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### Glossary

| Term  | Meaning   |
|---|---|
| Applicant                                       | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited.   |
| Deemed Marine Licence                           | The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 requires a marine licence to be obtained for licensable marine activities. Section 149A of the Planning Act 2008 allows an applicant for a DCO to apply for a 'deemed' marine licence as part of the DCO process.          |
| Development Consent Order (DCO)                 | An order made under the Planning Act 2008 granting development consent for one or more Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).  |
| Morgan Offshore Wind Project                    | The Morgan Offshore Wind Project is comprised of both the generation assets and offshore and onshore transmission assets, and associated activities.  |
| Morgan Array Area                               | The area within which the wind turbines, foundations, inter-array cables, interconnector cables, scour protection, cable protection and offshore substation platforms (OSPs) forming part of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets will be located. |
| Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets | This is the name given to the Morgan Generation Assets project as a whole (includes all infrastructure and activities associated with the project construction, operations and maintenance, and decommissioning).   |
| The Planning Inspectorate                       | The agency responsible for operating the planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.   |

### Acronyms

| Acronym | Description                                      |
|---------|--|
| ANIFPO  | Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation    |
| CMS     | Construction Method Statement                    |
| CFLO    | Company Fisheries Liaison Officer                |
| CSIP    | Cable Specification Installation Plan            |
| DCO     | Development Consent Order                        |
| DP      | Design Plan                                      |
| EIA     | Environmental Impact Assessment                  |
| FIR     | Fishing Industry Representative                  |
| FLCP    | Fisheries Liaison Coexistence Plan               |
| IFPO    | Irish Fish Producers Organisation                |
| ISEFPO  | Irish South and East Fish Producers Organisation |
| MFPO    | Manx Fish Producers Organisation                 |
| NFFO    | National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations |
| NIFF    | Northern Ireland Fishermen's Federation          |
| NIFPO   | Northern Ireland Fish Producers' Organisation    |
| OEMP    | Offshore Environmental Management Plan           |

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| Acronym | Description                                     |
|---------|---|
| OFLCP   | Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan |
| OSP     | Offshore Substation Platform                    |
| PEIR    | Preliminary Environmental Information Report    |
| SFF     | Scottish Fishermen's Federation                 |
| SMZ     | Scallop Mitigation Zone                         |
| SPFA    | Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association        |
| SoCG    | Statement of Common Ground                      |
| SWFPA   | Scottish White Fish Producers Association       |
| WCSP    | West Coast Sea Products Ltd.                    |
| WFA     | Welsh Fishermen's Association                   |
| WFC     | Whitehaven Fishermen's Co-operative             |
| WFPO    | Western Fish Producers Organisation             |
| UKHO    | United Kingdom Hydrographic Office              |

# **1 STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN MORGAN OFFSHORE WIND LIMITED AND FISHERIES STAKEHOLDERS**

## **1.1 Introduction**

### **1.1.1 Overview**

1.1.1.1 This initial Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared between Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (hereafter referred to as 'the Applicant') and fisheries stakeholders, hereafter referred to together as the parties. The SoCG sets out the areas of agreement and disagreement between the parties in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets (hereafter referred to as 'Morgan Generation Assets').

1.1.1.2 The need for a SoCG between the Applicant and fisheries stakeholders is set out within the Rule 6 letter that was issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 05 August 2024 (PD-001).

1.1.1.3 This document is intended to provide the Examining Authority with an overview of the level of common ground between the parties. The SoCG will facilitate further discussion between the parties and will be updated during the Morgan Generation Assets Examination and submitted at the Deadlines indicated in the Rule 6 letter (PD-001).

### **1.1.2 Morgan Generation Assets elements under Fisheries stakeholders' remit**

1.1.2.1 The fisheries stakeholders forming the interested parties in this Statement of Common Ground at Deadline 2 includes the following organisations and fishing representatives where a relevant or written representation has been made and/or the organisations that the Applicant has engaged with regularly since the start of the pre-application phase:

- Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation (ANIFPO)
- Northern Ireland Fishermen's Federation (NIFF)
- Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF), who also represent the following stakeholders:
  - Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association (SPFA)
  - Scottish White Fish Producers Association (SWFPA)
  - West Coast Sea Products (WCSP) Ltd

1.1.2.2 There is a separate SoCG with the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisation (NFFO) who have an interest in the potential impacts of the Morgan Generation Assets on fishing activities (S\_D2\_NFFO).

