Development Consent Order (DCO) applications (the Applications) where matters are agreed or not agreed between parties.
- 3. Eastern IFCA is one of ten Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities. The Eastern IFCA district extends six nautical miles out to sea from the Humber in the north to Harwich in the south. The role of the IFCAs is to "lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry".
- 4. The proposed cable routes for East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO will pass through the Eastern IFCA district. Therefore, given the potential impacts upon inshore fisheries and habitats, it is considered appropriate for the Eastern IFCA to provide comments on the Applications. It should be noted that the Eastern IFCA's interest and therefore comments focus primarily on the inshore section of the export cable corridor.
- 5. It should be noted that while the Eastern IFCA manages fisheries in relation to conservation requirements, the Eastern IFCA is not a body for statutory nature conservation advice and may defer to Natural England on these matters. Equally it should be noted that the Eastern IFCA is a regulator of inshore fisheries rather than a representative. It is, however, in the Eastern IFCA's remit to manage a sustainable marine environment and support a viable fishing industry. As such, the Eastern IFCA will provide comments on the impacts of the proposed East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO export cable routes on the marine environment and inshore fisheries.



- 6. The Applicants have had regard to the guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2015) when compiling this SoCG.
- 7. This SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of interest to the Eastern IFCA on the Applications. Topic specific matters agreed, not agreed and actions to resolve between the Applicants and the Eastern IFCA are included within this SoCG.
- 8. The table(s) presented below is the basis for a SoCG with the Applicants and the Eastern IFCA in respect of the following topic(s):
  - Benthic Ecology;
  - Fish and Shellfish Ecology;
  - Commercial Fisheries; and
  - The Development Consent Order.
- 9. It is noted by the Applicants that the Eastern IFCA defer to Natural England on matters regarding marine mammals and offshore ornithology and therefore agreement tables on these topics are not required.
- 10. Throughout the SoCG the phrase "Agreed" identifies any point of agreement between the Applicants and the Eastern IFCA.
- 11. The phrase "Not Agreed" identifies any point that is not yet agreed between the Applicants and the Eastern IFCA. Points that are not yet agreed will be the subject of ongoing discussion between the Applicants and the Eastern IFCA to reach agreement on the point wherever possible or refine the extent of disagreement between parties. The notes column of the SoCG tables provides commentary on these matters.
- 12. The table(s) in **section 2** are based upon discussions and information exchanged between the Applicants and the Eastern IFCA during the pre-application and examination phases of the applications.

#### 1.2 The Development

- 13. The key offshore components of each project will comprise:
  - Offshore wind turbines and their associated foundations;
  - Offshore platforms up to four offshore electrical platforms and their associated foundations supporting some of the windfarm's electrical equipment, and up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform and associated foundations that may cater for personnel and activities required during the construction phase and operation and maintenance of the windfarm;



- Sub-sea cables between the wind turbines and offshore electrical platforms (inter-array), between separate offshore platforms (platform link cables) and between offshore electrical platforms and the landfall (export cables);
- Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array, platform link and export sub-sea cables as required; and
- Potential for one meteorological mast (met mast) and its associated foundations for monitoring wind speeds during the operational phase of the windfarm.
- 14. The key onshore components of each project will comprise:
  - The landfall site with up to two transition bays to connect the onshore and offshore cables:
  - Up to six onshore cables, up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing cables installed underground (some or all of which may be installed in ducts) and associated jointing bays installed underground;
  - Onshore substation; and
  - Electrical cable connection between onshore substation and National Grid substation.
- 15. National Grid infrastructure will also be required to connect each project to the national electricity grid. Key components of the National Grid infrastructure which is common to both projects will comprise:
  - National Grid substation;
  - Cable sealing end compounds and a cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound; and
  - Realignment of the existing overhead lines; including the reconstruction or replacement of up to three existing overhead pylons in proximity to the National Grid substation and the addition of up to one new pylon in close proximity to existing overhead pylons.

