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Thousands of fish will die in the double-decker sized cooling tunnels at Hinkley Point C!

It is imperative that an Acoustic Fish Deterrent is installed at Hinkley Point C as the Development Consent Order states.

Dr Andy Turnpenny, Fisheries Scientist, said: “The Severn Estuary is a Special Area of Conservation important for its role as a fish nursery and migratory corridor. There is uncertainty over the exact impact Hinkley Point C will have on the fish assemblage that supports the complexity of bird species and commercial fish stocks. The Hinkley Point C cooling system will be 3 to 4 kilometres offshore and the number of fish it will draw in will take away the ability of the stocks to withstand normal environmental pressures and natural setbacks. With climate change, we will see significant changes to fish stocks over the 60-year life span of the station and the assessments made by Cefas, therefore, carry a high degree of uncertainty. The acoustic fish deterrent is a keystone in the design to minimise harm to fish”

Natasha Bradshaw, an independent researcher in coastal governance with extensive knowledge of the Severn Estuary, says: “I have lost sleep over the danger to the fish and the risk of devastating the ecosystem of the Severn Estuary. There is little proof that fish will survive the journey through 3km of tunnels or what impact returning them (dead or alive) into the estuary will have on the ecosystem. The decision made about the fish deterrent for the cooling water system for Hinkley Point C will last decades and set a precedent for other new nuclear and industrial projects across the UK.”



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