



The Challenge

Fish ecology and commercial fisheries are a key consideration for all marine projects from feasibility assessments and environmental impact assessments (EIA) through to post consent, construction and operation phases. The success of a marine project can depend upon correctly identifying impacts and effective consultation and engagement with the fishing industry and communities.

Our Approach

Royal HaskoningDHV has been supporting marine projects for over 130 years. We offer a wealth of multi-disciplinary EIA, consenting and consultation and engagement expertise, in particular commercial fisheries and fish and shellfish ecology. We run effective marine survey and fishery industry engagement programs, working with local partners where this adds value. As such Royal HaskoningDHV is well placed to provide expert EIA, technical and consenting advice to our clients, interpreting the technical fisheries and survey reports and 'building relationships with fishing communities.

The Royal HaskoningDHV Team:

- Understand the inter-relationship between marine infrastructure projects and commercial fisheries;
- Are knowledgeable of the practical implications of marine development to commercial fishing practices and communities;
- Are adept at assessing the impacts of developments on fish and fisheries and identifying appropriate mitigation packages; and
- Help identify project risk and advise on financial and commercial impact.

Our Experience

Royal HaskoningDHV provides consultancy services for a wide range of public and private sector clients and is regularly appointed to independently audit and produce Environmental Statements for high profile projects.

Some of our projects include:

Thanet Offshore Wind Farm

Drafting scopes of work for surveys and FLOs and finding agreement with the regulator, contract management, undertaking data interpretation, coordinating the stakeholder engagement.

Navitus Bay Wind Park

Designing and running consultation workshops, defining the structure and content of disruption payments.

Goodwin Sands dredging

Completing both the fish ecology and commercial fisheries EIA, writing scopes of work for the fisheries liaison contractor and liaison with the regulator on fish and fishery matters.

Perpetuus Tidal Energy Centre

Managing independent fisheries consultants, including the FLO, managing extensive fisheries consultations, producing technical reports and drafting of the commercial fisheries Environmental Statement chapter.

Kentish Flats Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Producing the scope of work for the subcontractor, managing fish and shellfish surveys and incorporated their results into the Pre-Construction Monitoring Report, stakeholder engagement work is ongoing.

Fish Ecology and Commercial Fisheries Services



Our fish ecology and fisheries team includes experts with strong marine science backgrounds, as well as previous experience of working within key stakeholder organisations and working with statutory and nonstatutory consultees in various capacities.

The team is experienced in providing marine ecology assessments for a wide range of development types, throughout the UK (and Europe). Through this joint experience, the team has acquired detailed knowledge of planning policy, regulatory requirements and stakeholder concerns and has detailed knowledge and understanding of regulatory requirements, legislation, policy and guidance.

Our Services

As part of Royal HaskoningDHV's multi-disciplinary environment team, our fish and fisheries experts work alongside specialists in physical processes benthic ecology, marine mammals and ornithology and EIA consenting.

Whether your projects are UK or internationally based, we can provide a full range of Fish ecology and Fisheries services that can be tailored to meet your needs. These include:

- Identifying project specific fisheries and fish ecology considerations;
- Writing scopes of work for surveys and assessments;

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- Assessment of tender submissions from subcontractors;
- Design and development of survey methodologies with subcontractors and/or regulators;
- Client Representatives;
- Identification of Fisheries Liaisons Officers (FLOs);
- Managing contractor surveys and reporting;
- Collating survey data into reports for submission to the regulators;
- Advising upon fisheries consultation approaches;
- Developing and maintaining dialogue with fishing communities.
- Completing fish ecology and commercial fisheries EIA assessments and producing ES chapters.

Our track record, knowledge and experience in Fish Ecology and Fisheries for marine projects can ensure the success of your project.

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