



SCOTTISHPOWER
RENEWABLES

East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarms

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries and
Conservation Authority

Applicants: East Anglia ONE North Limited and East Anglia TWO Limited
Document Reference: ExA.SoCG-9.D0.V1
SPR Reference: EA1N_EA2-DWF-ENV-REP-IBR-000883

Date: June 2020
Revision: Version 01
Author: Royal HaskoningDHV

Applicable to **East Anglia ONE North** and **East Anglia TWO**

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



SCOTTISHPOWER
RENEWABLES



Revision Summary

Rev	Date	Prepared by	Checked by	Approved by
01	10/06/2020	Paolo Pizzolla	Julia Bolton / Ian Mackay	Rich Morris

Description of Revisions

Rev	Page	Section	Description
01	n/a	n/a	First draft SoCG issued to Examining Authority



Table of Contents

1	Introduction	1
1.1	Background	1
1.2	The Development	2
1.3	Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters	3
2	Statement of Common Ground	4
2.1	Benthic Ecology	4
2.2	Fish and Shellfish Ecology	9
2.3	Marine Mammals	16
2.4	Offshore Ornithology	20
2.5	Commercial Fisheries	24
3	Signatures	30



Glossary of Acronyms

DCO	Development Consent Order
DML	Deemed Marine Licence
DTS	Distributed Temperature Sensing
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
ETG	Expert Topic Group
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground



Glossary of Terminology

Applicants	East Anglia TWO Limited / East Anglia ONE North Limited
Construction, operation and maintenance platform	A fixed offshore structure required for construction, operation, and maintenance personnel and activities.
East Anglia TWO project	The proposed project consisting of up to 75 wind turbines, up to four offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction operation and maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia ONE North project	The proposed project consisting of up to 67 wind turbines, up to four offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction operation and maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North windfarm site	The offshore area within which wind turbines and offshore platforms will be located.
Evidence Plan Process	A voluntary consultation process with specialist stakeholders to agree the approach to the EIA and the information required to support HRA.
Generation Deemed Marine Licence (DML)	The deemed marine licence in respect of the generation assets set out within Schedule 13 of the draft DCO.
Horizontal directional drilling (HDD)	A method of cable installation where the cable is drilled beneath a feature without the need for trenching.
Inter-array cables	Offshore cables which link the wind turbines to each other and the offshore electrical platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.
Landfall	The area (from Mean Low Water Springs) where the offshore export cables would make contact with land and connect to the onshore cables.
Offshore	Area to seaward of nearshore in which the transport of sediment is not caused by wave activity.
Offshore cable corridor	This is the area which will contain the offshore export cables between offshore electrical platforms and landfall.
Offshore development area	The East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North windfarm site and offshore cable corridor (up to Mean High Water Springs).
Offshore electrical platform	A fixed structure located within the windfarm area, containing electrical equipment to aggregate the power from the wind turbine generators and convert it into a more suitable form for export to shore.
Offshore export cables	The cables which would bring electricity from the offshore electrical platforms to the landfall. These cables will include fibre optic cables.
Offshore platform	A collective term for the construction, operation and maintenance platform and the offshore electrical platforms.
Platform link cable	Electrical cable which links one or more offshore platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020

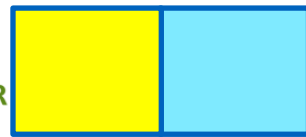


SCOTTISHPOWER
RENEWABLES



Safety zone	A marine area declared for the purposes of safety around a renewable energy installation or works / construction area under the Energy Act 2004.
Scour protection	Protective materials to avoid sediment being eroded away from the base of the foundations or over cables as a result of the flow of water.
Transmission DML	The deemed marine licence in respect of the transmission assets set out within Schedule 14 of the draft DCO.

