

Appendix 8 - Key media messages for Westermost Rough

Fishing industry perspectives:

- Fishermen fear that safety issues may arise and result in government implementing a blanket ban on the area around the turbines
- There are also concerns about shellfish supplies being affected and upheaval due to construction
- The fishermen's main question is why government chose an area with such lucrative fish/shellfish supplies
- Lower catch prices and soaring fuel costs are already affecting the fishermen's livelihood
- Due to fuel prices, fishermen are cutting back on the distances they travel to make their catch and Westermost Rough covers an area that they would want to fish in frequently
- Local fishermen want assurances that they will be left alone to fish the area once the site is up and running.

Exhibition perspectives:

- The Holderness Gazette commented on 'clangers' at the exhibitions:
 - Two separate maps showing different cable routes – the map used on exhibition panel three – Project details – incorrectly identified the locations of the towns of Bridlington, Hornsea and Withernsea, creating confusion with the maps used on panel 4 – Grid connection – which correctly identified the proposed cable routes
 - Ordnance survey map didn't show parts of coastal erosion
- The project name Westermost Rough was originally officially linked to the Greater Wash strategic area, although now re-designated by the Crown Estate
- Quotes from environmental manager Keith Henson and project manager Kurt Jenson used to show positives.