

**An Roinn Iompair** Department of Transport

# Marine Notice No. 18 of 2024

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, Yachtsmen and Seafarers

# Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm Geotechnical, Geophysical and Environmental Surveys

### 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Dublin Array that they will be conducting geophysical, geotechnical, and environmental surveys for the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm and the Expert Corridor Route (ECR) between the coast of Dublin and Wicklow from **19 April 2024 to 31 July 2024**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

### 2. Location of Activity

Site investigation operations will be carried out across both the Array area and the ECR area as shown in the map in the Appendix to this Marine Notice. The coordinates for the Array area and ECR area are available in Table 1 and 2 below.

Latitude	Longitude
53° 07' 55.370" N	005° 56' 04.606'' W
53° 07' 59.688" N	005° 56' 38.905" W
53° 08' 10.406" N	005° 57' 09.079'' W
53° 08' 26.387" N	005° 57' 31.928'' W
53° 08' 50.095" N	005° 57' 46.332'' W
53° 13' 02.047" N	005° 57' 47.774'' W
53° 13' 10.399" N	005° 58' 09.198'' W
53° 13' 22.835" N	005° 58' 28.234'' W
53° 13' 37.803" N	005° 58' 41.261" W
53° 13' 54.285" N	005° 58' 47.390" W
53° 18' 36.968" N	005° 58' 47.376'' W
53° 18' 57.272" N	005° 58' 37.943" W
53° 19' 11.526" N	005° 58' 22.821" W
53° 19' 22.950" N	005° 58' 02.051" W
53° 19' 32.085" N	005° 57' 30.330" W

Table 1: GPS Coordinates of Array Survey Area

53° 19' 34.670" N	005° 57' 02.457" W
53° 19' 34.303" N	005° 53' 48.261" W
53° 19' 28.629" N	005° 53' 14.361" W
53° 19' 16.730" N	005° 52' 45.311" W
53° 18' 59.871" N	005° 52' 24.195" W
53° 18' 39.841" N	005° 52' 13.253'' W
53° 14' 57.933" N	005° 52' 12.149" W
53° 14' 49.548" N	005° 51' 50.681" W
53° 14' 37.095" N	005° 51' 31.667" W
53° 14' 22.114" N	005° 51' 18.678" W
53° 14' 05.627" N	005° 51' 12.596" W
53° 08' 52.950" N	005° 51' 13.041" W
53° 08' 32.656" N	005° 51' 22.492" W
53° 08' 18.416" N	005° 51' 37.588" W
53° 08' 07.010" N	005° 51' 58.295" W
53° 07' 59.213" N	005° 52' 23.202'' W
53° 07' 55.327" N	005° 52' 57.643" W

## Table 2: GPS Coordinate for ECR Survey Area

Latitude	Longitude
53° 15' 25.261" N	006° 06' 44.249" W
53° 15' 21.964" N	006° 05' 46.055" W
53° 15' 28.312" N	006° 04' 40.895" W
53° 15' 24.235" N	006° 04' 04.545" W
53° 15' 11.712" N	006° 03' 15.525" W
53° 14' 52.324" N	006° 02' 26.152" W
53° 14' 11.455" N	006° 01' 11.418" W
53° 14' 06.221" N	005° 57' 36.275" W
53° 14' 17.797" N	005° 56' 08.475" W
53° 14' 15.156" N	005° 55' 37.486" W
53° 14' 06.095" N	005° 55' 18.216" W
53° 13' 50.774" N	005° 55' 06.964" W
53° 12' 15.072" N	005° 55' 05.599" W
53° 12' 02.812" N	005° 55' 10.584" W
53° 11' 48.822" N	005° 55' 31.443" W
53° 11' 44.147" N	005° 56' 01.728'' W
53° 12' 07.005" N	005° 58' 08.747" W
53° 11' 52.507" N	006° 01' 46.125" W
53° 12' 11.185" N	006° 03' 21.527" W
53° 12' 47.704" N	006° 05' 16.971" W
53° 13' 42.064" N	006° 06' 14.178'' W
53° 13' 46.156" N	006° 06' 27.823" W

53° 14' 46.343" N	006° 06' 47.392" W
53° 14' 59.439" N	006° 06' 43.032" W

#### 3. Details of Survey Vessels

The geophysical survey will be carried out by the vessel **Fugro Helmert** (call sign: C6FT8). During the geophysical operations, the vessel will be towing equipment at a depth of up to 5m below the surface and extending approx. 300m astern.

The geotechnical survey will be carried out by the vessel **M/V Flat Holm** (**callsign: GHLZ**). The geotechnical vessel will be surveying at fixed stations.

The environmental survey will be carried out by the vessel **Ros Áine** (callsign: EIZG5). The environmental survey vessel will be carrying out daytime operations only.

All vessels will be mobilised from Dun Laoghaire and will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, therefore all mariners are advised to provide a wide berth and navigate with caution in the area.

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and of <u>Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007</u>, which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping* (*Collision Regulations*) (*Ships and Water Craft on the Water*) Order 2012 [S.I. No. 507 of 2012] and the *Signals of Distress* (*Ships*) *Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013. These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Encl: Appendix: Map of Survey Boundary Areas

For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact: The Marine Survey Office, email: <u>MSO@transport.gov.ie</u>. For general enquiries, please contact the Maritime Safety Policy Division, email: <u>MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie</u>. Written enquiries concerning Marine Notices should be addressed to: Dept. of Transport, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland. email: <u>MarineNotices@transport.gov.ie</u> or visit us at: <u>www.gov.ie/transport</u>. Appendix: Map of Survey Boundary Areas

