

Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill

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Clause 1

EARL RUSSELL

Clause 1, page 1, line 8, leave out “must” and insert “may”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would allow the OGA to consider whether it should invite applications for a seaward area production licence even in the event that all tests are met.

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Clause 1, page 1, line 20, at end insert –

- “(6) A notice under subsection (2) must not invite applications in respect of any block that would include exploration or development within or under a Marine Protected Area, and must specify that no application will be considered that would include exploration or development within or under a Marine Protected Area.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, “Marine Protected Area” includes Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Marine Conservation Zones, Nature Conservation Marine Protected Areas, Highly Protected Marine Areas, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Areas of Special Scientific Interest and Ramsar sites.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would rule out the issuing of notices for applications for production licences in Marine Protected Areas.

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