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Programme Steering Group Meeting

Thursday 24th May 2024





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Welcome

Trevor Raggatt, Head of Offshore Wind, DESNZ

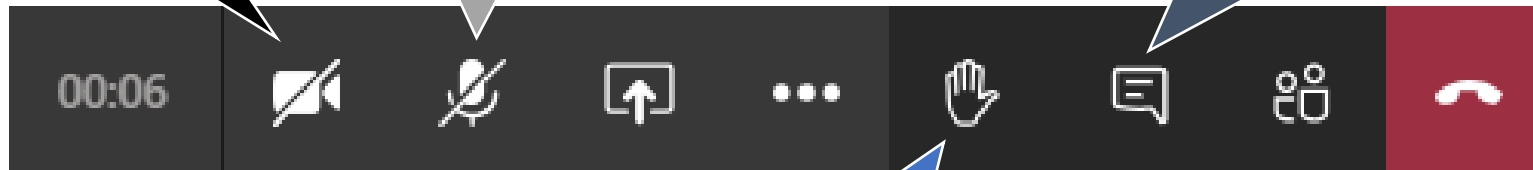


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Agenda

Timings	Events	Speakers
14:30 – 14:35	Welcome (5 mins)	Trevor Raggatt, DESNZ (Chair)
14:35 – 14:40	Health, safety and wellbeing moment (5 mins)	Trevor Raggatt, DESNZ (Chair)
14:40 – 14:45	Update on the General Election and what happens during an election period (5 mins)	Trevor Raggatt, DESNZ (Chair)
14:45 – 15:05	OWEC Programme overview (15-20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachael Mills introduction & aspirations for the programme • Main project call updates • Q&A 	Rachael Mills, TCE
15:05 – 15:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update on OWEC strategic review (5 mins) 	Will Apps, TCE
15:10 – 15:15	BREAK (5 mins)	
15:15 – 15:30	OWEC impact and Outcomes Review: Draft findings and recommendations (15 mins)	Howell Marine Consulting
15:30 – 15:55	Discussion session for feedback (25 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether group agree with recommendations. • What does successful implementation look like. 	Howell Marine Consulting
15:55 – 16:20	Plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group reflection on key take home messages from breakout groups during discussion session (25 mins) 	
16:20 – 16:25	BREAK (5 mins)	
16:25 – 16:40	Policy and programmes update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCE - Whole of Seabed & Marine Delivery Routemap (10 mins) • OWIC/Pathways to Growth (5 mins) 	Ed Salter, TCE Kat Route-Stephens and Celestia Godbehere, Pathways to Growth
16:40 – 16:45	Chair's closing remarks (5 mins)	Trevor Raggatt, DESNZ

