



## Marine Notice No.31 of 2020

*Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers,  
Yachtsmen and Seafarers*

### **Metocean Device Deployment In The Irish Sea (Off The Wicklow Coast)**

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised that Metocean devices will be deployed in the Irish Sea (off the Wicklow coast) in either late July or early August 2020 (weather permitting) to provide environmental data (waves and currents) to facilitate the development of the Arklow Bank Wind Park.

Four separate devices will be deployed which will include: a seabed frame with the sensors mounted on it, an anchoring system, and a surface marker buoy.

The location of the devices will be off the Wicklow coastline as given by the approximate coordinates below:

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude
A	52° 54.540' N	005° 54.960' W
B1	52° 50.976' N	005° 56.833' W
D1	52° 51.584' N	005° 55.009' W
E	52° 41.402' N	005° 59.640' W

Further location data is available in Appendix 1.

The devices will be deployed using either the AMS Retriever (**Callsign:** MEH18) or Husky (**Callsign:** 2EQ17), both versatile multi-purpose shallow draft tugs.

The devices will remain in place for approximately six months, serviced on a 3-monthly basis. During deployment and recovery operations the AMS vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre.

The devices will be located using yellow special mark buoys which will have the relevant markers and ATON characters. Examples of the buoys used are provided in Appendix 2.

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and are reminded of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012], and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476834/1890-213434. They are also available online at: [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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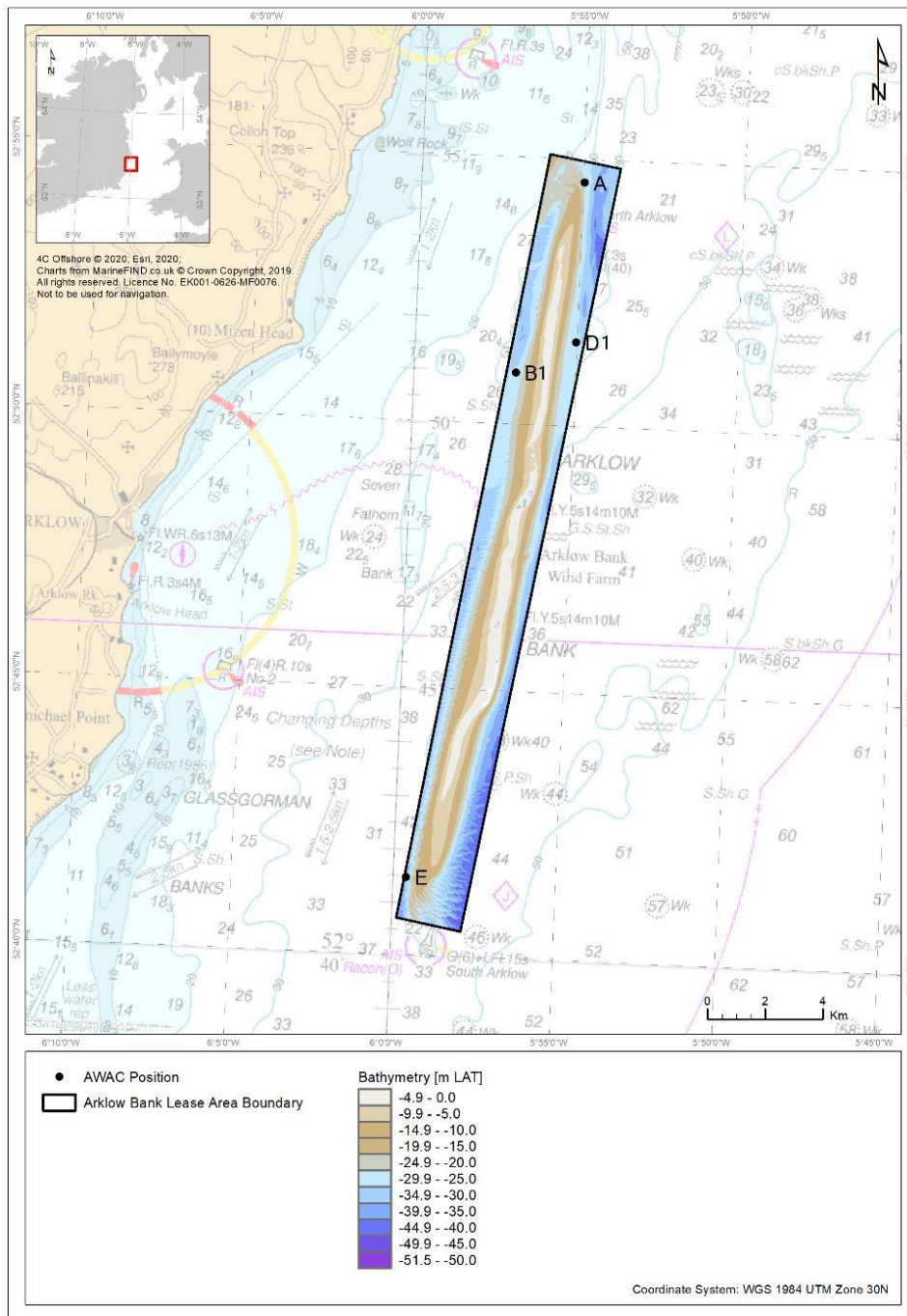
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Encl: Annex

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# Appendix 1: Location of the Metocean devices



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**Appendix 2: Example of buoys used**



Example of buoy at location B1 and E  
FL Y (5) 20 s



Example of buoy at locations A and D1  
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