



Fishburn (WA-459-P) 3D Seismic Survey Environment Plan

This document provides notification of NOPSEMA’s decision made under regulation 10 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (Environment Regulations). In this instance, NOPSEMA is providing an opportunity to modify and resubmit the environment plan as it is not reasonably satisfied that the plans meets the acceptance criteria set out in the regulations.

Submission information

Titleholder¹:	Santos Offshore Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Fishburn (WA-459-P) 3D Seismic Survey Environment Plan (Revision 0)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-459-P
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	27/02/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seismic survey
Activity overview: <i>As described on the NOPSEMA website.</i>	<p>Santos Offshore Pty Ltd (Santos) is the operator of exploration permit WA-459-P within Commonwealth waters off northern Western Australia. Santos proposes to undertake the Fishburn 3-dimensional (3D) seismic survey over this permit area. The Fishburn survey is a typical 3D survey using methods and procedures similar to others conducted in Australian waters. No unique or unusual equipment or operations are proposed.</p> <p>The survey acquisition area is approximately 600 km² with a larger operational area (3,150 km²) around it to allow for vessel turn-arounds and testing of equipment. The survey location is approximately 330 km west-south-west from Darwin and approximately 60 km from the closest point to land at Cape Rulhieres in the Kimberley region.</p> <p>Water depths in the survey area range from 60 to 100 m.</p> <p>The survey will take a maximum of 21 days and will be undertaken within the period of 15 June and 1 August 2017. This timing has been selected as it is outside the Northern Prawn Fishery season.</p>
Decision:	Not reasonably satisfied
Decision date:	29/03/2017
Resubmission due date:	28/04/2017
Decision made by:	Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Seismic & Production Operations



Basis of decision

NOPSEMA has assessed the environment plan in accordance with its assessment policies and procedures. On completion of assessment, NOPSEMA has decided that it is not reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria below as set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations:

- (a) is appropriate for the nature and scale of the activity,
- (c) demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be of an acceptable level, and
- (e) includes an appropriate implementation strategy and monitoring, recording and reporting arrangements.

Titleholder requirements

In accordance with regulation 10, the titleholder is required to modify and resubmit the environment plan. Upon resubmission of the plan, NOPSEMA will continue to assess the submission in accordance with its assessment policies and make a decision under regulation 10. After a titleholder has been provided with reasonable opportunity to modify and resubmit an environment plan, NOPSEMA will make a final decision on whether to accept or refuse to accept the environment plan.

How to get further information

If you have any further questions regarding the activity it is suggested you contact the titleholder's nominated liaison person for the activity.

If you would like to access any further information regarding this decision, or would like to contact NOPSEMA please email environment@nopsema.gov.au.

¹ A titleholder includes an applicant for a petroleum access authority, petroleum special prospecting authority, pipeline licence, greenhouse gas search authority or greenhouse gas special authority under sub-regulation 9(2).

² Activity type as listed in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004