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MMO Habitats Regulations Assessment Adoption Decision

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

**The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species
Regulations 2017**

**Case Title: The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm
Order 2015- Variation of Deemed Marine License**

Applicant: Sofia Offshore Wind Farm, Innogy Renewables UK Ltd

MMO Reference: DCO/2013/00011

Date: 25 April 2019

1 Introduction

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) considers that the proposed works requires an assessment under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and The Conservation of Offshore Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

However, in accordance with [The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, Regulation 67 and The Conservation of Offshore Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, Regulation 35 MMO has determined that it is appropriate to adopt the reasoning and conclusions issued on March 2019 by Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“BEIS”) in relation to Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Non Material Change Application.

2 Proposal

2.1 Project Background

On 4 August 2015 the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change granted consent for the Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (“the Order”) which included in Schedule 9 (generation assets) and Schedule 11 (Transmission assets) two deemed marine licences (DMLs) in accordance with Section 149 of the Planning Act 2008. Following the grant of the 2015 Order, in August 2017, the project was split. Dogger Bank Teesside A (“Teesside A”) is now owned under a new consortium, Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited (“Project 3 Projco”); and Dogger Bank Teesside B (“Teesside B”) is owned by Innogy under a new subsidiary, the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited (“the Applicant”). Teesside B has been renamed as Sofia Offshore Wind Farm and has the benefit of the development consent.

2.2 Location

The The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 is located within The Dogger Bank Zone which comprises an area of 8660 square kilometres (km²) located in the North Sea between 125 kilometres (km) and 290km off the UK North East coast. The onshore elements of the development will be located in the Borough of Redcar and Cleveland. which is displayed in Figure 1 below.

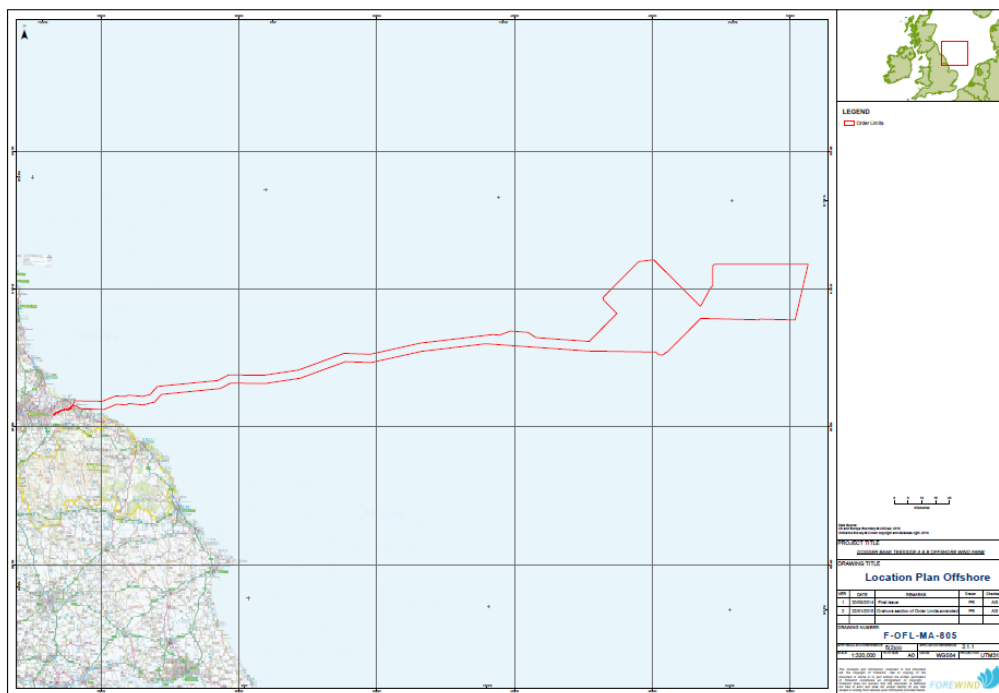


Figure 1: The offshore location plan for the Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Windfarm Order 2015. This image was taken from the forewind Location Plan on the PINs website.

Conclusion

MMO confirms the adoption of BEIS's Habitats Regulations decision on the basis that the MMO is satisfied that BEIS's assessment and subsequent decision is sufficient to meet the requirements of the Habitat Regulations in relation to the project.



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