Health, Safety & Wellbeing Moment

Trevor Raggatt





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General Election Update

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OWEC Programme Overview

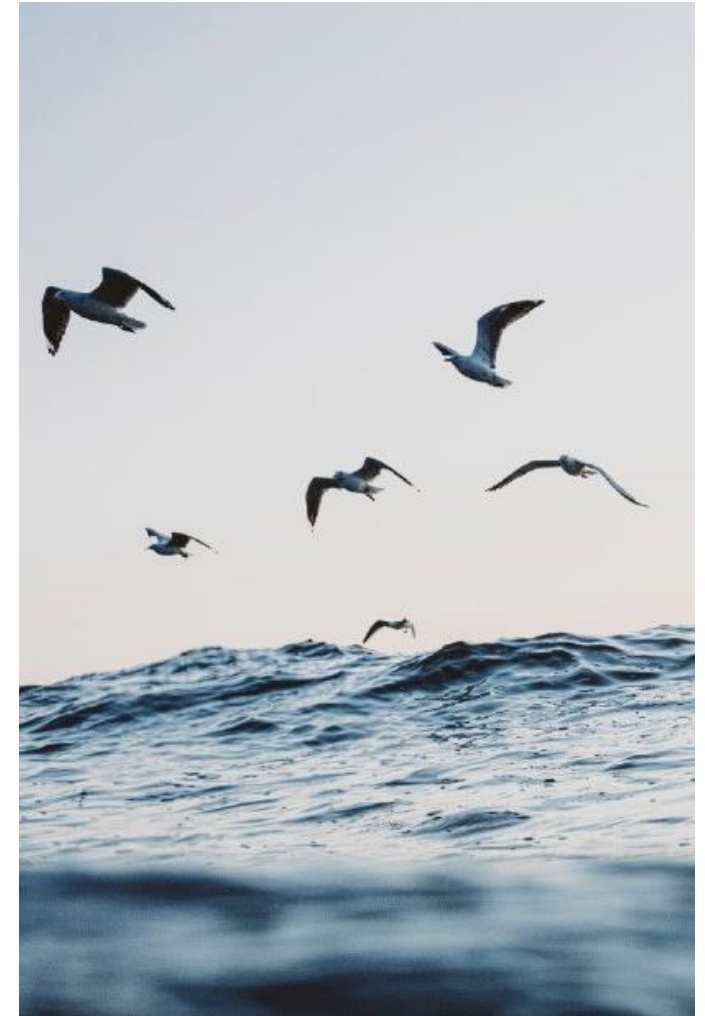
Rachael Mills, OWEC Programme Lead

The Crown Estate



Programme Activity Highlights

2023 Main Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 proposals received and evaluated by the Project Evaluation Board
Discretionary and Other Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 Proposals received and under review within TCE
OWEC Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HMC Impact and Outcomes report submitted
Comms & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication of the OWEC annual report (4 March)• Social media post to promote deployment of world's first carbon neutral and plastic free cable protection achieved as part of Nature Inclusive Cable Enhancement and Protection (NICE) project with Cefas (22 April)• Further development of project information on the MDE, seven projects now live.



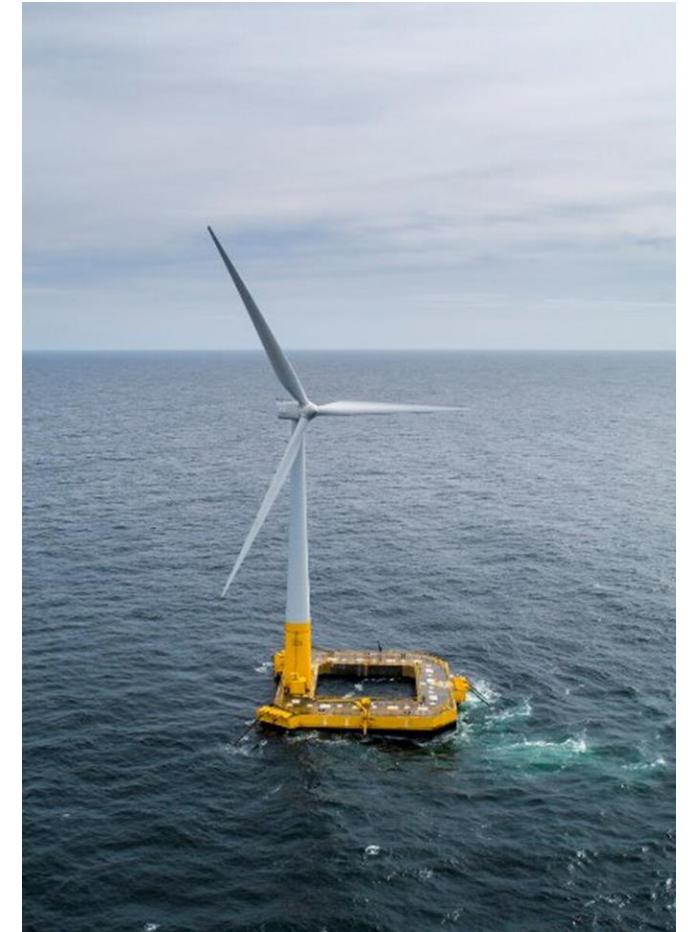
Project Activity Highlights

Projects started	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ORJIP Prevalence of Seabird Species and Collision Events in Offshore Windfarms (PrediCtOr) - project kick off meeting held in May• Unexploded Ordnance Technology Trial – project kick off meeting to be held in May• Marine microbial and invertebrate meiobenthic diversity in OWF using environmental DNA – project kick off to be held in June
Key Project Milestones in 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fisheries Sensitivity and Displacement Mapping Dissemination Workshop (FisMaDim) – 2 Sept
Projects scheduled to complete later in 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fisheries Sensitivity and Displacement Mapping (FisMaDim) – Sept• Understanding the impact of Avian Flu, the most immediate conservation problem facing UK seabirds – July



Forward look

June	Strategic Review outcomes
June/July	Review impact and outcomes recommendations planning and delivery starts
June/July/Aug	1-2-1 meetings RM/PSG members
July	2023 Main Call outcome confirmed and projects notified Discretionary/other programmes projects notified of outcome
July	OWEC Project quarterly reviews
September	In person PSG meeting
Autumn	2023 Main Call project Funding Agreements in place and announcement made



Status Update: OWECE

Strategic Review

Will Apps, Offshore Wind Strategy Director,
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Break Time

See you in 5 minutes





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Welcome back

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OWEC Impacts and Outcomes
Review: Draft findings and
recommendations
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OWEC Impact and Outputs Evaluation

Key Findings & Recommendations

Evaluation Approach

- Project review
 - Desk-based review
 - Interviews with project leads
- End user engagement
 - Interviews
 - Online survey
- Programme Steering Group engagement
- Synthesis of key findings
- Recommendations

Key Findings

The value of OWEC

- The OWEC Programme is widely considered valuable and relevant for end user organisations.
- The unique funding arrangements, which support projects of different sizes and costs, enable an agility not seen in other research programmes.
- OWEC's network of stakeholders is highly beneficial and projects that build on this network are evidenced as being successful and impactful.



