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Sent: 18 August 2014 12:36
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Subject: FW: 28th Licensing Round - Habitats Regulations Assessment: Phase 1 - Block Screening - Comments by 5th September 2014
Importance: High

Dear All,

Since the draft of the Offshore Oil & Gas Licensing 28th Seaward Round Habitats Regulations Assessment Stage 1 – Block and Site Screenings was sent to you last week for consideration, some changes to the type of licence being applied for involving a number of blocks have been confirmed which I wanted to let you know about as they affect the HRA conclusions reached for these blocks.

The blocks are in the southern North Sea, 43/4, 43/5, 43/7, 43/8, 43/9 & 43/11, and all within or impinging on the Dogger Bank SCI. These blocks were assessed for the award of Traditional licences and it was concluded they required Appropriate Assessment. However, the applications for these blocks have now been confirmed as for Promote licences. As a consequence these blocks would be deleted from Table 6.1 and added to Table 5.3 – and in the future, should applications be received to change any of these to Traditional licences, the Department will undertake HRA for the potential for likely significant effects on European sites in advance of any such decisions.

In addition, Block 42/14b was omitted from Table 2.1; the block is in the southern North Sea and remote from any European site. The application for this part block is for a Promote licence and based on the screening process followed it also would not be taken forward to AA at this stage.

We would be obliged to receive any comments you may have on the draft screening document by Friday 5th September and if you could please send them to both myself and [redacted] and [redacted]

Thank you again for your assistance.

Many thanks,

From:
Sent: 11 August 2014 09:45
To:
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Subject: 28th Licensing Round - Habitats Regulations Assessment: Phase 1 - Block Screening - Comments by 5th September 2014

Dear All,

I attach a draft screening assessment of the potential to cause significant effects on Natura 2000 sites conducted for the blocks applied for in the 28th Seaward Licensing Round. As statutory consultees and advisers to DECC, I'd be grateful for any comments you may have on the screening report by Friday 5th September so that we can take account of them in arriving at our decisions on 28th Round licensing. Comments should be sent directly to both myself and [redacted] and [redacted].

If you are no longer responsible for this area of work, I'd be grateful if you could please forward this to the appropriate person, copying me in.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,

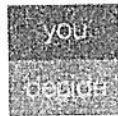


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