1.1.2.3 The elements of the Morgan Generation Assets which may affect the interests of fisheries stakeholders are detailed in Schedule 1 (Authorised Development), Part 1 (Authorised Development) of the Draft DCO (AS-003).

1.1.2.4 This SoCG covers the following commercial fisheries topics of relevance to Fisheries stakeholders:

- Assessment of baseline data



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- Assessment and proposed mitigation of effects on commercial fishing
- Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan.

1.1.2.5 Volume 2, Chapter 6 Commercial Fisheries (APP-024) and the Technical Appendix in Volume 4, Annex 6.1 (APP-059) provides the detail for the assessment of these topics and the Outline Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan (APP-065) sets out the commitments for commercial fisheries for the Morgan Generation Assets.

### 1.1.3 Overview of Morgan Generation Assets

1.1.3.1 The Morgan Generation Assets is a proposed offshore wind farm located in the east Irish Sea. The Morgan Generation Assets will include offshore infrastructure and consists of:

- Morgan Array Area: This is where the wind turbines, Offshore Substation Platforms (OSPs), foundations (for both wind turbines and OSPs), inter-array cables and interconnector cables will be located.

### 1.1.4 Approach to SoCG

1.1.4.1 This SoCG has been developed during the pre-Examination phase and will be progressed during the Examination phase of the Morgan Generation Assets. In accordance with discussions between the parties, the SoCG is focused on those issues raised by fisheries stakeholders within its response to Scoping, Section 42 consultation and as raised through the commercial fisheries consultation that has underpinned the pre-application consultation between the parties. This SoCG also includes those issues raised by fisheries stakeholders during the post-application phase (i.e. relevant representations and pre-Examination meetings).

1.1.4.2 The structure of this SoCG is as follows:

- Section 1.1: Introduction
- Section 1.2: Summary of SoCG
- Section 1.2.2: Summary of consultation
- Section 1.3: Agreement Log.

## 1.2 Summary of SoCG

### 1.2.1 Overview

1.2.1.1 This SoCG outlines the consultation that has taken place between the parties during the pre-application and post-application phases of the Morgan Generation Assets. The agreement logs present the position reached on 22 October 2024 (Deadline 2).

1.2.1.2 During meetings with stakeholders in September 2024 the Applicant set out the approach to the SoCGs. It was agreed that there will be two separate SoCG's for fisheries stakeholders; one for NFFO, WFA and WFC and a second for all other fisheries stakeholders. SoCGs, were then shared with stakeholders via email.

1.2.1.3 Within the SoCGs shared with stakeholders, the Applicant had already captured stakeholder positions from relevant representations as well as updates from meetings held in July and September 2024, when commitments (see CF.OFLCP.P1 to CF.OFLCP.T17 in Table 1-5) set out within the Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-Existence Plan (OFLCP) (APP-065) were discussed. Stakeholders then provided



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feedback via email confirming agreement with the Applicants position or matters that require further discussion.

### 1.2.2 Summary of consultation

- 1.2.2.1 Table 1.1 below provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the Applicant with Fisheries stakeholders, relevant to the assessment of effects on commercial fisheries during the pre-application phases of the Morgan Generation Assets.
- 1.2.2.2 Table 1.2 below provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the Applicant with Fisheries stakeholders during the post-application phases of the Morgan Generation Assets.

**Table 1.1: Summary of pre-application consultation with Fisheries stakeholders.**

| Date                                     | Form of consultation | Relevant Stakeholders   | Statutory or non-statutory engagement | Summary of consultation   |
|--|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Commercial fisheries consultation</b> |                      |   |                                       |   |
| 24/06/2021                               | Meeting              | Scottish White Fish Producers Association (SWFPA), and West Coast Sea Products Ltd (WCSP), Fishing Industry Representative (FIR), Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)   | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morgan Array Area location.</li> <li>Co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase.</li> </ul>  |
| 29/06/2021                               | Meeting              | Individual fishers from B&M Fishing LLP Fleetwood and Maryport, Irish South and East Fish Producers Organisation (ISEFPO), Manx Fish Producers Organisation (MFPO), NFFO, Welsh Fishermen's Association (WFA), Western Fish Producers Organisation (WFPO), and Whitehaven Fishermen's Cooperative (WFC) | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morgan Array Area location.</li> <li>Co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>Potential impacts on fish stocks.</li> </ul> |

