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DESIGNATED MARINE AREA PLAN

The location proposed for SI is within the SC DMAP.

The Plan sets out programmes of deployment of ORE which will take place within the SC-DMAP area through an orderly, strategic and managed process of development.

The associated objectives of the NMPF in respect of ORE are to:

- Support the development of ORE in Ireland as a driver to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate the move to cleaner energy in line with national and EU policy.
- Increase the sustainable ORE use of our extensive marine resource in an efficient and co-ordinated manner identifying, where possible, potential for synergies and opportunities for multi-use of our shared maritime area.
- Support Ireland's decarbonisation journey through increased use of ORE while delivering significant and sustained benefits, import substitution, fiscal return, national and local economic development and technology learning.
- Support the strategic growth of the ORE industry recognising the potential to derive benefits particularly for Ireland's coastal communities.
- Provide enhanced security of energy supply for Ireland in the short and medium term, in accordance with the Climate Action Plan.
- Develop a robust, effective transparent consenting process to ensure appropriate environmental protections are built-in, while enabling sustainable ORE developments to progress.
- Ensure good regulatory practices in ORE installation and generation, including decommissioning of existing facilities, at end of life, according to international best practice.

The following relevant Policy Objectives for Economic and Employment Growth Potential are set out in the Plan:

- The SC-DMAP supports actions under Government's Offshore Wind Industrial Strategy (2024) and through regional and local level plans that support research, innovation, skills development, enterprise, jobs growth and the sustainable development of economic clusters in the ORE sector to support the development and operation of ORE projects in the SC-DMAP area.
- The SC-DMAP supports actions of the higher and further education and training sector, Regional Skills Forum, Regional Enterprise Plans and Towards a Learning Region to develop diverse skills and employment opportunities in ORE and support sectors in coastal communities across the Region.



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