

Notice to Mariners – Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Benthic Survey Notification

Date: 17th May 2022 onwards (for a period of 4 weeks)

From: Survey Coordinator

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Overview

Please be advised that from the 17th May 2022, Ocean Ecology Ltd (OEL) will be conducting benthic surveys within the area shown in Figure 1. The survey will employ a drop-down camera frame and a sediment grab sampler.

The works will be completed by personnel from OEL on the survey vessel 'Seren Las'. Full vessel details are presented in Table 1. The survey operations do not involve towed survey equipment and no equipment will be left on the seabed.

This notification is intended for circulation to all interested parties undertaking or managing activities in the vicinity of the planned survey works. If you would like further details regarding the surveys please contact the OEL Operations Director using the contact details at the head of this communication.

Liaison and General Operational Principles

1. The survey contractor will ensure advance notice of survey works is provided to all marine users.
2. As near-shore areas have the potential to hold higher densities of static fishing gear, all survey operations will be undertaken during daylight hours.
3. Where considered appropriate, a Fisheries Liaison Officer will be used to provide advice to the survey contractors and facilitate liaison with the fishing industry.
4. During liaison, should areas of high fishing density be identified, best efforts will be made to modify survey plans (either the location of survey sites or timing of operations) to avoid damage to both survey and fishing gear.



Table 1. Seren Las Vessel Details

Vessel Name: Seren Las	Gross Tonnage: 8 tons
Vessel Call Sign: MDAH2	Length Overall: 10.0m
MMSI Number: 235 087 047	Beam: 3.5m
<p>Survey Coordinator: Gary Robinson: 07969 559 716</p> <p>Vessel Contact Details: Ashley Kirby (Survey Manager and Vessel Skipper): 07773 031 577 Jack Findlater (Vessel Skipper): 07921 199 091</p>	

Survey Locations

Table 2. Coordinates defining general survey area

Area Points	Latitude (DD)	Longitude (DD)	Latitude (DDM)	Longitude (DDM)
1	53.82826	-3.57103	53°49.6954'N	-4°25.7384'W
2	53.82921	-3.49667	53°49.7525'N	-4°30.2000'W
3	53.75467	-3.49402	53°45.2803'N	-4°30.3590'W
4	53.75022	-3.60133	53°45.0130'N	-4°23.9200'W
5	53.80006	-3.73849	53°48.0036'N	-4°15.6906'W
6	53.85603	-3.70016	53°51.3620'N	-4°17.9903'W

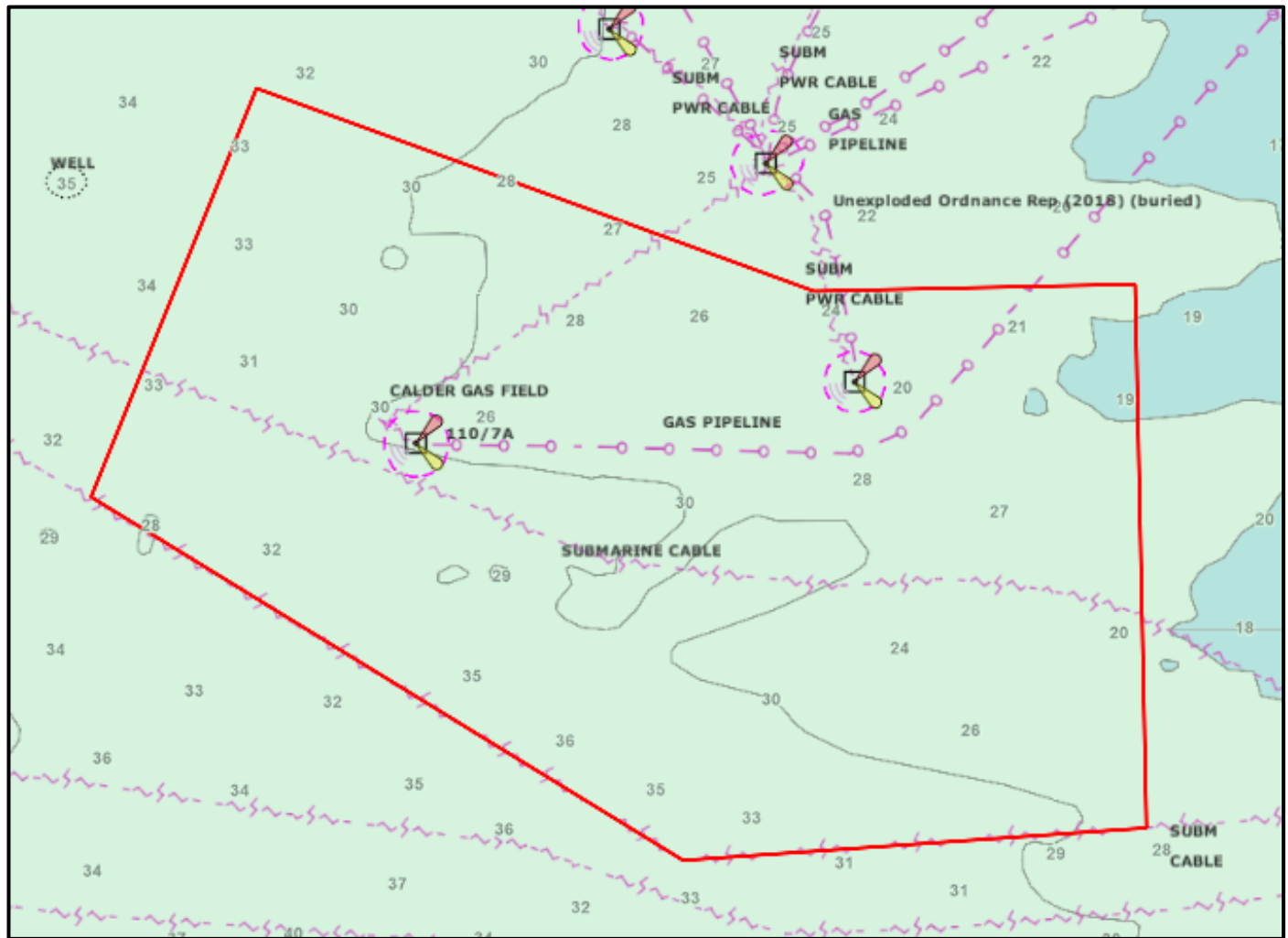


Figure 1. Location of planned benthic survey works shown by red boundary.