

## SCOPE OF WORK FOR OFFSHORE FISHERIES LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES (FLRs) ON PROJECT SURVEY VESSEL



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### 1. General Responsibilities

Where required and appropriate, Offshore Fisheries Liaison Representatives (FLRs) will be present on vessels that are working on behalf of Statoil in the offshore wind related activities, for example survey vessels and installation vessels. The main purpose is to ensure good communications with fishing vessels encountered on site. This may be for the purpose of disseminating information, responding to queries from fishing vessels and acting as a conduit for information offshore between the Fishery Liaison Officer (FLO), Fishery Industry Representative (FIR) and fisheries stakeholders within or near the site. The primary responsibilities of the FLR are:

- A. To maintain daily contact with, and keep records of, fishing vessels observed to be within the vicinity of the work areas of wind farm related vessels;
- B. To keep the masters and watch officers of wind farm related vessels informed of fishing vessels in the vicinity of their working area and the gears and modes of operation of such fishing vessels;
- C. To keep fishing vessels advised of the wind farm vessels locations, operations, schedules, safety zones and Health & Safety restrictions; and
- D. To provide on-site adhoc assistance and advice to wind farm related vessel officers with the objective of minimizing hindrance to fishing activities, avoid conflicts and ensuring the commitments in the co-existence plan are adhered to.
- E. On survey vessels, based on experience and information from fishermen, and subject to confidentiality of fishermen's operations, provide information as requested on seabed characteristics and fishing grounds that could help the survey find areas with appropriate cable burial and/or minimal interactions with fishing. A top priority is to safeguard the confidentiality of information considered sensitive by individual fishermen and/or groups of fishermen. FLR's typically provide non-confidential information that is common knowledge among area fishermen but not otherwise available to the general public.

### 2. Duties

#### A. Notification of fishermen

Notify nearby fishing vessels and gear owners that survey operations are planned or being conducted. Consult survey personnel to consider relocating survey activities on a temporary basis, or requesting that fishermen temporarily relocate their gear away from the area. Maintain an event report with updates delivered daily and compiled report to be delivered at the completion of the survey, describing fisheries encountered. Project management seeks as complete information as can be gained without being intrusive to the fishing vessels or compromising their confidentiality, including name of vessel, homeport, type of vessel (trawler, lobster boat, etc.), documentation number (if available), location (lat-long), date, time, activity (steaming, trawling, hauling, etc.) and any other useful information. Additional communication and liaison with fishermen and fishing associations may be required. Provide recommendations for fisheries liaison during current and future surveys and cable installation.

## **B. Provision of Seabed Information**

Upon request by survey personnel, and subject to requirements of the confidentiality of fishermen's information, provide information available from fishing and other sources (charts, logbooks, catch records, communications among fishermen, etc.) about fishing grounds and seabed types on those grounds. The survey is intended in part to identify project sites and routes where cable burial is expected to be feasible (avoiding where possible hard bottom, rough bottom and steep slopes) and/or where potential interactions with fisheries may be minimized. The fisheries representative should provide the non-confidential information available from fishing sources that may be of use in finding routes suitable for cable installation and burial.

### **Fisheries Liaison Contacts:**

Sea Risk Solutions is representing Equinor Wind as Fisheries Liaison Officers. An Offshore Fisheries Liaison Representative will be present onboard survey vessels to facilitate communications and identify and mitigate potential conflicts.

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