



# Round 4 Compensation

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## **Dogger Bank Strategic Compensation Plan Appendix A – Outline Dogger Bank Strategic Implementation and Monitoring Plan**

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document sets out the outline for the Dogger Bank Strategic Implementation and Monitoring Plan (“DBSIMP”) that will be developed by the Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4 Plan (“Round 4”) strategic steering group for Dogger Bank compensation (the “Steering Group”) should consent for the Round 4 Dogger Bank South West (“DBSW”) and Dogger Bank South East (“DBSE”) projects be granted. The DBSIMP will be developed in accordance with the Dogger Bank Strategic Compensation Plan (“HSCP”), of which this document is an Annex, which provides a detailed account of the strategy supporting the potential compensation measures for Dogger Bank habitat. The DBSIMP will be a requirement of the DCO and will need to be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.
- 1.1.2 The following sections of this document set out the proposed content of the DBSIMP. The DBSIMP will be structured as follows:
- Section 1: Introduction
  - Section 2: Background
  - Section 3: Consultation
  - Section 4: Strategic artificial nesting structure
    - Section 4.1: Scale and location of compensation
    - Section 4.2: Design
    - Section 4.3: Routine management
    - Section 4.4: Delivery mechanism
    - Section 4.5: Commercial agreements
    - Section 4.6: Monitoring and adaptive management
    - Section 4.7: Reporting
    - Section 4.8: Programme for implementation and delivery
    - Section 4.9: Discharge of consent condition

## 2 Background

- 2.1.1 This section will provide context to the DBSIMP, confirming the reason for its need, its aims and objectives, and the latest project status.

## 3 Consultation

- 3.1.1 This section will summarise all relevant consultation that has taken place through the Steering Group process in the development of the DBSIMP. It will capture any key decisions, agreements, and where relevant any outstanding issues under discussion (with clarity as to the steps necessary to resolve any such matters). Ongoing engagement, for example to provide updates on monitoring, (post-discharge of the DBSIMP) will be outlined here.

## 4 Scale and location of compensation

- 4.1.1 This section will identify the scale of compensation proposed to be provided and how this relates to the consent decision made by the Secretary of State. This section will then also detail the specific

location(s) at which the compensation will be delivered and how the necessary seabed rights and/or property rights in those locations have been/will be secured. The evidence base included in support of the HSCP will help inform these aspects.

## **5 Design**

5.1.1 This section will identify the design for the required compensation measure(s) provided within the compensation package. The evidence base provided in support of the HSCP and engagement with the Steering Group will be important in informing the specific design aspects of the measure(s).

## **6 Routine management**

6.1.1 This section will describe the management responsibilities for the measure(s), including anticipated routine maintenance.

## **7 Delivery Mechanism**

7.1.1 This section will confirm the nature and status of all consents, land or seabed access agreements, as well as any other relevant approvals and/or funding arrangements that are necessary to secure the implementation of the compensation measure(s) and include a programme for delivery of any outstanding consents.

7.1.2 This section will also outline key members involved in the delivery, their role in the process and responsibilities associated with implementation.

## **8 Commercial Agreements**

If a decision is made to progress a measure(s) which requires commercial agreement between parties then this section will provide a high level summary of the agreement with the relevant members. Furthermore, this section may also include agreements between parties to ensure the implementation of the measure.

## **9 Monitoring and adaptive management**

9.1.1 This section will identify the monitoring and adaptive management principles and processes that have been agreed with the Steering Group, including the scenarios under which adaptive management measures are required. It will be developed in line with the evidence base that has been provided in support of the HSCP. Following discharge of the DBSIMP, the Steering Group will be engaged in relation to implementing adaptive management if required as outlined in the Consultation section above. Specific topics of discussion for inclusion within the Steering Group, and therefore the purpose of the group, will be regarding site selection, project/ study design, monitoring, adaptive management options and associated triggers. The focus of the Steering Group will be specifically to deliver the compensation for DBSW and DBSE therefore other topics beyond this will be out of scope

for the DBSIMP.

## **10 Reporting**

- 10.1.1 This section will set out the reporting requirements associated with the monitoring and adaptive management. In doing so, it will confirm the necessary objectives and timescales for the reporting.

## **11 Programme for implementation and delivery**

- 11.1.1 This section will confirm the programme for the implementation and long-term delivery of the compensation.

## **12 Discharge of consent condition**

- 12.1.1 This section will confirm how, based on the content of this report, the Secretary of State can discharge the condition relating to the delivery of the compensation required for the required feature of the protected site.