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| Date       | Form of consultation | Relevant Stakeholders   | Statutory or non-statutory engagement | Summary of consultation   |
|------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| 01/07/2021 | Meeting              | MFPO  | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the project</li> <li>• Approach to fisheries stakeholder engagement</li> <li>• Overview of planned EIA and consenting process</li> </ul>   |
| 01/07/2021 | Meeting              | Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation (ANIFPO), Northern Ireland Fish Producers' Organisation (NIFPO) | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morgan Array Area location.</li> <li>• Co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> </ul>   |
| 14/02/2022 | Meeting              | ANIFPO, Redercentrale (Belgian Fish Producers), WFPO  | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project updates</li> <li>• Inter-array cable layout and burial depths</li> <li>• Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>• Potential impacts on fish stocks</li> <li>• Vessel data to inform the environmental assessment.</li> </ul> |
| 14/02/2022 | Meeting              | SFF, SWFPA, WCSP  | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to project engagement with fisheries, surveys, fisheries liaison, scoping report, data collection, fisheries assessments and distinguish between queen and king scallop fisheries.</li> </ul>   |
| 15/02/2022 | Meeting              | Individual fishers (Whitehaven), NFFO, WFC,   | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to project engagement with fisheries, surveys, fisheries liaison, scoping report, data collection, fisheries assessments and distinguish between queen and king scallop fisheries.</li> </ul>   |
| 15/02/2022 | Meeting              | MFPO, NFFO, WFC,  | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to project engagement with fisheries, surveys, fisheries liaison, scoping report, data collection, fisheries assessments and distinguish between queen and king scallop fisheries</li> </ul>  |
| 23/11/2022 | Meeting              | Individual fishers from B&M Fishing LLP   | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project update</li> <li>• Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>• Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>• Potential impacts on fish stocks.</li> </ul>               |

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| Date       | Form of consultation | Relevant Stakeholders                               | Statutory or non-statutory engagement | Summary of consultation   |
|------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| 23/11/2022 | Meeting              | SWFPA, SFF, WCSP                                    | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>Potential impacts on fish stocks.</li> </ul>   |
| 24/11/2022 | Meeting              | Individual fishers (IoM), MFPO                      | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify vessels affected by cable route surveys</li> <li>Project update</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>Potential impacts on fish stocks.</li> </ul> |
| 25/11/2022 | Meeting              | Conwy commercial fishermen                          | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>Potential impacts on fish stocks.</li> </ul>   |
| 01/12/2022 | Meeting              | ANIFPO, NIFPO, WFA                                  | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>Potential impacts on fish stocks.</li> </ul>   |
| 01/12/2022 | Meeting              | Redercentrale (Belgian Fish Producers)              | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>Potential impacts on fish stocks.</li> </ul>   |
| 02/12/2022 | Meeting              | Irish Fish Producers Organisation (IFPO) and ISEFPO | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify vessels affected by cable route surveys</li> <li>Project update</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative impacts with other activities and developments in the region</li> <li>Potential impacts on fish stocks.</li> </ul> |

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| Date       | Form of consultation | Relevant Stakeholders  | Statutory or non-statutory engagement | Summary of consultation  |
|------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 11/09/2023 | Meeting              | Belgium Producers Organisation (Rederscentrale), MFPO                          | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and presentation of changes made to the project since PEIR, including scallop mitigation zone</li> <li>Presentation on key issues raised during PEIR consultation</li> <li>Project commitments for long term Co-existence</li> <li>Outline Fisheries liaison and coexistence plan.</li> <li>Next steps for engagement post submission</li> </ul> |
| 19/09/2023 | Meeting              | WCSP   | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and presentation of changes made to the project since PEIR, including scallop mitigation zone</li> <li>Presentation on key issues raised during PEIR consultation</li> <li>Project commitments for long term Co-existence</li> <li>Outline Fisheries liaison and coexistence plan</li> <li>Next steps for engagement post submission</li> </ul>  |
| 19/09/2023 | Meeting              | Individual fisher (Annan), SWFPA   | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and presentation of changes made to the project since PEIR, including scallop mitigation zone</li> <li>Presentation on key issues raised during PEIR consultation</li> <li>Project commitments for long term Co-existence</li> <li>Outline Fisheries liaison and coexistence plan</li> <li>Next steps for engagement post submission</li> </ul>  |
| 20/09/2023 | Meeting              | FIR, individual fishers (Blackpool), NFFO                                      | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and presentation of changes made to the project since PEIR, including scallop mitigation zone</li> <li>Presentation on key issues raised during PEIR consultation</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative effects assessment</li> </ul>                         |
| 20/09/2023 | Meeting              | FIR, individual fishers (Whitehaven), NFFO, Whitehaven Fishermen's Cooperative | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and presentation of changes made to the project since PEIR, including scallop mitigation zone</li> <li>Presentation on key issues raised during PEIR consultation</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative effects assessment</li> </ul>                         |