DRAFT



1 Introduction

1.1 Background

1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited (the Applicants) and the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (EIFCA). It identifies areas of the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Development Consent Order (DCO) applications (the Applications) where matters are agreed or not agreed between parties.
2. Eastern IFCA is one of ten Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities. The Eastern IFCA district extends six nautical miles out to sea from the Humber in the north to Harwich in the south. The role of the IFCAs is to “lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry”.
3. The proposed cable routes for East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two will pass through the Eastern IFCA district. Therefore, given the potential impacts upon inshore fisheries and habitats, it is considered appropriate for the Eastern IFCA to provide comments on the Applications. It should be noted that the Eastern IFCA’s interest and therefore comments focus primarily on the inshore section of the export cable corridor.
4. It should be noted that while the Eastern IFCA manages fisheries in relation to conservation requirements, the Eastern IFCA is not a body for statutory nature conservation advice and may defer to Natural England on these matters. Equally it should be noted that the Eastern IFCA is a regulator of inshore fisheries rather than a representative. It is, however, in the Eastern IFCA’s remit to manage a sustainable marine environment and support a viable fishing industry. As such, the Eastern IFCA will provide comments on the impacts of the proposed East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO export cable routes on the marine environment and inshore fisheries.
5. The Applicants have had regard to the guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2015) when compiling this SoCG.
6. This SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of interest to the EIFCA on the Applications. Topic specific matters agreed, not agreed and actions to resolve between the Applicants and the EIFCA are included within this SoCG.
7. The table(s) presented below is the basis for a SoCG with the Applicants and the EIFCA in respect of the following topic(s):



- Benthic Ecology;
 - Fish and Shellfish Ecology;
 - Marine Mammals;
 - Offshore Ornithology;
 - Commercial Fisheries; and
 - The Development Consent Order.
8. Throughout the SoCG the phrase “Agreed” identifies any point of agreement between the Applicants and the EIFCA.
9. The phrase “Not Agreed” identifies any point that is not yet agreed between the Applicants and the EIFCA. Points that are not yet agreed will be the subject of ongoing discussion between the Applicants and the EIFCA to reach agreement on the point wherever possible, or refine the extent of disagreement between parties. The notes column of the SoCG tables provides commentary on these matters.
10. The table(s) in **section 2** are based upon discussions and information exchanged between the Applicants and the EIFCA during the pre-application and examination phases of the applications.

1.2 The Development

11. The key offshore components of each project will comprise:
- Offshore wind turbines and their associated foundations;
 - Offshore platforms - up to four offshore electrical platforms and their associated foundations supporting some of the windfarm’s electrical equipment, and up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform and associated foundations that may cater for personnel and activities required during the construction phase and operation and maintenance of the windfarm;
 - Sub-sea cables between the wind turbines and offshore electrical platforms (inter-array), between separate offshore platforms (platform link cables) and between offshore electrical platforms and the landfall (export cables);
 - Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array, platform link and export sub-sea cables as required; and
 - Potential for one meteorological mast (met mast) and its associated foundations for monitoring wind speeds during the operational phase of the windfarm.
12. The key onshore components of each project will comprise:



- The landfall site with up to two transition bays to connect the onshore and offshore cables;
 - Up to six onshore cables, up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing (DTS) cables installed underground (some or all of which may be installed in ducts) and associated jointing bays installed underground;
 - Onshore substation; and
 - Electrical cable connection between onshore substation and National Grid substation.
13. National Grid infrastructure will also be required to connect each project to the national electricity grid. Key components of the National Grid infrastructure which is common to both projects will comprise:
- National Grid substation;
 - Cable sealing end compounds and a cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound; and
 - Realignment of the existing overhead lines; including the reconstruction or replacement of up to three existing overhead pylons in proximity to the National Grid substation and the addition of up to one new pylon in close proximity to existing overhead pylons.

1.3 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters

14. **Table 1.1** provides a summary of the matters agreed, not agreed and those which are outstanding between the Applicants and EIFCA for each of the relevant SoCG topic areas. For further information on agreements that are outstanding / under discussion and for which the Applicants and EIFCA are working to address during the examination period, see the detailed agreement tables: **Table 2.3**, **Table 2.4**, **Table 2.5** and **Table 2.7**.

Table 1.1 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters

Topic	Agreed, Disagreed or Outstanding
Benthic Ecology	Outstanding
Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Outstanding
Marine Mammals	Defer to Natural England
Offshore Ornithology	Defer to Natural England
Commercial Fisheries	Outstanding
Development Consent Order	Outstanding



2 Statement of Common Ground

15. The areas of agreement and disagreement between the Applicants and the EIFCA are set out below.

2.1 Benthic Ecology

16. The Projects have potential to impact upon benthic ecology. **Chapter 9 Benthic Ecology** of the Environmental Statement (ES) (APP-057) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
17. **Table 2.1** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with the EIFCA regarding benthic ecology.
18. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for benthic ecology can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).



