



Marine
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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 Licenses

Applicant: Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited

MMO Reference: DCO/2016/00018 and DCO/2016/00020

Date: 12 August 2020

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 Regulation 67 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and Regulation 35 of The Conservation of Offshore Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, the MMO has determined that it is appropriate to adopt the reasoning and conclusions issued on 12 August 2020 by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“BEIS”) in relation to the 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



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for the Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (“the Order”) which included in Schedule 8 (generation assets) and Schedule 10 (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 (now known as “Dogger Bank C”) is now owned under a new consortium, Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited (“the Projco”); and Dogger Bank Teesside B (now known as “Sofia”) is owned by Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited.

On 20 December 2019 the Projco applied to vary the DMLs for Dogger Bank C with the following changes:

- An increase to the permitted rotor diameter for individual wind turbine generators from 215m to 280m.
- Removal of the stated gross electrical output capacity of up to 1.2 gigawatts.
- Variations to the ornithological monitoring to allow the most appropriate surveys and techniques to be used to verify predictions in the Environmental Statement.
- Inclusion of titanium as a material that may be deposited as part of the authorised development.
- Altering the procedure for dropped objects from the provision of an audit sheet to the provision of a dropped object form.
- Allowing for phased discharge of certain conditions or the carving out of certain works from requiring discharge prior to commencement.
- A variation to the emergency response and cooperation plan (ERCoP) conditions to bring them into line with the recommendations of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

2.2 Location

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. Dogger Bank C will comprise one offshore wind farm located within the eastern portion of the Dogger Bank Zone, which covers 560km² and is 196km from shore at its closest point (see Figure 1). The onshore elements of the development will be located in the Borough of Redcar and Cleveland.



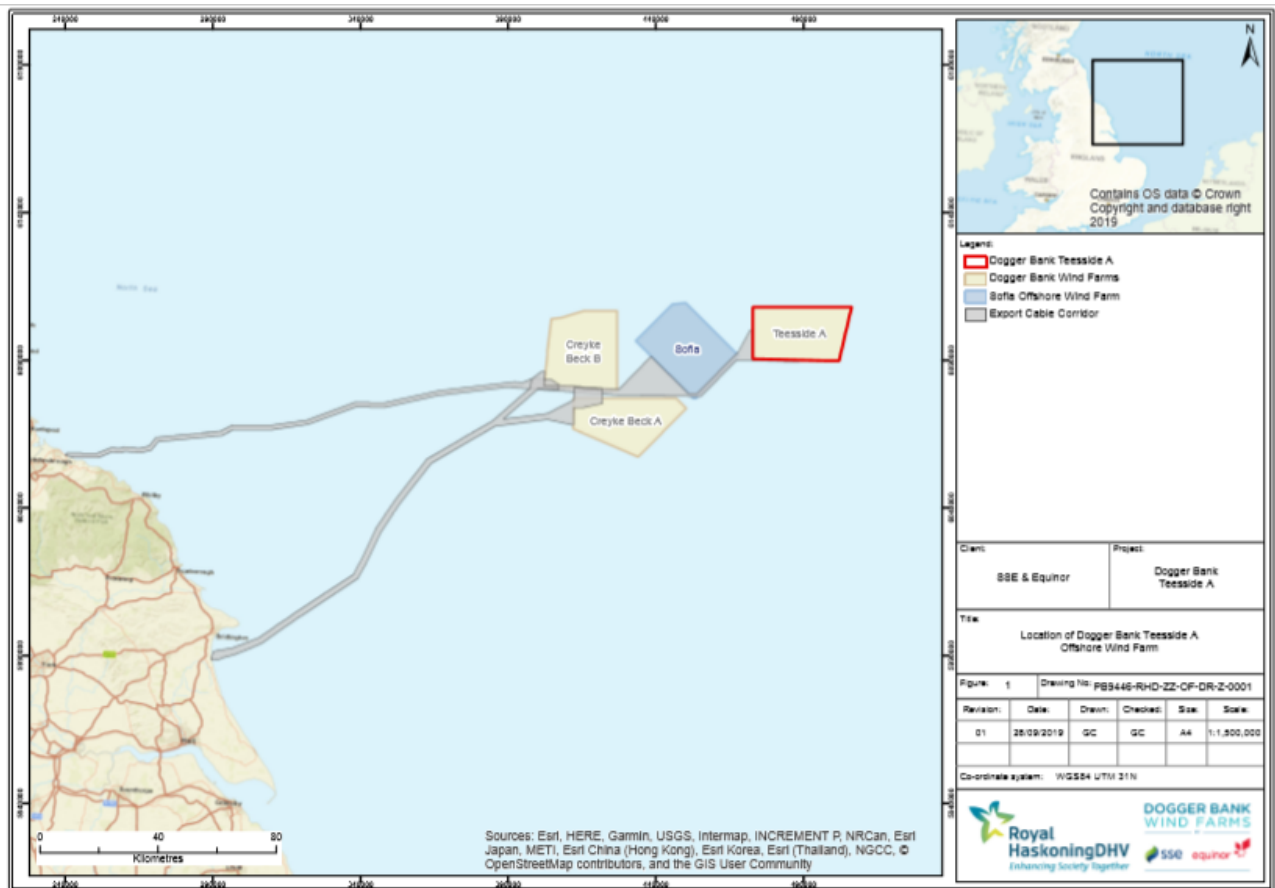


Figure 1. Location of Dogger Bank Teesside A (“Dogger Bank C”) Offshore Wind Farm. Source: NMC Application: Environmental Report (Royal HaskoningDHV, 2019).

3. Conclusion

The 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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