#### 1.3 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters

16. **Table 1.1** provides a summary of the matters agreed, not agreed and those which are outstanding between the Applicants and Eastern IFCA for each of the relevant SoCG topic areas. For further information on agreements that are outstanding / under discussion and for which the Applicants and Eastern IFCA are working to address during the examination period, see the detailed agreement tables: **Table 2.1**, **Table 2.3** and **Table 2.5**.



**Table 1.1 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters** 

Topic	Agreed, Not Agreed or Outstanding
Benthic Ecology	Agreed, except for the findings of the Cumulative Impact Assessment, which is <b>Not Agreed</b>
Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Agreed
Commercial Fisheries	Agreed, except for the findings of the Cumulative Impact Assessment, which is Not Agreed
Development Consent Order	Agreed





## 2 Statement of Common Ground

17. Areas 'Agreed' and 'Not Agreed' between the Applicants and the Eastern IFCA are set out below.

#### 2.1 Benthic Ecology

- 18. The Projects have potential to impact upon benthic ecology. *Chapter 9 Benthic Ecology* of the Environmental Statement (ES) (APP-057) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
- 19. **Table 2.1** provides an overview of meetings and correspondence undertaken with the Eastern IFCA regarding fish and shellfish ecology.
- 20. **Table 2.2** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with the Eastern IFCA regarding benthic ecology.
- 21. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for benthic ecology can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).

Table 2.1 Summary of Consultation with the Eastern IFCA regarding Benthic Ecology

Date	Contact Type	Topic		
Pre-Application				
16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	Meeting	General project update		
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Meeting	General project update		
Post-Application				
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 1		
19 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 2		
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 3		

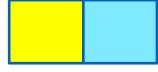




**Table 2.2 Benthic Ecology** 

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Eastern IFCA Position	Notes
Enviror	mental Impact	Assessment				
EIFCA -001	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA -002	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Eastern IFCA position: Eastern IFCA do however defer to Natural England to provide formal advice on the approach to Sabellaria spinulosa and the presence of the species in the project area.
		The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA -003	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Eastern IFCA position: Eastern IFCA defers to Natural England to provide formal advice on the requirement for preconstruction surveys for <i>S. spinulosa</i> , but would encourage micro-siting to avoid sensitive features to protect <i>S. spinulosa</i> reef, wherever this is possible.
		The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	Eastern IFCA position: Eastern IFCA has raised concerns about the scale of offshore development in the Southern North Sea and





ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Eastern IFCA Position	Notes
						does not feel these have been fully considered in the cumulative impact assessment.
						Eastern IFCA consider the assessment of cumulative impacts for this project should be enhanced by a regional study to examine potential overall impacts of offshore activities including wind farm-related works, aggregate extraction and demersal fishing on benthic ecology in the southern North Sea, which is consistent with our advice relating to other wind farm projects. In the absence of such a regional study, Eastern IFCA does <b>Not Agree</b> with the conclusions of the cumulative impact assessment on the basis that there is not a sufficient evidence base to underpin the predictions made.
						Applicants position: The Applicants position is that such regional-scale studies are beyond the scale of the Projects and would be better suited through programmes such as the BEIS Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Research Programme, the MMO or The Crown Estate (TCE) Enabling Actions Programme. The Applicants' parent company, ScottishPower





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						Renewables has a clear track record of supporting and contributing to such strategic studies. The Applicants do however note that the Eastern IFCA agree with the project-alone assessments.
EIFCA -004	Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Schedule of Mitigation Offshore (PINS reference APP-574) and section 9.3.3 of ES Chapter 09 Benthic Ecology (PINS reference APP-507) is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Eastern IFCA position: Eastern IFCA defers to Natural England advice regarding measures that could be put in place to mitigate impacts of the offshore cable corridor on <i>S. spinulosa</i> reefs.
Draft D	evelopment Con	sent Order (DCO)				
EIFCA -005	Wording of Requirement(s) and, or Conditions	The wording of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to benthic ecology are appropriate and adequate:  • Condition 17(1)(d) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(d) of the transmission DML with reference to the development of a Construction Method Statement which will include a Cable Laying Plan and	Agreed	Agreed	• Condition 17(1)(d) and 13(1)(d) – Agreed • Condition 20(2)(a) and 16(2)(a) – Agreed	None





ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Eastern IFCA Position	Notes		
		<ul> <li>details of scour protection management and cable protection.</li> <li>Condition 20(2)(a) of the generation DML and Condition 16(2)(a) of the transmission DML with reference to pre-construction surveys to determine the location and extent of any Sabellaria spinulosa reef, which will subsequently inform the Design Plan.</li> <li>Condition 17(1)(e)(i) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(e)(i) of the transmission DML with reference to the Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (within the Project Environmental Management Plan) to minimise spread of marine non-native invasive species (MNNS).</li> </ul>			• Condition 17(1)(e)(i) and 13(1)(e)(i) - Agreed			
Other N	Other Matters as Required							
	None	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	None		



#### 2.2 Fish and Shellfish Ecology

- 22. The Projects have the potential to impact upon fish and shellfish ecology. *Chapter 10 Fish and Shellfish Ecology* of the ES (APP-058) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
- 23. **Table 2.3** provides an overview of meetings and correspondence undertaken with the Eastern IFCA regarding fish and shellfish ecology.
- 24. **Table 2.4** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with the Eastern IFCA regarding fish and shellfish ecology
- 25. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for fish and shellfish ecology can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).

Table 2.3 Summary of Consultation with the Eastern IFCA regarding Fish and Shellfish Ecology

Date	Contact Type	Topic		
Pre-Application				
16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	Meeting	General project update		
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Meeting	General project update		
Post-Application				
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 1		
19 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 2		
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 3		



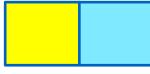


Table 2.4 Fish and Shellfish Ecology

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	Eastern IFCA position	Notes
Enviror	nmental Impact	Assessment				
EIFCA- 101	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	There is agreement that this matter is closed	Eastern IFCA position: Eastern IFCA initially raised concerns regarding the Applicants analysis of sandeel spawning aggregations based on Coull et al (1998) and Ellis et al (2010) in Appendix 3 of the Applicants Comments on Relevant Representations.  Applicants position: The Applicants clarified that additional, detailed sandeel catch data from Jensen et al 2011 had informed the overall conclusion of minor adverse significance for construction impacts in the offshore cable corridor. Further signposting to Chapter 10 Fish and Shellfish Ecology (APP-058) was also provided which demonstrates that the offshore development area is of comparatively low importance in the context of the sandeel habitat areas and that key areas for sandeels are located to the north and east of the offshore development area.
EIFCA- 102		Sufficient scientific literature has been used	Agreed	Agreed	There is agreement that this matter is closed pending	Eastern IFCA position: Eastern IFCA initially had concerns regarding potential gaps in the scientific literature as to the potential effects of EMF emissions from subsea cables on marine





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		to inform the assessment.			formal advice from Natural England and the MMO.	fauna such as elasmobranchs and the ability of the Applicants to determine no adverse effects on fish and shellfish ecology.  While Eastern IFCA continue to hold concerns over the gap in scientific literature surrounding effects of EMFs on marine fauna, Eastern IFCA are aware that this issue is unlikely to be resolved during the course of the examination and defer to Natural England and the MMO for further advice.  Applicants position: The Applicants signposted to key scientific studies undertaken by the Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies (CMACS), Cefas and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). A key recommendation by CMACS is to bury power cables to at least 1m. The Applicants have committed to cable burial to a minimum of 1m where possible, which has the added benefits of reducing the potential of snagging risks with fishing gear and anchors.
EIFCA- 103	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None