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| Date       | Form of consultation | Relevant Stakeholders                     | Statutory or non-statutory engagement | Summary of consultation  |
|------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 21/09/2023 | Meeting              | Individual fishers (Conwy)                | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and presentation of changes made to the project since PEIR, including scallop mitigation zone</li> <li>Provided an overview of the key feedback that had been received on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)</li> <li>Morgan array indicative layout and co-existence during the operations and maintenance phase</li> <li>Cumulative effects assessment</li> </ul> |
| 03/10/2023 | Meeting              | FIR, ISEFPO                               | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided an overview of the project progress to date, the current status of project and expected application dates</li> <li>Key feedback on coexistence through the PEIR</li> <li>Cumulative effects assessment</li> <li>Project changes and commitments – Morgan Gen</li> <li>Extent of area important for scallop stocks</li> </ul>   |
| 04/10/2023 | Meeting              | ANIFPO, FIR, individual fishers (Kilkeel) | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided an overview of the project progress to date, the current status of project and expected application dates</li> <li>Key feedback on coexistence through the PEIR</li> <li>Cumulative effects assessment</li> <li>Project changes and commitments – Morgan Gen</li> </ul>  |
| 04/10/2023 | Meeting              | FIR, NIFPO                                | Non-statutory                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided an overview of the project progress to date, the current status of project and expected application dates</li> <li>Key feedback on coexistence through the PEIR</li> <li>Cumulative effects assessment</li> <li>Project changes and commitments – Morgan Gen</li> </ul>  |

**Table 1.2: Summary of post-application consultation with Fisheries stakeholders.**

| Date       | Form of consultation | Relevant stakeholder       | Statutory or non-statutory engagement | Summary of consultation  |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 13/05/2024 | Meeting              | NFFO, Individual Operators | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed. |

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| Date       | Form of consultation    | Relevant stakeholder   | Statutory or non-statutory engagement | Summary of consultation  |
|------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 14/05/2024 | Meeting                 | SFF, WCSP, Individual Operators                                | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed.<br><br>Discussions had regarding the potential establishment of a Commercial Fisheries Working Group.   |
| 16/05/2024 | Meeting                 | IoM Gov, MFPO, Individual Operators                            | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed.<br><br>Clarification sought on commitments made relating to cable burial depth and rock protection. Query raised regarding whether commitments are secured if there is a change in IoM Government. Discussions had relating to Territorial Sea Committee (Department of Infrastructure (DoI)) comments. Further discussions agreed and additional/supporting information from IoM Gov to be requested. Discussions had regarding the potential establishment of a Commercial Fisheries Working Group. |
| 17/05/2024 | Meeting                 | ANIFPO, Northern Ireland Fishermen's Federation (NIFF), ISEFPO | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed.<br><br>Queries raised regarding whether pre- and post-construction scallop surveys were going to be undertaken, to monitor any impacts on scallop fishery. Clarification sought on timings of construction phase. Queried whether there is a procedure if cables are snagged by fishing vessels.  |
| 04/06/2024 | Relevant representation | West Coast Sea Products Ltd                                    | Statutory                             | Relevant representations of West Coast Sea Products Ltd.   |
| 10/06/2024 | Relevant representation | NIFPO  | Statutory                             | Relevant representations of NIFPO.   |
| 10/06/2024 | Relevant representation | SFF  | Statutory                             | Relevant representations of SFF.   |
| 11/06/2024 | Relevant representation | SPFA   | Statutory                             | Relevant representations of SPFA.  |
| 11/06/2024 | Relevant representation | SWPA   | Statutory                             | Relevant representations of SWPA.  |
| 21/06/2024 | Relevant representation | NFFO   | Statutory                             | Relevant representations of NFFO.  |
| 10/07/2024 | Relevant representation | Northern Ireland Fishermen's Federation                        | Statutory                             | Relevant representations of Northern Ireland Fishermen's Federation.   |
| 18/06/2024 | Meeting                 | Traditional & Sustainable Commercial Fishing Association       | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed.   |

