Metocean Equipment Deployment

PH004696 Mull to Mainland

XOCEAN Notice to Mariners

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Survey Activities:

Partrac Ltd., on behalf of XOCEAN and Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc (SHEPD), is deploying a metocean seabed frame monitoring system for a cable project between the Mainland & Mull. Details of the deployment position are provided below in Figure 1 and Table 1. The frame is being deployed for 35 days and will then be recovered.

Partrac is planning to carry out the frame deployment within week commencing 2 November 2026 over one day, weather permitting, using the multicat vessel Tom Scruby (Figure 4). During activities, the vessel will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and will display the appropriate lights and shapes prescribed by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Other vessels are requested to provide a minimum clearance of 50m from the installation vessel during operations, and post-installation, and to pass at a safe speed.

Legal Notice:

Please be advised that this Notice to Mariners should be treated as official notice of the nature, duration and location of the works which are scheduled to take place. During the period of this notice, we request that you plan your activities around our short-term, temporary activities.

Any failure to remove equipment where this has been requested, or entry into the identified location in a manner that would constitute a hazard may be a breach of your duties of safe seamanship as described in the Convention on International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 and/or the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, and may result in removal of the relevant equipment. Failure to remove equipment, where this has been requested, or entry into the identified location in a manner that would constitute a hazard may constitute a breach of duty of care at common law, and a failure to protect submarine cables for successful seabed user co-existence under Scotland's National Marine Plan.

SHEPD shall found on this notice in the event of any damage, loss or disruption arising from failure to heed the information herein.

Survey Area: Figure 1 below shows the proposed location of the ADCP deployment and a 150 metre buffer around this for the attached ground line with ground weight and acoustic release buoy. Coordinates for the ADCP location are detailed in Table 1.

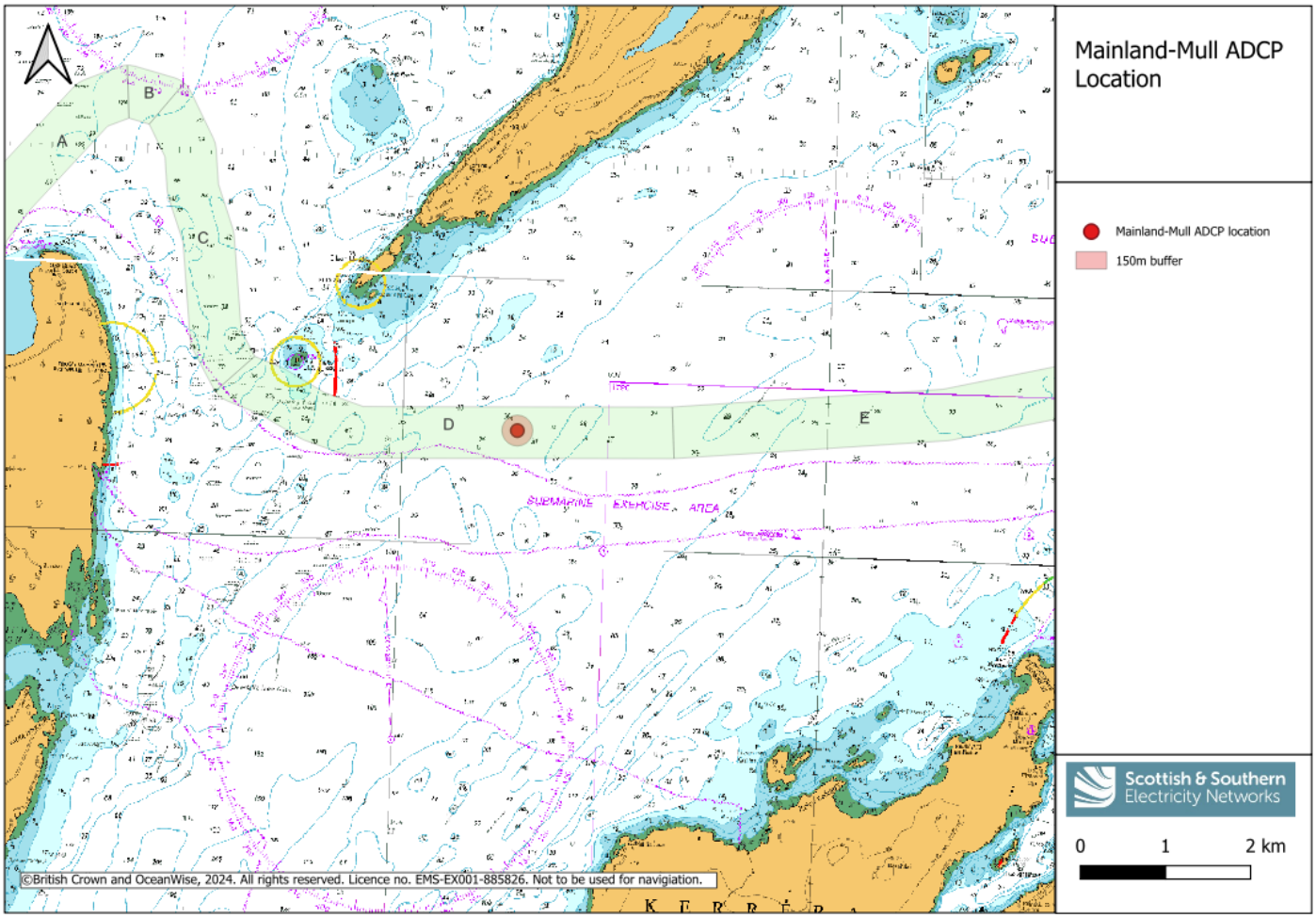


Figure 1: ADCP Deployment Location

Table 1: Seabed frame deployment coordinates

Site Name	WGS84 (DDM)	
	Latitude	Longitude
Mull – Mainland	56° 26.604'N	005° 34.920'W

Seabed Frame Equipment Overview: The ADCP seabed frame is shown in Figure 2. To allow for retrieval of the frame, a 100m ground line with a ground weight and acoustic release buoy is attached to the ACDP frame and will sit on the seabed within a 150m buffer around the ADCP location (see Figure 1).



Figure 2: Seabed Frame

Deployment Vessel: The seabed frame deployment at site will be carried out using the multicat vessel Tom Scruby (Figure 3).

	Tom Scruby
MMSI:	**235068193**
Callsign:	**2BPK6**



Figure 3: Vessel – *Tom Scruby*

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