The Kingfisher Bulletin provides the fishing and marine industries throughout Europe with news of offshore activities and the location of fishing hazards, structures and zones. Free of charge and user-friendly for the offshore and fishing industries alike, it offers a single point of contact for all UK operations. Its alerts about new hazards, offshore developments and vessel movements can:

- improve fishing safety
- protect lives
- prevent damage to structures/assets
- help offshore and fishing industries avoid conflict and share the seas.

By providing complete updates to the Kingfisher Bulletin, offshore operators and owners can maximise the benefits for all.

Better decisions through better info
The Kingfisher Bulletin is delivered direct to fishermen and mariners via websites, social media and a fortnightly summary, making it easily accessible both on shore or on board. The Bulletin complements the biannual FishSAFE and KIS-ORCA releases of structure positions for fishing vessel electronic charts. Through these services, offshore operators and owners help fishermen make the right decisions in the fishing areas around the UK, supported by a complete picture of hazards, developments and positions:

- oil & gas
- subsea cables
- renewable energy developments
- marine aggregates.

All the main offshore industries are required to supply these updates as a condition of marine licences.

Keeping up with changes offshore
The Kingfisher Bulletin is delivered by the Kingfisher division of Seafish, the industry authority. The service originated in the 1980s, when the (then) Scottish Office asked Kingfisher to take over the issuing of oil & gas production notifications. Over 30 years, Kingfisher has repeatedly expanded the service, responding to the development of new offshore industries, technologies and practices. This has played a crucial role in helping fishermen understand the potential risks from activities that are fast-changing, unfamiliar and often unseen.
Promoting co-existence
Supporting and using the Kingfisher Bulletin sends a strong message – from the offshore and fishing industries alike – of their commitment to constructive co-existence.

For developers, owners and operators especially, it’s a strong message that you’re taking all practical steps to keep the fishing industry up-to-date, serious about your CSR obligations, and committed to avoiding conflict.

The value of the Kingfisher Bulletin is wide-ranging.
Designed originally to improve safety for fishermen and other marine users, it also benefits the offshore industries themselves.

Improving fishing safety
Fishing is the most dangerous peacetime occupation in the UK, with 83 lives and 166 vessels lost over the past decade.

Offshore man made structures present a major risk, and have contributed to accidents and loss of life in the past. By giving accurate, easy-to-use, free to access information about offshore activities, hazards and structures, operators and owners can reduce risk and save lives.

This information also helps fishing vessels avoid situations or locations where they risk damage to fishing gear or loss of fishing time. In addition to established structures, this also includes vessels activities, dropped objects, partially installed structures, short term anchors, etc.

Protecting assets
If you’re an operator, owner or developer, giving up-to-date information about offshore activity and hazards can help protect your own assets and revenues.

You can reduce the risk of obstruction to your activities; delays to work offshore; and damage to offshore structures following impact by fishing vessels or gear – damage that may be extremely costly and challenging to repair.

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Benefits built on industry support
Operators / owners provide high-quality info
Greater use of the Bulletin and improved awareness by fishermen
Protection of lives and assets
Hazards and incidents avoided
Further commitment to Kingfisher services
Submit your information at: kingfisher@seafish.co.uk
How to Supply
Your Information

When to submit information
• For all planned activities, you should submit a notice for inclusion at least 2-3 weeks before activities start.
• Updates should be issued throughout the works
• A notice of completion should be issued when the works finish
• If any hazards emerge or are discovered during the works, inform Kingfisher immediately please phone us on +44 (0)1472 252307

Deadlines for information
Kingfisher Bulletins are released every second Thursday. The deadline for receipt of notices is 5pm on the Tuesday before (2 days before publication).

How to submit information
• All information should be sent to kingfisher@seafish.co.uk
• If you want to discuss a particular notice or activity, please phone us on +44 (0)1472 252307

For details of what information to provide and the format to follow, see page 7.

Every piece of information supplied to the Kingfisher Bulletin can potentially save lives, protect assets, avoid delays or reduce conflict.
The better the info, the greater the benefits.

Updating Kingfisher

Notice of Planned Works
A minimum of 2 weeks before start date.

Updates to Notices
Fortnightly, or ad hoc as change occurs.

Notice of Completion
Upon completion, to indicate demobilisation and confirm structures / hazards remaining.

Notice of New Hazards or Maintenance
For such events, this process should restart.

What to Supply

Usability is key to every Kingfisher Bulletin. Notices are concise and practical, designed so fishermen can absorb them quickly and easily. The Kingfisher team may request additional information, or modify notices to achieve the greatest impact.

Also essential is accuracy. We want fishermen to have full confidence that every detail – from coordinates to contact details – is correct and up-to-date.

What data to supply
Please supply information for all the main sections of the Kingfisher Bulletin:
• Hazard warnings (Notices to fishermen)
• Installation, remedial works & removal of structures (seabed activities)
• Surveys
• Deployment of buoys
• Rig moves
• Other activity.

In each case, we require:

1. CONCISE explanation of the activities, the development, the hazard, etc.

2. COORDINATES of the location(s) or area in DD°MM.MMM' and WGS84 datum (e.g. 56°35.000’N 001°34.748’E). Degrees, Minutes & Decimal Minutes to 3 places.

3. TIME schedule for activities – starts and finishes.

4. DETAILS of any vessels involved, including call signs and contact details.

Emergency contact details – contact name, telephone number and email.

For help with notices, please download the submission template at Kingfisherbulletin.org.

For examples of notices and information supplied, see pages 10-11.
Where the Bulletin fits into the overall awareness picture:

**OPERATORS**

- **NEWS** of activities and new hazards
- **POSITIONS** of all structures
- **ALL INDUSTRIES** Direct to Kingfisher
  - As soon as found / confirmed

**OIL & GAS**
- 2 data calls each year

**CABLES & RENEWABLES**
- 1 data call each year

**KINGFISHER**

**ALL OFFSHORE INFORMATION**
1. Editing of news into clear and concise notices
2. Production of paper & web charts
3. Production of files for onboard use in electronic charting systems
4. Liaison with the fishing and offshore industries
5. A single source for all offshore activities and the location of fishing hazards, structures and zones.

**FISHERMEN**

**KINGFISHER BULLETIN** - Activity & hazards news
- Social media alerts
- News feeds to FishSAFE.eu and KIS-ORCA.eu
- Fortnightly summary
- Personalised email and text alerts (TBC)

**STRUCTURE DATA** - Latest structure positions
- FishSAFE & KIS-ORCA USB card releases – January & July
- Updated web maps on FishSAFE.eu & KIS-ORCA.eu
- FishSAFE Alarm Unit updates – January & July
- An array of bespoke charts
Best Practice - Examples of Notices