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| Date       | Form of consultation | Relevant stakeholder                         | Statutory or non-statutory engagement | Summary of consultation  |
|------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 29/07/2024 | Meeting              | SFF, SPFA, SWFPA, WCSP                       | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed. |
| 30/07/2024 | Meeting              | MFPO, Sea Fisheries Manager, IoM GOV         | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed. |
| 30/07/2024 | Meeting              | ANIFPO, B&M Fishing LLP, ISEFPO, NIFF, NIFPO | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed. |
| 31/07/2024 | Meeting              | WFA  | Non-statutory                         | Project status update provided, OFLCP and commitments discussed. |
| 23/09/2024 | Meeting              | NFFO, WFA                                    | Non-statutory                         | Project status update, OFLCP, initial discussion on SoCG.        |
| 23/09/2024 | Meeting              | ISEFPO, SFF, WCSP Ltd.                       | Non-statutory                         | Project status update, OFLCP, initial discussion on SoCG.        |
| 24/09/2024 | Meeting              | MFPO, IoM GOV                                | Non-statutory                         | Project status update, OFLCP, initial discussion on SoCG.        |
| 24/09/2024 | Meeting              | ANIFPO, NIFPO, NIFF, B&M Fishing LLP         | Non-statutory                         | Project status update, OFLCP, initial discussion on SoCG.        |



## 1.3 Agreement log

### 1.3.1 Overview

1.3.1.1 This section of the SoCG sets out the level of agreement between the parties. For each matter the status is identified as being either agreed, not agreed or an ongoing point of discussion, according to the criteria set out in Table 1.3 below.

**Table 1.3: Position definitions and colour coding.**

| Position and colour coding   | Definition of position  |
|------------------------------|---|
| Agreed                       | The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.  |
| Ongoing point of discussion  | The matter is neither agreed or not agreed, and is a matter where further discussion is required between the parties. |
| Not agreed, but not material | The matter is not considered to be agreed between the parties, but is not deemed material.                            |
| Not agreed                   | The matter is not considered to be agreed between the parties.  |

1.3.1.2 The following section sets out the level of agreement between the parties for each relevant component of the application.

1.3.1.3 Table 1-4 sets out the level of agreement between the parties for matters relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment completed by the Applicant.

1.3.1.4 Table 1-5 sets out the level of agreement between the parties for matters relating to the OFLCP. An updated OFLCP has been submitted at Deadline 2 and has been discussed with fisheries stakeholders at meetings in July and September 2024 (Table 1-2).

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### 1.3.2 Commercial fisheries agreement logs

**Table 1.4: Agreement log between the parties on the commercial fisheries environmental impact assessment**

| Reference Number                       | Discussion point     | Applicant's Position   | Fisheries stakeholder's Position  | Status                      |
|--|----------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b> |                      |  |   |                             |
| CF.EIA.1                               | Consultation         | The level and quality of communication between the Applicant and fisheries stakeholders to date has been appropriate.  | Status 'Agreed' via email on 08/10/2024 for SFF, NIFF and ANIFPO.   | Agreed                      |
| CF.EIA.2                               | Consultation         | The Applicant will maintain on-going communication and liaison with fisheries stakeholders during the pre-construction, construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the Project.   | Status 'Agreed' via email on 08/10/2024 for SFF, NIFF and ANIFPO.   | Agreed                      |
| CF.EIA.3                               | Baseline environment | <p>The commercial fisheries baseline and environmental statement (APP-024) are a fair and reasonable representation of the fishing activities in the area.</p> <p>The fish surveys referred to by NIFF are not part of the EIA baseline characterisation surveys and are not being undertaken to inform the ES. The Applicant considers its existing characterisation of fish receptors to be robust for EIA purposes. These surveys are being undertaken with a view to help inform potential future discussions relating to the underwater noise mitigation options in the underwater sound management strategy.</p> <p>The Applicant confirmed that the assessment for fish and shellfish ecology presented in Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology (APP-021) is highly precautionary. Whilst the assessment does not directly reference the latest International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES) advice regarding herring stocks, the precautionary nature of the assessment of</p> | <p><b>SFF:</b> No comment</p> <p><b>NIFF:</b> There is no reference to fish surveys in Table 6.6 - Summary of site-specific survey data. Clarification sought on where the outcomes of the fish surveys that have been commissioned by the developer can be reviewed and what the methodology of the fish surveys are.</p> <p>Volume 2, Annex 6.1: Commercial fisheries technical report of the Environmental Statement, paragraph 1.4.2.23 - ICES advice for Herring has significantly changed since 2022. This has a bearing on the significance of external pressures on this stock from the development of the Morgan site.</p> <p><b>ANIFPO:</b> Endorse NIFF point.</p> | Ongoing point of discussion |

