

I have uploaded files in response to Q2.7.2.1 parts a and b.

In response to part c:

I attended a teams online meeting with Jan TrÄnningsdal and Tom Morris and Mark Jones representing Equinor.

The meeting was cordial but we were unable to find common ground.

Equinor's position is that they will attempt to manage the compensatory payments to affected fishermen better. I understand this to mean they will move to a more evidenced based approach, in trying to limit monies paid to those fishermen that are effected only thereby paying less compensation.

My opinion is that this will be very difficult to do. Fishermen can very easily jeopardise any survey or construction operation planned, and in my experience, the Windfarm Contractor will pay what fishermen are asking in order for the operation to go ahead as scheduled. Survey and Windfarm construction vessels are very expensive to operate and have on charter.

I have given as much information as I feel I can in the two attachments bearing in mind this is commercially sensitive data. I am willing to give more data, in confidence to Equinor, if required.

With the information I have given it is clear to see, in my opinion the direct effect on our business that the compensation payments to fishermen have. The money is paid regularly and fishing effort reduces.

I feel I have shown why we are a special case in response in part b of this question.

All I can do is try to protect my business that I have my entire life building. By going through this process at the very least I can prove publicly that I have shown our concerns and fears I have for our 60 staff, and the route to market we currently provide for this local industry.