#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2007 No. 1067

The Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007

### PART 3

#### PRELIMINARY MATTERS

## Opinion of the regulator as to the content of the environmental statement

- 7.—(1) In these Regulations, "environmental statement" means a statement that includes—
  - (a) at least the information set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and
  - (b) such of the information set out in Part 2 of that Schedule as is reasonably required to assess the environmental effects of the relevant project and which, having regard in particular to current knowledge and methods of assessment, the applicant can reasonably be required to compile;

and Schedule 1 shall have effect for these purposes.

- (2) At the request of a prospective applicant, the regulator shall give an opinion as to the information to be provided by an environmental statement.
  - (3) Before giving an opinion, the regulator shall consult—
    - (a) the prospective applicant;
    - (b) the owner (if the owner is not the person requesting the opinion); and
    - (c) the appropriate consultation bodies;

as to the information to be provided by the environmental statement.

(4) The regulator shall send a copy of an opinion given under this regulation to any person who has been consulted under paragraph (3).