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|                  |  | herring means that the Applicant does not foresee any changes required in the way the assessment has been undertaken with regards to herring spawning and nursery sensitivities. The Applicant has provided a full response to this comment raised by SFF during Issue Specific Hearing 1 in S_D1_4.9_Morgan Gen_Response to Hearing Action Point 22_ICES guidance and SFF_F01 (REP1-014).   |  |                             |
| CF.EIA.4         | Assessment methodology                 | The general methodologies presented in Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries (APP-024) and used in the assessment are suitable and appropriate.  | <p><b>SFF:</b> No/don't agree. They are based on expert judgement which does not represent the real impacts of the development on commercial fisheries.</p> <p><b>NIFF:</b> Ongoing (no text provided)</p> <p><b>ANIFPO:</b> Ongoing (no text provided)</p>  | Ongoing point of discussion |
| CF.EIA.5         | Assessment conclusions – project alone | <p>The results of the project alone assessment, as presented in Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries (APP-024) are appropriate.</p> <p>With regards to the AFBI research vessel, the Applicant has incorporated previous herring larvae data from AFBI surveys into the Fish and shellfish ecology technical report. For these recent/current surveys, it is expected that the data for the previous year will be available from springtime 2025. The Applicant notes that this is an Irish Sea wide survey programme and there are sufficient sampling collection sites for full coverage.</p> | <p><b>SFF:</b> No/don't agree. They are based on expert judgement which does not represent the real impacts of the development on commercial fisheries.</p> <p><b>NIFF:</b> Ongoing point of discussion. It's unclear what the assessment of the impact on the SMZ is if cables are buried within it. We can't find any reference in Volume 2 Chapter 6 to the potential indirect impacts on commercial fisheries resulting from loss of stock assessment sampling sites. During 2024 we have logged AFBI's research vessel, the Corystes undertaking juvenile cod surveys and herring surveys within or close to the Morgan development area.</p> <p><b>ANIFPO:</b> Agree with response from NIFF</p> | Ongoing point of discussion |
| CF.EIA.6         | Assessment conclusions – cumulatively  | The results of the project plus cumulative projects and plans, as presented in Volume 2,   | <b>SFF:</b> No/don't agree. They are based on expert judgement which does not represent  | Ongoing point of discussion |

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|                  |                  | Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries (APP-024) are appropriate.   | the real impacts of the development on commercial fisheries.<br><b>NIFF:</b> Agreed<br><b>ANIFPO:</b> Agreed      |                             |
| CF.EIA.7         | Mitigation       | The mitigation measures and conditions outlined in the EIA, Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule and OFLCP (outlined further below) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided. | Residual concerns on the presence of cables within the SMZ and turbines along the SMZ boundary. (See CF.OFLCP.P6) | Ongoing point of discussion |

**Table 1.5: Agreement log between the parties on the fisheries liaison and coexistence measures**

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| <b>Liaison and Coexistence Measures</b> |  |   |   |        |
| CF.OFLCP.P1                             | Construction Method Statement (CMS) and Cable Specification and Installation Plan (CSIP) | <p><i>Development of and adherence to a Construction Method Statement (CMS) which includes a Cable Specification and Installation Plan (CSIP), the CSIP will incorporate the Cable Burial Risk Assessment (CBRA) where cable protection shall be designed to minimise snagging hazards as far as possible. for example by minimising height above seabed, smooth and shallower profiles, grade used for rock placement, type of rock (e.g. smoother edges).</i></p> <p>The Applicant has included the following text to the end of this commitment '<i>and target cable burial depth will be determined to minimise the risk of snagging hazards and cable exposure as far as possible.</i>'</p> <p>Whilst the MDS indicates a minimum cable burial depth of 0.5 m, a greater burial depth will be determined where appropriate to minimise the risk of anchors and, or fishing gear snagging and</p> | <p>This commitment was discussed with the Applicant during meetings in July and September 2024.</p> <p>Based on the additional text included in the next update of the OFLCP the parties agree.</p> | Agreed |