Key Findings

Increasing impact

- Communicating and implementing project outputs into policy and practice.
- Volume of work challenging:
 - identify synergies between projects
 - determine which projects to prioritise
- Opportunity for OWEKH to develop and facilitate a community of practice
 - guidance notes on receptor topics
 - resourcing needed to support such a community
- Disconnect between project outputs and end user needs:
 - understanding end user requirements
 - assess ability to interact with and implement project outputs.



Key Findings

OWEC and end user challenges

- Management of PAGs
 - Variability across projects (structure & activity)
 - PAGs were not being utilised as well as they could be.
- Resource challenges
 - voluntary, in-kind, contributions need to be considered alongside day-to-day resourcing.
- More projects need more resources
- Risk of PAG member disengagement with projects if interactions not considered valuable.
- Benefit to revisiting and redefining the role of PAGs and their expectations



Key Findings

OWEC Programme internal/governance challenges

- Not clear how projects align and how outputs are to be interpreted and utilised
- Risk of OWEC outputs becoming disjointed and sporadic
- Clarity needed over intended impacts and how project outputs align with consenting and policy timelines.
- Role of the PSG, and its members, is not clear,
 - A review of the purpose of the PSG and requirements of PSG members, would be beneficial.



Key Findings

Impact of OWEC on consenting times

- End users are applying the findings of OWEC projects in their work
- Difficult to disentangle the direct impacts of OWEC project outputs from changes in the wider offshore wind consenting landscape.
- The tools currently being developed by OWEC projects are keenly anticipated.
- The extent to which the future outputs will directly contribute to a shortening of timelines for consenting is less clear.
- Support of the PSG and the wider OWEC network to identify and provide additional impact opportunities.



Recommendations

1. Improve OWEC Programme communications with end users

- I. Compile and publish a timeline of project outputs
- II. Increase communications and awareness of the OWEC programme
- III. Provide programme-level updates on outputs and areas of specific impact
- IV. Provide end users with a clear statement of intent for what OWEC believe they should take from project/programme outputs

Recommendations

2. Establish a formal working relationship and communications plan between project teams and PAGs

- I. Draft and agree a standard Terms of Reference for PAGs, with a mechanism for projects to make amendments for project-specific reasons
- II. Develop and maintain a timetable of PAG activities across projects to identify possible synergies and coordinated approaches.

Recommendations

3. Improve the strategic oversight and coordination of the OWEC programme

- I. Revisit and revise, with input from the PSG, the existing PSG ToR
- II. Restructure PSG meetings
- III. Provide short project status update covering all projects, potentially using a RAG system, that provides PSG members with an overview of all projects
- IV. Identify opportunities for bridging the gap between the production of individual project outputs and the impact of the Programme as a whole

Recommendations

4. Enable the OWEC Programme Management Team to be closer to project delivery

- I. Revisit the responsibilities of the OWEC Programme management office to give them a more active role in project assurance, delivery management and to facilitate the impact of OWEC

Recommendations

5. Ensure all expected outputs from OWEC projects align with end user needs

- I. Where appropriate, require all projects and future project proposals to include:
 - I. an impact roadmap that links project outputs to end user needs
 - II. early stakeholder engagement activities in the project work plan to ensure project outputs are produced in a format supported by end users

Recommendations

6. Ensure the development and planned delivery of the OWEC Programme aligns with available capacity

- I. Review the resource requirements for delivering the existing OWEC programme of projects and assess whether the current capacity within the PSG and PAGs is sufficient.
- II. Undertake end user research aimed at understanding resource capacity within statutory bodies and other end user organisations, to ensure the resource demand of future phases of the OWEC programme do not exceed available capacity.

Breakout Rooms

- First 10 minutes: Feedback
 - Do you agree with the proposed recommendations?
 - Is there anything missing from the recommendations?
- Last 15 minutes: Focus on your recommendation
 - Do you agree with the actions associated with this recommendation?
 - Are they achievable?
 - Are they appropriate for achieving the recommendation?
 - Are the associated Owner(s), timeline and priority appropriate?
 - What would success look like?

Discussion Session

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Plenary Session

Trevor Raggatt, Head of Offshore Wind,
DESNZ



Break Time
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Offshore Wind Industry Council and Pathways to Growth

Kat Route-Stephens, Joint Programme Lead,
Pathways to Growth

Celestia Godbehere, Joint Programme Lead,
Pathways to Growth





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Thanks and close

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