Table 2.1 Benthic Ecology

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
EIFCA -001	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA -002	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Eastern IFCA do however defer to Natural England to provide formal advice on the approach to <i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> and the presence of the species in the project area.
		The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	
EIFCA -003	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Eastern IFCA defers to Natural England to provide formal advice on the requirement for preconstruction surveys for <i>S. spinulosa</i> , but would encourage micro-siting to avoid sensitive features to

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
						protect <i>S. spinulosa</i> reef, wherever this is possible.
		The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>Eastern IFCA has raised concerns about the scale of offshore development in the Southern North Sea and does not feel these have been fully considered in the cumulative impact assessment.</p> <p>Eastern IFCA consider the assessment of cumulative impacts for this project should be enhanced by a regional study to examine potential overall impacts of offshore activities including wind farm-related works, aggregate extraction and demersal fishing on benthic ecology in the southern North Sea.</p>
EIFCA -004	Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Eastern IFCA defers to Natural England advice

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
		Schedule of Mitigation Offshore (PINS reference APP-574) and section 9.3.3 of ES Chapter 09 Benthic Ecology (PINS reference APP-507) is appropriate.				regarding measures that could be put in place to mitigate impacts of the offshore cable corridor on <i>S. spinulosa</i> reefs.
Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)						
EIFCA -005	Wording of Requirement(s) and, or Conditions	<p>The wording of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to benthic ecology are appropriate and adequate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 17(1)(d) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(d) of the transmission DML with reference to the development of a Construction Method Statement which will include a Cable Laying Plan and details of scour protection management and cable protection. Condition 20(2)(a) of the generation DML and Condition 16(2)(a) of the transmission DML with reference to pre-construction surveys to determine the location and extent of any <i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> reef, which 	Agreed	Agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 17(1)(d) and 13(1)(d) – Agreed Condition 20(2)(a) and 16(2)(a) – Agreed Condition 17(1)(e)(i) and 13(1)(e)(i) - Agreed 	None

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
		<p>will subsequently inform the Design Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Condition 17(1)(e)(i) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(e)(i) of the transmission DML with reference to the Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (within the Project Environmental Management Plan) to minimise spread of marine non-native invasive species (MNNS).				
Other Matters as Required						
EIFCA -006	None	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	None



2.2 Fish and Shellfish Ecology

19. The Projects have the potential to impact upon fish and shellfish ecology. **Chapter 10 Fish and Shellfish Ecology** of the ES (APP-058) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
20. **Table 2.2** provides an overview of meetings and correspondence undertaken with the EIFCA regarding fish and shellfish ecology.
21. **Table 2.3** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with the EIFCA regarding fish and shellfish ecology
22. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for fish and shellfish ecology can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).

Table 2.2 Summary of Consultation with the EIFCA regarding Fish and Shellfish Ecology

Date	Contact Type	Topic
Pre-Application		
16 th August 2017	Meeting	General project update
16 th April 2018	Meeting	General project update
Post-Application		
27 th February 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 1



Table 2.3 Fish and Shellfish Ecology

ID	Topic	Statement	[East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
EIFCA-101	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>Comments received on the existing environment from EIFCA in their Section 42 response were addressed for the ES (see Appendix 6.3.10.1, PINS Reference APP-462).</p> <p>No comments on the Existing Environment were received from the EIFCA in their Relevant Representation. The Applicants anticipate that any issues that are raised in the EIFCA's written representation will be able to be resolved through the SoCG process.</p> <p>EIFCA have raised concerns that there is insufficient data on Sandeel spawning aggregations that EIFCA anticipate being addressed in the Fish and Shellfish Ecology Clarification Note of which the Applicants have included as Appendix 3 of the Applicants' Comments on Relevant Representations.</p>

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	[East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
						EIFCA would like to highlight that there are appreciable gaps in the scientific literature as to the potential effects of EMF emissions from subsea cables on marine fauna, and therefore there remain uncertainties in the ability of the Applicants to determine that there will be no adverse effects on fish and shellfish ecology.
EIFCA-102	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
		The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA-103	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are agreed	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	As above the EIFCA considers at this stage that there is not enough evidence to conclude no impacts on Sandeels and species potentially impacted by EMF.