ID	Торіс	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	Eastern IFCA position	Notes
		assessing potential impacts of the project.				
		The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA- 104	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are agreed	Agreed	Agreed	There is agreement that this matter is closed	Refer to Agreement Statement EIFCA-101 and 102 for a summary of discussions regarding sandeels and electromagnetic fields (EMFs) respectively.
		The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.	Agreed	Agreed	There is agreement that this matter is closed	
EIFCA- 105	Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Schedule of Mitigation Offshore (PINS reference APP-574) and section	Agreed	Agreed	There is agreement that this matter is closed	Refer to Agreement Statement EIFCA - 101 regarding sandeels.





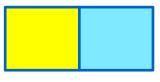
ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	Eastern IFCA position	Notes
		10.3.3 of ES Chapter 10 Fish and Shellfish Ecology (PINS reference APP-058) is appropriate.				
Draft De	evelopment Con	sent Order (DCO)				
EIFCA- 106	Wording of Requirement(s) and, or Conditions	The wording of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to fish and shellfish ecology are appropriate and adequate:  Condition 17(1)(d) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(d) of the transmission DML with reference to the development of a Construction Method Statement which will include a Cable Laying Plan that will provide details of measures which seek to reduce the effect of EMF and the need	Agreed	Agreed	There is agreement that this matter is closed	Refer to Agreement Statement EIFCA - 101 regarding sandeels.





ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	Eastern IFCA position	Notes
		for surface cable protection.  Condition 17(1)(b) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(b) of the transmission DML with reference to the development of a construction programme.  Condition 16(1)(b) and (c) of the generation DML and Condition 12(1)(b) and (c) of the transmission DML with reference to a marine mammal mitigation protocol and Site Integrity Plan in order to minimise the impact of noise on fish and shellfish arising as a result of UXO clearance activities.  Condition 17(1)(f) and (2) of the				





ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	Eastern IFCA position	Notes
		generation DML and Condition 13(1)(f) and (2) of the transmission DML with reference to the marine mammal mitigation protocol and Site Integrity Plan in respect of piling activities.				
Other N	latters as Requi	red				
	None	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	None



#### 2.3 Commercial Fisheries

- 26. The Projects have the potential to impact upon commercial fisheries. *Chapter 13 Commercial Fisheries* of the ES (APP-061) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
- 27. **Table 2.5** provides an overview of meetings and correspondence undertaken with the Eastern IFCA regarding commercial fisheries.
- 28. **Table 2.6** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with the Eastern IFCA regarding commercial fisheries.
- 29. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for commercial fisheries can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).

Table 2.5 Summary of Consultation with the Eastern IFCA regarding Commercial Fisheries

Date	Contact Type	Topic		
Pre-Application				
16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	Meeting	General project update		
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Meeting	General project update		
Post-Application				
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 1		
19th August 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 2		
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 3		





#### **Table 2.6 Commercial Fisheries**

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Eastern IFCA Position	Notes
Enviror	nmental Impact As	sessment				
EIFCA- 401	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA- 402	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
		The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA- 403	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Eastern IFCA position: There is potential for construction, decommissioning, and operation and maintenance activities within the cable corridor to result in interference with inshore fishing activities.  Within the Eastern IFCA district, the inshore section of the East Anglia ONE North and TWO export cable corridors are positioned in ICES statistical rectangle





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						33F1, an important area for potting fisheries targeting crab, lobster and whelk. Eastern IFCA consider these have been duly considered.
		The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	Eastern IFCA position: Eastern IFCA has raised concerns about the scale of offshore development in the Southern North Sea and EIFCA do not feel these have been fully considered in the cumulative impact assessment.  EIFCA consider the assessment of cumulative impacts for this project should be enhanced by a regional study to examine potential overall impacts of offshore activities including wind farm-related works, aggregate extraction and demersal fishing on inshore fishing activities in the Southern North Sea.  Eastern IFCA's position is consistent with our advice for other offshore wind farm projects. In the absence of a regional cumulative impacts study we consider there is a lack of an evidence base underpinning the predictions made in the cumulative impacts assessment.





ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Eastern IFCA Position	Notes
						Applicants position: The Applicants acknowledged the increasing concern regarding potential cumulative impact of offshore windfarms and other activities including oil and gas and conservation (such as MCZs) on commercial fishing, but also note that the assessment concluded that the potential impact on some individuals within the 'inshore fleet' could be 'moderate adverse' (section 13.7.2.2.3 of Chapter 13 Commercial Fisheries). As a result, it was highlighted that mitigation would be discussed through the Commercial Fisheries Working Group (CFWG).  The Applicants are of the view that such regional-scale studies are beyond the scope of the Projects and would be better suited through programmes such as the BEIS Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Research Programme, the MMO or The Crown Estate (TCE) Enabling Actions Programme. The Applicants' parent company, ScottishPower Renewables has a clear track record of supporting and contributing to such strategic studies.





ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Eastern IFCA Position	Notes
EIFCA- 404	Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Schedule of Mitigation Offshore (PINS reference APP-574) and section 10.3.3 of ES Chapter 10 Commercial Fisheries (PINS reference APP-061) is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed.	Eastern IFCA position: Eastern IFCA recognise the embedded mitigation and supports the appointment of a local Fisheries Liaison Officer, use of the Kingfisher Information Service and Notice to Mariners to minimise disruption to fishery stakeholders and other marine users.  Regular communication ensures that mitigation includes the most up-to-date fisheries management measures and advice.  Eastern IFCA advocates the use of commercial fisheries working groups as appropriate means of engagement with fisheries stakeholders.  Applicants position: The Applicants agree with the Eastern IFCA with regard to the use of commercial fisheries working groups and intends to continue to engage with fishermen through the commercial fisheries working group.





ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Eastern IFCA Position	Notes	
Draft D	Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)						
EIFCA- 405	Wording of Requirement(s) and, or Conditions	The wording of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to commercial fisheries are appropriate and adequate:  Condition 17(1)(e)(iv) and (v) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(e)(iv) and (v) of the transmission DML with reference to the appointment of a fisheries liaison officer and coexistence plan in order to minimise risks of navigational hazards and snagging of fishing gear.  Condition 17(1)(d)(ii) and (iii) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(d)(ii) and (iii) of the transmission DML with reference to cable specification, installation		Agreed	<ul> <li>Condition 17(1)(e)(iv) and (v) and Condition 13(1)(e)(iv) and (v) – Agreed</li> <li>Condition 17(1)(d)(ii) and (iii) and Condition 13(1)(d)(ii) and (iii) – Agreed</li> <li>Condition 14(7) and (10) and Condition 10(7) and (10) – Agreed</li> <li>Condition 10 – and Condition 6 Agreed</li> <li>Requirement 10 – Agreed</li> </ul>	None	





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		<ul> <li>and monitoring and cable protection.</li> <li>Condition 14(7) and (10) of the generation DML and Condition 10(7) and (10) of the transmission DML with reference to the dropped objects procedure.</li> <li>Condition 10 of the generation DML and Condition 6 of the transmission DML with reference to notifications to mariners, UK Hydrographic Office, Kingfisher and other navigational warnings to be issued to the fishing industry prior to all survey and construction works.</li> <li>Requirement 10 provided within DCO Schedule 1, Part 3 with reference to a decommissioning programme.</li> </ul>				

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2nd November 2020





ID	Торіс	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Eastern IFCA Position	Notes
Other Matters as Required						
	None	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	





# 3 Signatures

30. The above Statement of Common Ground is agreed between East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited and Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority on the day specified below.

Signed:	
Print Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Duly authorised for	and on behalf of the Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority
Signed:	
Print Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Duly authorised for	and on behalf of EAST ANGLIA TWO LIMITED
Signed:	
Print Name:	
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