

NOTICE TO MARINERS No 09 - 2021

Moray Firth Salmon Tracking Project – Scientific Equipment Deployment: Cromarty Firth

Charts - BA1077, BA1889

Mariners are advised that the Atlantic Salmon Trust will today be deploying scientific equipment within the Cromarty Firth to track salmon smolt movement out from several rivers around the Moray Firth.

The equipment consists of an array of underwater hydrophones deployed on the seabed between the North and South Sutors (see attached chart extract). The hydrophones extend no more than 2 metres from the seabed and there are no surface buoys.

The North end of the array is at: 57°41.43'N, 003° 59.95'W

The South end of the array is at: 57° 40.88'N, 004° 0.13'W

The deployment period will end in July 2021 and all equipment will be recovered at the end of this period.

Advice on the equipment can be sought from:

Dr L Wilkie, Atlantic Salmon trust, Battleby House, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW (01783 827 200)

Mariners are advised to navigate with caution in this area. Further advice on any navigational or marine safety issues relating to the deployment can be sought from Cromarty Firth Port Radio on VHF Ch11 or 01349 852308.

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