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|                  |   | cable exposure, based on local seabed conditions.   |   |                             |
| CF.OFLCP.P2      | Cable protection                        | <p>The Applicant has included a new measure reflecting commitments on the percentage of cables that will be protected within the array area to ensure safety of fishing activity and to minimise the amount of fishing grounds lost. The following wording has been added to the next update of the OFLCP:</p> <p><i>Development and adherence to an offshore CMS which includes a CSIP that minimises the use of cable protection as far as reasonably practicable.</i></p> <p>The justification details the maximum volume and footprint of cable protection according to the Project Description chapter of the Environmental Statement (APP-010).</p> | <p>This commitment was mentioned to stakeholders during meetings in September 2024.</p> <p>Based on the additional text included in the next update of the OFLCP the parties agree.</p> | Agreed                      |
| CF.OFLCP.P3      | Minimising cable installation programme | <i>Development of and adherence to an offshore CMS which includes a CSIP where the time delay between sequential cable installation operations (e.g. cable-lay and post-lay burial), shall be minimised to as short as reasonably practicable.</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.   | Agreed                      |
| CF.OFLCP.P4      | Minimum spacing of infrastructure       | <p><i>Infrastructure spacing at a minimum of 1,400 m apart.</i></p> <p>The Applicant has updated this wording to align with the layout principles, as set out in Table 3.7 of the Project Description chapter (APP-010).</p>  | This commitment was discussed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024. Based on the additional text included in the next update of the OFLCP the parties agree.                 | Agreed                      |
| CF.OFLCP.P5      | North-south alignment of rows           | <p><i>Development of and adherence to a Design Plan (DP) with roughly north to south alignment of wind turbine rows</i></p> <p>The Applicant has updated this wording to align with the layout principles as set out in Table 3.7 of the Project Description chapter (APP-010).</p>   | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.   | Agreed                      |
| CF.OFLCP.P6      | Scallop Mitigation Zone                 | <i>Development of and adherence to a Design Plan which includes implementation of a Scallop</i>   | This commitment was discussed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.  | Ongoing point of discussion |

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|                  |                                     | <i>Mitigation Zone (SMZ) over an area of core scallop grounds within the Morgan Array Area.</i>  | Concern was raised about the presence of cables in the SMZ and consideration for longer term monitoring.  |        |
| CF.OFLCP.T1      | Fisheries Liaison Officer           | <i>Development of and adherence to an Offshore Environmental Management Plan (OEMP), which includes a FLCP, to include details of the appointment and responsibilities of a Company Fisheries Liaison Officer (CFLO).</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.   | Agreed |
| CF.OFLCP.T2      | Fisheries Liaison                   | <i>Development of and adherence to a FLCP, in accordance with the Outline FLCP that includes for ongoing liaison with the fishing industry through the CFLO and FIR and adhere to good practice guidance with regards to fisheries liaison.</i><br>The Applicant has updated the justification to say "A suitable candidate for the FIR will be identified to the CFLO by fisheries stakeholders." | This commitment was discussed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024 and September 2024.<br>Based on the additional text included in the next update of the OFLCP the parties agree. | Agreed |
| CF.OFLCP.T3      | Commercial Fisheries Working Group  | <i>Development of and adherence to a FLCP, in accordance with the Outline FLCP that includes for investigating the establishment of a commercial fisheries working group.</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.   | Agreed |
| CF.OFLCP.T4      | Notice to Mariners                  | <i>Notification to fishing fleets of construction and maintenance activities.</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.   | Agreed |
| CF.OFLCP.T5      | Offshore Fisheries Liaison Officers | <i>Development of and adherence to a FLCP, in accordance with the Outline FLCP that includes for the use of Offshore Fisheries Liaison Officers (OFLOs) where required and appropriate.</i><br>The Applicant has updated the wording to reflect that Local OFLOs will be used where possible.  | This commitment was discussed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024 and September 2024.<br>Based on the additional text included in the next update of the OFLCP the parties agree. | Agreed |
| CF.OFLCP.T6      | Timely distribution of NtMs         | <i>Timely and efficient distribution NtMs.</i>   | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.   | Agreed |

