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Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Project- Marine Ecology Surveys

24th October 2016

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1. Introduction

Pre-construction marine ecology surveys will be undertaken at the site of the Blyth Offshore Demonstration Project between 2-9th November 2016 weather depending.

The survey work will be carried out by Natural Power Consultants aboard the Newcastle University research vessel the RV Princess Royal. The survey work will entail a set net survey (2 days) and a trawl survey (1 day).

The area of the survey work will be bounded by the following coordinates:

Coordinate point	Coordinate (WGS84) Degrees, Decimal Minutes
1	55° 04.316'N 1° 26.960'W
2	55° 15.111'N 1° 33.280'W
3	55° 15.111'N 1° 13.463'W
4	55° 04.316'N 1° 13.463'W

2. Survey Details

Five fleets of gill nets will be deployed across the survey area. Each fleet will measure 600m in length and be constructed of monofilament mesh. The foot rope of each fleet will be adequately weighted and the head rope will have enough positive floatation to allow the net to fish vertically in the water. At either end of the net a dhan will be secured to allow the net to be clearly visible.

Otter trawling will take place over a single day with data collected at 8 sampling locations. Each trawl tow will be approximately 30 minutes in duration. All other fishing activity and marked static gear will be avoided to a safe distance.

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3. Vessel Details

Vessel name – Princess Royal
Vessel details - <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/marine/facilities/princessroyal/>
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4. Fisheries Liaison Contact

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Further updates will be provided as required.

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