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	[East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
		The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>Eastern IFCA has raised concerns about the scale of offshore development in the Southern North Sea and does not feel these have been fully considered in the cumulative impact assessment.</p> <p>EIFCA consider the assessment of cumulative impacts for this project should be enhanced by a regional study to examine potential overall impacts of offshore activities including wind farm-related works, aggregate extraction and demersal fishing on fish spawning and nursery grounds in the southern North Sea.</p>
EIFCA-104	Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Schedule of Mitigation Offshore (PINS reference APP-574) and section 10.3.3 of ES Chapter 10 Fish and Shellfish Ecology (PINS reference APP-058) is appropriate.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	EIFCA agree the presented mitigation is appropriate however EIFCA feel additional mitigation may be required for Sandeel spawning sites.

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	[East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)						
EIFCA-105	Wording of Requirement(s) and, or Conditions	<p>The wording of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to fish and shellfish ecology are appropriate and adequate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 17(1)(d) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(d) of the transmission DML with reference to the development of a Construction Method Statement which will include a Cable Laying Plan that will provide details of measures which seek to reduce the effect of EMF and the need for surface able protection. Condition 17(1)(b) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(b) of the transmission DML with reference to the development of a 	Agreed	Agreed	In discussion	EIFCA agree that all conditions are appropriate but EIFCA feel additional mitigation may be required for Sandeel spawning sites.

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	[East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
		<p>construction programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Condition 16(1)(b) and (c) of the generation DML and Condition 12(1)(b) and (c) of the transmission DML with reference to a marine mammal mitigation protocol and Site Integrity Plan in order to minimise the impact of noise on fish and shellfish arising as a result of UXO clearance activities.• Condition 17(1)(f) and (2) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(f) and (2) of the transmission DML with reference to the marine mammal mitigation protocol and Site Integrity Plan in respect of piling activities.				
Other Matters as Required						

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	[East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
EIFCA-106	None	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	None

DRAFT



2.3 Marine Mammals

23. The project has the potential to impact upon marine mammals. **Chapter 11 Marine Mammals** of the ES (APP-059) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
24. **Table 2.4** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with the EIFCA regarding marine mammals.
25. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for marine mammals can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).

DRAFT



Table 2.4 Marine Mammals

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
EIFCA-201	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.			Defer to Natural England	
EIFCA-202	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.			Defer to Natural England	
		The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.			Defer to Natural England	
EIFCA-203	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are agreed			Defer to Natural England	
		The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.			Defer to Natural England	
EIFCA-204	Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Schedule of Mitigation Offshore (PINS reference APP-574) and			Defer to Natural England	

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
		section 10.3.3 of ES Chapter 11 Marine Mammals (PINS reference APP-59) is appropriate.				
Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)						
EIFCA-205	Wording of Requirement(s) and, or Conditions	<p>The wording of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to marine mammals is appropriate and adequate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 16(1)(b) and (c) of the generation DML and Condition 12(1)(b) and (c) of the transmission DML with reference to a marine mammal mitigation protocol and Site Integrity Plan in order to minimise the impact of noise on marine mammals. Condition 17(1)(f), (2) and (3) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(f),(2) and (3) of the transmission DML with reference to the marine mammal mitigation protocol, Site Integrity Plan and hammer energies. 			Defer to Natural England	

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Requirement 10 provided within DCO Schedule 1, Part 3 with reference to a decommissioning programme.				
Other Matters as Required						
EIFCA-206	None	Not applicable.				



2.4 Offshore Ornithology

26. The Projects have the potential to impact upon offshore ornithology. **Chapter 12 Offshore Ornithology** of the ES (APP-060) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
27. **Table 2.5** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with the EIFCA regarding offshore ornithology.
28. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for offshore ornithology can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).

DRAFT

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



Table 2.5 Offshore Ornithology

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
EIFCA-301	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.			Defer to Natural England	
EIFCA-302	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.			Defer to Natural England	
		The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.			Defer to Natural England	
EIFCA-303	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are agreed			Defer to Natural England	
		The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.			Defer to Natural England	

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
EIFCA-304	Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Schedule of Mitigation Offshore (PINS reference APP-574) and section 10.3.3 of ES Chapter 10 offshore ornithology (PINS reference APP-060) is appropriate.				
Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)						
EIFCA-305	Wording of Requirement(s) and, or Conditions	<p>The wording of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to ornithology are appropriate and adequate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 17(1)(c) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(c) of the transmission DML with reference to the development of a monitoring plan. Condition 17(1)(e)(vi) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(e)(vi) of the transmission DML with reference to the project environmental 			Defer to Natural England	

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited position	East Anglia ONE North Limited position	EIFCA position	Notes
		<p>management plan and procedures to minimise disturbance to red-throated diver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Requirement 10 provided within DCO Schedule 1, Part 3 with reference to a decommissioning programme.				
Other Matters as Required						
EIFCA-306	None	Not applicable.				



