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1) Provision of Fisheries Liaison Service

Danbrit Ship Management Ltd (DSML) are pleased to announce that they have been awarded the contract for the provision of fisheries liaison services to the offshore demonstration site operated by the New and Renewable Energy Centre Limited (Narec).

Narec's plans to develop an offshore wind farm site in the North Sea near Blyth, comprising 20 pre-consented "pods", at which tenants may deploy their prototype or demonstration turbines and foundations. These pods are likely to be in four rows, increasing in distance offshore and with water depths of approx 20m, 35, 45 and 55 metres to allow testing of alternative installation and foundation types. It would provide an offshore wind demonstration site with conditions representative of typical Round 3 offshore wind projects. The project is government funded and is not a commercial project, i.e the primary aim is to test technologies and learn from experiences in readiness for the challenges of Round 3.

The initial site layout has been designed to meet the stated requirements of key stakeholders including the Crown Estate, Government, Energy Technologies Institute, commercial aviation constraints, as well as the Carbon Trust's Offshore Wind Accelerator programme. The layout will undergo review and amendment during the scoping phase which will commence in June 2010. The Commercial Fisheries impact assessment will be commissioned late summer 2010, but meanwhile DSML will engage with the fishing community to ascertain use of the area and identify potential site wide mitigation activities.

Narec actively encourage engagement with DSML to ensure that fisheries activities are identified correctly and concerns are accurately represented and Narec particularly request that representations for mitigation activities (such as lobster reseedling, lobster v notching) or potential research projects are put forward to DSML for collation and consideration with the Narec team.

DSML will be acting on behalf of Narec to deliver a full liaison service through a dedicated onshore and offshore liaison team. For all questions and fisheries related issues the contact details of all DSML staff involved in the project are given below:

Name	Role	Email	Telephone
Simon Calden	Fisheries Liaison officer	scalden@dsml.co.uk	Office:01723 893930 Mobile:07825 382896
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DSML will be undertaking a site visit to meet with local industry representatives, fisheries management bodies and individual skippers to ascertain site based activity assessments and to source suitable local personnel to train as future Fisheries Liaison Representatives.

2) Consultation Meetings

DSML intend to set up 3 consultation meetings in early September 2010 located at North Shields, Blyth and Amble. It is the intention of these meetings to introduce the project and establish formal lines of communication with individuals/associations for the duration of the project timetable.

3) Data Protection/Contact Details

Due to data protection, the contents of this letter have been sent to those individuals within the NSFC district who are contained on the shellfish and trawl permit schemes. The letter you have received was sent directly from the NSFC offices on our behalf. In order to ensure that all future correspondence can be sent to you directly can you please complete the enclosed Questionnaire with contact details so that DSML then have your details. All information sent through to DSML remains confidential. There is a SAE enclosed to return your questionnaire to DSML.

4) Fishery Liaison Officers

DSML have been asked by Narec to source local Fisheries Liaison Officers (FLO's) who can be used during the offshore works associated with this project. If you are interested in becoming an FLO, you will be entitled to a funded Medical (ENG 1), an STCW approved survival course and 1 days training with the DSML team. Anyone interested in this role can find the electronic application at <http://www.dsml.co.uk/recruitment.html> or call either Simon Calden or Simon Prince on the numbers listed.

5) Guard/Survey Vessels

DSML will be attempting to source locally based vessels that can be used to assist in the development of the site, either as platforms for survey/FLO work or for guard work. All vessels will be subject to an external audit. If you believe your vessel could perform these tasks then please call either Simon Calden or Simon Prince on the numbers listed.

6) Questionnaire

As part of DSML's work, we will be collating information on catches/vessels/species/seasons/areas to ensure that a thorough assessment is made of the local fishery. The enclosed questionnaire is vital to ensure that we commence the data collection for this work. We will follow up the questionnaire with site visits and consultation meetings.

Please complete the questionnaire (and the contact details section in it) and return to us in the SAE provided.