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14th February 2009.

For the attention of: The Executive Director, Marine and Fisheries Agency,
3-8 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH.

Dear Sir, AODA MAREA Scoping Report.

I am writing to you on behalf of MARINET, the Marine Network of Friends of the Earth Local Groups, with respect to the Marine Aggregate Regional Environmental Assessment (MAREA) which is being undertaken at the present time under statutory procedures by the marine aggregate companies in the name of the Anglian Offshore Dredging Association (AODA).

The Regional Environmental Assessment is being undertaken by Dr. Bruce Tomlinson, Project Director, Anglian Offshore Dredging Association, c/o Emu Ltd, 1 Mill Court, The Sawmills, Durley, Southampton SO32 2EJ.

At present, the REA is at the Scoping Report stage, and Dr. Tomlinson has advised MARINET members of the Scoping Report's final draft. MARINET members have expressed to Dr. Tomlinson a number of substantial reservations in respect of this Scoping Report final draft, and have requested the Scoping Report's amendment in order to address these reservations.

To date, MARINET members have received no reply from Dr. Tomlinson in respect of this matter. I have therefore written a letter to Dr. Tomlinson on behalf of MARINET members, dated 14th February 2009, in order to seek clarification of this matter. I have advised Dr. Tomlinson that a copy of this letter would be supplied to yourself for your information. Accordingly, please find this copy enclosed.

Yours faithfully

S. D. Eades
On behalf of
MARINET.