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| CF.OFLCP.T7      | Safety zones and advisory clearance distances                 | <i>Use of advisory clearance distances and safety zones during construction and periods of major maintenance.</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.   | Agreed                       |
| CF.OFLCP.T8      | Rolling advisory exclusion zones                              | <i>Development of and adherence to a FLCP, in accordance with the Outline FLCP that includes for the use of rolling advisory exclusion zones.</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024.   | Agreed                       |
| CF.OFLCP.T9      | Aids to Navigation Management Plan                            | <i>Development of and adherence to an Aids to Navigation Management Plan (ANMP) to ensure adequate navigational markers (including lighting), in accordance with the most recent relevant industry guidance and agreed prior to commencement of offshore construction.</i>   | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024. (SFF agreed via email on 08/10/2024).   | Agreed                       |
| CF.OFLCP.T10     | Cable protection management                                   | <i>Development of and adherence to a CMS, including CSIP that details cable protection management and scour protection management, to outline cable burial depth, cable protection and monitoring of inter array and interconnector cables to reduce snagging risk.</i><br><br>The Applicant has updated this wording to include consideration of seabed level change.   | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024. (SFF agreed via email on 08/10/2024).   | Agreed                       |
| CF.OFLCP.T11     | Annual review for first 5 years of VMS data and landings data | <i>Development of and adherence to a FLCP, in accordance with the Outline FLCP that includes for annual reviews for the first five years of the operations and maintenance phase, to review Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data and landings data to identify whether there are any changes to fishing activity within and around the Morgan Array Area and where there is change to discuss with commercial fisheries stakeholders.</i><br><br>The Applicant has updated the wording to include iVMS as an additional data source, where available. | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July and September 2024.<br><br>Based on the additional text included in the next update of the OFLCP the parties agree. | Agreed                       |
| CF.OFLCP.T12     | Coordinates of cables   | <i>'As-laid' co-ordinates of cables within the Morgan Array Area (i.e. inter array cables)) shall be recorded and submitted to the UK Hydrographic</i>   | This commitment was discussed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024. Request made to be provided with co-   | On going point of discussion |



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|                  |                                      | <p><i>Office (UKHO) and the Kingfisher Information Service – Offshore Renewable and Cable Awareness (KISORCA Service). 'As-laid' cables shall be marked on Admiralty Charts and fisherman's awareness charts (paper and electronic format).</i></p> <p>The Applicant has updated the wording in the justification to include coordinates of as laid cables shall be provided post-construction to the UKHO and the KISORCA Service. If these services are able to report additional cable protection locations this information could be provided.</p> | ordinates to also cover sections of cables that have additional protection around them, i.e. rock.   |                             |
| CF.OFLCP.T13     | Dropped objects                      | <i>Compliance with dropped objects procedures. All dropped objects must be reported to the MMO using the Dropped Object Procedure Form.</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024. (SFF agreed via email on 08/10/2024).  | Agreed                      |
| CF.OFLCP.T14     | Decommissioning programme            | <i>Development of and adherence to a Decommissioning Programme.</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024. (SFF agreed via email on 08/10/2024).  | Agreed                      |
| CF.OFLCP.T15     | Offshore Environment Management Plan | <i>Development and adherence to an OEMP, which includes a Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (MPCP).</i>  | This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024. (SFF agreed via email on 08/10/2024).  | Agreed                      |
| CF.OFLCP.T16     | Guard vessels                        | <p><i>Development of and adherence to a FLCP, in accordance with the Outline FLCP which includes for the use of guard vessels where required.</i></p> <p>Local OFLOS and guard vessels shall be utilised where appropriate, during the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning phases</p>  | <p>This commitment was discussed and agreed with the Applicant during meetings in July 2024. SFF agreed via email on 08/10/2024.</p> <p>ANIFPO, encourage the need to use local boats when possible as guard vessels to enhance the benefits to the local coastal communities who will be most affected.</p> | Agreed                      |
| CF.OFLCP.T17     | Ongoing fisheries monitoring         | The Applicant has updated the OFLCP to include:  | SFF propose ongoing fisheries monitoring to be undertaken every 5 years to determine the impacts of the  | Ongoing point of discussion |

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|                  |                  | <i>Development and implementation of a monitoring programme which includes pre- and post-construction monitoring of Queen scallop in and around the Morgan Array Area for up to five years post construction.</i> | development on commercial fisheries (pre-development, during construction, post-construction and operation). |        |