

## Meeting to discuss North Cornwall Seaweed Farm Navigational Risk Assessment. 19/10/2022

Attendees:

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██████	<p>Welcome and introductions.</p> <p>MCA have reviewed the application and the Navigational Risk Assessment and stated NRA was through and well thought out. However MCA mentioned there are some outstanding aspects that need to be clarified and this meeting is to discuss that.</p>
██████	<p>Explained the role of the MCA in the licensing process . MCA are responsible for ensuring Navigational safety in the area. MCA have no major concerns with the project but want to explain some changes that need to be made to the NRA to ensure it is robust. MCA are currently working to provide guidance to seaweed farm applicants on what is expected in terms of NRA but this is not out yet.</p>
██████	<p><b>Has location been agreed with Harbour Commissioner and fishing community?</b></p>
██████	<p><b>Yes. A presentation was made and it was agreed.</b> Also ██████████ who has 3 potters - area is not on trawling ground. <b>Sea Safari had no issues - saw it as a positive thing - something else for customers to look at while out on sea safari.</b> Local fishermen - no issues - there is no potting there - the area is a piece of dead seabed. Local Sailing club - sail at high tide and do not leave the estuary. The Crown Estate have confirmed area is available and have blocked it off.</p>
██████	<p><b>ACTION FOR APPLICANT-</b> Please provide clarification on when lines will be deployed and when removed (i.e. what will be in place all year round)</p>
██████	<p>There could possibly be two harvest seasons - but just one planned at the moment Likely that infrastructure will be deployed in the Spring in time for March/April window. It would be harvested October/November . Possibility there could be two harvest seasons.</p>
██████	<p>In terms of the licence - the order/timing of activities would need to be set out in any licence granted so this needs to be clear. If there are changes to the methodology (i.e. more frequent harvests) a variation may need to be applied for)</p>
██████	<p>Understood - MMO would be the first to know of any proposed changes.</p>
██████	<p>Please can you clarify what monitoring is taking place.</p>
██████	<p>Visual monitoring - lots of people in Port Issac want to be involved, but also <b>there will be a boat in Port Issac available to go out to inspect.</b> There will be GPS markers</p>
██████	<p>██████ - <b>ACTION FOR APPLICANT-</b> please tweak the wording regarding GPS - make it clearer that this will definitely be used as at the moment it just says "may"</p>
██████	<p><b>ACTION FOR APPLICANT-</b> make sure the NRA considers different vessels operating in the area and if the depth of water is suitable for them - i.e. for vessels that find themselves there ( not just your vessel).</p>
██████	<p><b>ACTION FOR APPLICANT</b> Make sure to list what risks there are through construction deployment and operation. E.g. allision, anchors. Make a list of hazards introduced by the work - hazard matrix</p>

████	Risk control log - list what the risks are for your specific project - might only be 4 or 5 - it currently does not say anything specific for your site. <b>ACTION FOR HC</b> - █████ to send an example of a risk control log.
████	Risk Matrix - <b>ACTION FOR APPLICANT</b> - part of what is currently stated probably does not apply. This needs to be specific to your operation along with an explanation of what it all means (no explanation of colours currently)
████	Emergency Action Card - this does not need to be agreed now - this can be a pre-construction condition - you can be conditioned to provide it after determination but before construction.
████	There is a full time employed coastguard (████) with responsibility for offshore projects <b>ACTION FOR</b> █████ to send email details for this person to applicant.
████	AIS data. █████ explained the issues with the data presented in terms of routes, years etc. This section therefore needs to be updated - <b>ACTION FOR APPLICANT - update AIS data.</b>
████	MMO will issue a Further information request asking for an updated NRA in line with comments from today. When this is received reconsultation will take place with MCA. MCA stated they would be happy to answer any questions on NRA issues direct. <b>ACTION FOR</b> █████ - issue FIR