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Sent: 29 November 2013 10:19

Cc: SEA Appropriate Assessment Consultation

Subject: RE: 27th Round Appropriate Assessments - Publication

Dear All,

Further to earlier correspondence and for your information, the 27<sup>th</sup> Round Appropriate Assessments have now been issued. The documents have been revised as appropriate in light of comments received during the public consultation period which ended earlier this year.

The Appropriate Assessments are available using the following link: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/27th-seaward-licensing-round">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/27th-seaward-licensing-round</a>

Regards,



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Sent: 18 March 2013 16:10

Cc: SEA Appropriate Assessment Consultation

Subject: 27th Round Draft Appropriate Assessments - Public Consultation

Dear All,

Following a draft screening assessment for the blocks applied for in the 27th Seaward Licensing Round of the potential to cause significant effects on Natura 2000 sites, a conclusion was reached that 61 blocks or part blocks should be further assessed before licensing decisions are taken. We have now completed draft Appropriate Assessments for the 61 blocks, which are contained in 7 stand alone documents covering the:

- Southern North Sea
- Outer Moray Firth
- Central North Sea
- West of Shetland
- Northern Ireland
- Eastern Irish Sea and
- Central English Channel

All of the draft Appropriate Assessments will be subject to a 5-week public consultation period starting from today and are available using the following link:- <a href="http://www.offshore-sea.org.uk/site/scripts/news">http://www.offshore-sea.org.uk/site/scripts/news</a> article.php?newsID=50

Please forward any comments you may have on the assessment(s) by 19<sup>th</sup> April so DECC can take account of them in arriving at its decisions on blocks outstanding from the 27th licensing round. Comments may be sent to <a href="mailto:SEA.AA@decc.gsi.gov.uk">SEA.AA@decc.gsi.gov.uk</a>

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