

MARINE LICENCE VETTING COMMITTEE: MUL240042

Overview:

Site investigation surveys at Dognose Bank, Corbeg, Whitegate. Surveys consist of geophysical surveys, geotechnical survey, environmental surveys, intertidal benthic surveys, marine mammal surveys.

IFI Comment

There is no mention of diadromous fish in the SSIA report despite Habitats Directive listed species (salmon, sea lamprey, river lamprey, twaite shad) being present in the area. To reduce impact on fish species the use of soft-start and ramp-up procedures for any sound-generating works undertaken – both on a day-to-day basis and on re-start after any stoppages within any day should be undertaken. This measure should be a condition of the foreshore licence. The comments of IFI in this regard relate to fish species of conservation significance and of leisure angling significance all of which constitute part of IFI's brief.

The mitigation of accidents and the protection of the aquatic and marine environment is outlined in the supporting document and should be a condition of the foreshore licence. Suspended solids/ turbidity monitoring should be included in elements of the survey.

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