



ADVANCE NOTICE TO FISHERMEN

The Walney Extension OWF Fishing Community Projects Fund (East Irish Sea) 2018

£ 300,000 is to be available to fund Fishing Community Projects as from 1st January 2018

Background to the Walney Extension OWF Fishing Community Projects Fund (East Irish Sea)

In recognition of the good co-operation that currently exists between the Fishing Communities that operate in and around the Walney Extension offshore wind farm and the owners of the wind farm, Ørsted (formerly known as DONG Energy) wishes to further cement these good relations. Ørsted has voluntarily agreed to donate a £300,000 Fund that is to be used to support Fishing Community projects specifically within these Fishing Communities. The independent grant-making not-for-profit company, the West of Morecambe Fisheries Ltd, has been appointed to manage the Fund.

Calls for Applications and closing date for applications

Calls for Applications to the Fund, will be open twice in 2018, firstly between January 1st 2018 and February 28th 2018, and then later between September 1st 2018 and November 30th 2018. Further similar Calls for Applications will be made in 2019 if the Fund has not been fully utilised by the end of 2018.

How to apply for funding for a Fishing Community Project

Application forms, instructions on how to apply, eligibility criteria and all Terms and Conditions can be obtained from the following sources from January 1st 2018:

1. Application forms can be downloaded directly from the West of Morecambe Fisheries Ltd website at www.westofmorecambe.com (in pdf format).
2. You may request an application form be emailed to you (pdf format) or posted to you by emailing a request to andy@westofmorecambe.com
3. You may request an application form be posted to you by writing to the PO Box address below. Please remember to include the address you wish the application form to be sent to:

WOMF, PO Box 1395, Norwich, NR13 3YA.

Guidance for applicants to the Fund

West of Morecambe Fisheries Ltd is only able to release funds to finance Approved Fishing Community Projects for the Fishing Communities that operate in and around the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm. Fishermen who do not operate within the vicinity of the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm are not eligible to apply for funding.

As from 1st January 2018, the Fishing Communities (fishermen/representatives) affected by the operation of the Walney Extension offshore wind farm are encouraged to submit applications for Fishing Community Project(s) that they would like to see receive funding from West of Morecambe Fisheries.

Applications that include a component of matched funding, i.e. from EU grants or other sources, are attractive, however this is not a strict condition for funding, and applications for projects without matched funding will be considered.

Applications to West of Morecambe Fisheries for funding can only be made when calls for applications are open (i.e. between January 1st 2018 and February 28th 2018, and then later between September 1st 2018 and November 30th 2018).

Applications to West of Morecambe Fisheries can only be made using official application form (available from January 1st 2018). No other form of application is acceptable. Applications must be received before the prescribed closing date for that call for applications.

The Fishing Community Project Steering Group is responsible for approving projects for funding and West of Morecambe Fisheries will inform all applicants of the decisions made by the Fishing Community Project Steering Group as quickly as possible.

The Fishing Community Project Steering Group may use its discretion and judgment when deciding which Proposed Fishing Community Project(s) to select for funding but will also seek advice from expert advisers from the local Fishing Communities as part of the evaluation process. As guidance to applicants, a proposed Fishing Community Project:

- *must fall within the financial limitations of the remaining sum of funds available;*
- *must demonstrate a benefit to members of the Fishing Community that have been affected by the Walney Extension OWF;*
- *will be favoured by the Fishing Community Project Steering Group if it benefits multiple members of the Fishing Community rather than selected individuals;*
- *will be favoured by the Fishing Community Project Steering Group if it will potentially attract positive publicity and press coverage;*
- *should not conflict with the ethical values of Ørsted;*
- *will be favoured by the Fishing Community Project Steering Group if it is likely to further improve relations between the Fishing Community and Ørsted;*
- *should not represent a disproportionate use of the available funds for any one community and will be used to fund something appropriate.*

Important Terms and Conditions apply

Important Terms and Conditions are detailed inside the application form (available from January 1st 2018) and only signed applications can be considered for funding. The applicant(s) must declare that they have read, understood and agreed to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

Definitions used in this document

Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm: the offshore wind farm constructed by Ørsted in the East Irish Sea, comprising all offshore structures and offshore cables.

Fishing Community: the commercial fisheries operating in and around the site of the Walney Extension offshore windfarm.

The Fishing Community Project Steering Group: The Fishing Community Project Steering Group is made up of one nominated representative of Ørsted and one director of West of Morecambe Fisheries Ltd and is responsible for selecting the Approved Fishing Community Projects.

Approved Fishing Community Projects: the community projects approved by the Fishing Community Project Steering Group