2.5 Commercial Fisheries

29. The Projects have the potential to impact upon commercial fisheries. **Chapter 13 Commercial Fisheries** of the ES (APP-061) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
30. **Table 2.6** provides an overview of meetings and correspondence undertaken with the EIFCA regarding commercial fisheries.
31. **Table 2.7** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with the EIFCA regarding commercial fisheries.
32. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for commercial fisheries can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).

Table 2.6 Summary of Consultation with the EIFCA regarding Commercial Fisheries

Date	Contact Type	Topic
Pre-Application		
16 th August 2017	Meeting	General project update
16 th April 2018	Meeting	General project update
Post-Application		
27 th February 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 1



Table 2.7 Commercial Fisheries

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
EIFCA-401	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA-402	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
		The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
EIFCA-403	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	There is potential for construction, decommissioning, and operation and maintenance activities within the cable corridor to result in interference with inshore fishing activities. Within the Eastern IFCA district, the inshore section of the East Anglia ONE North and TWO export cable corridors are positioned in ICES statistical rectangle 33F1, an important area for potting fisheries targeting crab, lobster and

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
						whelk. EIFCA consider these have been duly considered.
		The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	Eastern IFCA has raised concerns about the scale of offshore development in the Southern North Sea and EIFCA do not feel these have been fully considered in the cumulative impact assessment. EIFCA consider the assessment of cumulative impacts for this project should be enhanced by a regional study to examine potential overall impacts of offshore activities including wind farm-related works, aggregate extraction and demersal fishing on inshore fishing activities in the Southern North Sea.
EIFCA-404	Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Schedule of Mitigation Offshore (PINS reference APP-574) and section 10.3.3 of ES Chapter 10 Commercial Fisheries (PINS reference APP-061) is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed.	Eastern IFCA recognise the embedded mitigation and supports the appointment of a local Fisheries Liaison Officer, use of the Kingfisher Information Service and Notice to Mariners to minimise disruption to fishery

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
						<p>stakeholders and other marine users.</p> <p>Regular communication ensures that mitigation includes the most up-to-date fisheries management measures and advice.</p> <p>Eastern IFCA advocates the use of commercial fisheries working groups as appropriate means of engagement with fisheries stakeholders.</p> <p>The Applicants agree with the Eastern IFCA with regard to the use of commercial fisheries working groups and intends to continue to engage with fishermen through the commercial fisheries working group.</p>
Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)						
EIFCA-405	Wording of Requirement(s) and, or Conditions	The wording of the following requirements and conditions	Agreed	Agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 17(1)(e)(iv) and (v) and 	

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
		<p>pertaining to commercial fisheries are appropriate and adequate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 17(1)(e)(iv) and (v) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(e)(iv) and (v) of the transmission DML with reference to the appointment of a fisheries liaison officer and coexistence plan in order to minimise risks of navigational hazards and snagging of fishing gear. Condition 17(1)(d)(ii) and (iii) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(d)(ii) and (iii) of the transmission DML with reference to cable specification, installation and monitoring and cable protection. Condition 14(7) and (10) of the generation DML and Condition 10(7) and (10) of the transmission DML with reference to the dropped objects procedure. Condition 10 of the generation DML and Condition 6 of the transmission DML with reference to notifications to 			<p>Condition 13(1)(e)(iv) and (v) – Agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 17(1)(d)(ii) and (iii) and Condition 13(1)(d)(ii) and (iii) – Agreed Condition 14(7) and (10) and Condition 10(7) and (10) – Agreed Condition 10 – and Condition 6 Agreed Requirement 10 – Agreed 	

Draft Statement of Common Ground

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority: 11th June 2020



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	EIFCA Position	Notes
		<p>mariners, UK Hydrographic Office, Kingfisher and other navigational warnings to be issued to the fishing industry prior to all survey and construction works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Requirement 10 provided within DCO Schedule 1, Part 3 with reference to a decommissioning programme.				
Other Matters as Required						
EIFCA-406	None	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	



3 Signatures

33. The above Statement of Common Ground is agreed between East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited and Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority on the day specified below.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Date: _____

Duly authorised for and on behalf of the **Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority**

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Date: _____

Duly authorised for and on behalf of **EAST ANGLIA TWO LIMITED**

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Date: _____

Duly authorised for and on behalf of **EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH LIMITED**