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Marine Benthic Survey Notification



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Marine Benthic Survey Revised Notification – Little Loch Broom 2026

Date: Mobilisation Date: 16th November.

Expected duration: Up to 2 weeks

From: Ocean Ecology Ltd. Head of Survey on behalf of Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc. Trading as Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSENT).

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Overview

Please be advised that from the 16th November 2026 Ocean Ecology Ltd (OEL) will be undertaking a multibeam geophysical survey and a visual drop-down video (DDV) survey within Little Loch Broom, covering the survey area shown in Figure 1. The survey will employ the use of a pole mounted multibeam system and towed DDV system, there will be no interaction between the survey equipment and seabed throughout the survey operations. The works will be completed by personnel from OEL on the survey vessel *Coastal Surveyor*. Full vessel details are presented in Table 1. During the deployment of equipment, the vessel will be under restricted manoeuvrability and require sufficient vessel to vessel clearance for safe working. Regular Security Messages will be issued on VHF Channel 16 and this Channel will be continuously monitored by the vessel. The vessel will transmit regular Automatic Transmission Identification System (AIS) Messages. During periods of poor weather, the vessel may return to port or alternative safe haven for shelter.

This notification is intended for circulation to all interested parties undertaking or managing activities in the vicinity of the planned survey works. If you would like further details regarding the surveys, please contact the OEL Head of Survey, Ashley Kirby using the contact details at the head of this communication.

General Operational Principles

During the survey, should areas of high fishing density be identified, best efforts will be made to modify survey plans (either the location of survey sites or timing of operations) to avoid damage to both survey and fishing equipment.

Table 1. Vessel Details

Vessel Name	Coastal Surveyor
Vessel Call Sign	2DLF9
MMSI	235079951
Length	7.9m
Survey Coordinator	Ashley Kirby (Head of Survey) +44 (0)1452 915698
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Survey Area



Figure 1. Little Loch Broom Survey Area.

Table 2. Coordinates defining general survey area for the Little Loch Broom Survey

Point	Latitude (DD WGS84)	Longitude (DD WGS84)	Latitude (DMS WGS84)	Longitude (DMS WGS84)	Latitude (DDM WGS84)	Longitude (DDM WGS84)
A	57.875233	-5.300100	57°52'30.84"N	5°18'0.36"W	57° 52.514' N	005° 18.006' W
B	57.874200	-5.295267	57°52'27.12"N	5°17'42.96"W	57° 52.452' N	005° 17.716' W
C	57.872900	-5.284317	57°52'22.44"N	5°17'3.54"W	57° 52.374' N	005° 17.059' W
D	57.866783	-5.247250	57°52'0.42"N	5°14'50.10"W	57° 52.007' N	005° 14.835' W
E	57.864617	-5.248417	57°51'52.62"N	5°14'54.30"W	57° 51.877' N	005° 14.905' W
F	57.870717	-5.285533	57°52'14.58"N	5°17'7.92"W	57° 52.243' N	005° 17.132' W
G	57.874083	-5.301150	57°52'26.70"N	5°18'4.14"W	57° 52.445' N	005° 18.069' W

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 or entry into the identified location in a manner that would constitute a hazard would 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.

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