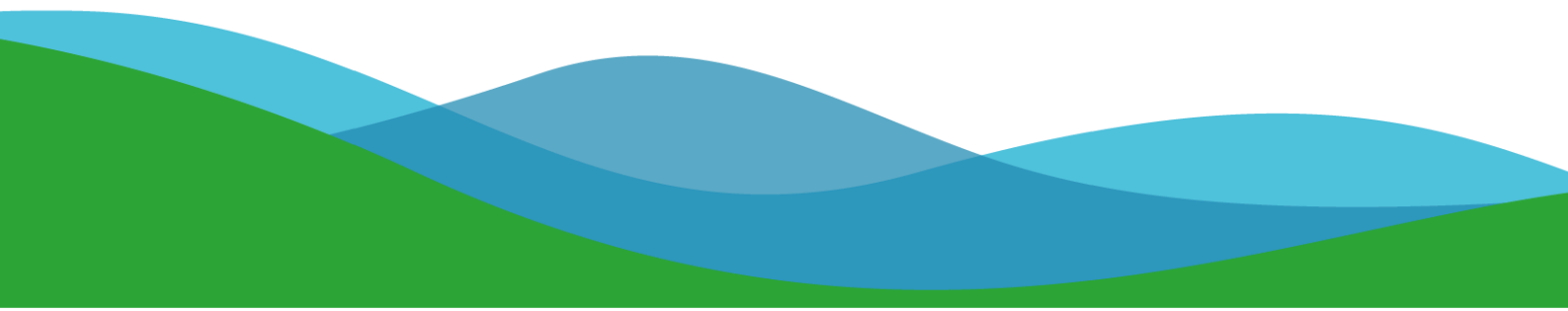




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INTRODUCTION

On 24 October 2024 the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) requested further information from Codling Wind Park (CWP) to assist in its assessment of the CWP Maritime Usage Licence Application (Reference MUL230034) ("CWP MUL Application").

This document provides further information in response to the four questions set out in MARA's letter of 24 October 2024.

1.1 Question 1

The application states that fish and shellfish surveys will take approximately 4 weeks a year – at what times of year are these surveys proposed to be undertaken. What fish and shellfish species will these surveys consider?

The timing and scope of the fish and shellfish surveys will be determined in consultation with the Marine Institute, Inland Fisheries Ireland and Sea Fisheries Protection Agency as part of the 30-day consultation period for the CWP MUL Application.

It is thus not possible to specify the exact season or the target for fish and shellfish monitoring at this point in time.

Notwithstanding the licence consultation process, CWP confirms that irrespective of the timing of, or target species, the impact on receptors as assessed in the CWP MUL Application will not change.

For example, the licence includes demersal trawls which allow monitoring of the general fish assemblage rather than a specific target species. The methodology for demersal trawls is the same irrespective of the season or the fish assemblage present and, as a result, the impact levels of these surveys will not change.

In summary, in advance of the 30-day consultation period any monitoring schedule, will need to be mindful of the need for the monitoring to be reactive and adaptive given the current stage of the licensing process, and the final methods and or season would not materially alter the impact pathways assessed in the MUL Application.

1.2 Question 2

Revise "Fig 002: Licence Area Map – Area B" to either remove the separate polygon north of Pigeon House road or label it as a separate area. In the event that this polygon is identified as a separate area, provide details of what marine environmental surveys will be undertaken in this area. All other associated maps, drawings, GIS files should be updated as necessary. Note that only areas that relate to the Maritime Usage Licence application should be included inside the red line boundaries.

Noted. CWP has updated "Fig 002: Licence Area Map – Area B" to include two separate areas labelled as "Area B1 (19,112 m²)" and "Area B2 (2,648 m²)". Please refer to drawing ref. CWP-CWP-ENG-08-01-MAP-1841_A which accompanies this RFI response.

CWP anticipates that geophysical surveys may be required in "Area B2".

CWP confirms that only areas that relate to its MUL Application have been included within the red line boundaries in drawing ref. CWP-CWP-ENG-08-01-MAP-1841.

1.3 Question 3

Provide a map that illustrates the two existing foreshore licence areas (FS007045 and FS007546) and the proposed maritime usage licence area to graphically show the new areas identified for site investigations under this licence application.

Please refer to CWP-CWP-ENG-08-01-MAP-1838_A which accompanies this RFI response that illustrates the two existing foreshore licence areas (FS007045 and FS007546) and the proposed maritime usage licence area.

1.4 Question 4

The response to further information submitted included details of site investigations and surveys completed under the two foreshore licences (FS007045 and FS007546), in light of this information please revise the proposed list of activities submitted with the licence application (Table A: Summary of proposed activities and indicative programme of the AIMU Report) and provide justification for same. This information should exclude activities that have already been licensed and completed under the foreshore system.

CWP confirms that the content of "Table A: Summary of proposed activities and indicative programme of the AIMU Report" accurately reflects the surveys yet to be completed to enable the development of the CWP project.

The surveys and site investigations proposed in the CWP MUL Application:

- Have not been completed (either in part or as a whole) under the existing two foreshore licences (FS007045 and FS007546) - for clarity, none of the licenced activities under the foreshore licences have been completed to date; and
- Are different in their scope to any activities previously undertaken namely, to inform the detailed design of the CWP project as opposed to informing the consenting/EIAR or concept design phases.

It is for this reason that the proposed activities detailed within the CWP MUL Application are similar in nature to those previously licenced. Notwithstanding these similarities, the specific scope requirements of the site investigations and surveys proposed under the CWP MULA will differ to any undertaken by CWP thus far. CWP confirms it does not intend to undertake duplicate surveys or site investigations under the CWP MUL Application to those already undertaken.

For the reasons set out in CWP's RFI response dated 9th September 2024, CWP is currently unable to complete site investigation activities under foreshore licences FS007045 and FS007546. It is for this reason that CWP has applied for a new maritime usage licence, not to duplicate the surveys and site investigations required to be completed.



APPENDIX A COPY OF LETTER FROM MARA

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24/10/2024

Reference: MUL230034

Request for additional information in accordance with section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 in respect of licence application reference number MUL230034.

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our request for information on 9th September 2024, in relation to the above licence application, MARA considers the following information as still outstanding:

- 1) The application states that fish and shellfish surveys will take approximately 4 weeks a year – at what times of year are these surveys proposed to be undertaken. What fish and shellfish species will these surveys consider?
- 2) Revise “*Fig 002: Licence Area Map – Area B*” to either remove the separate polygon north of Pigeon House road or label it as a separate area. In the event that this polygon is identified as a separate area, provide details of what marine environmental surveys will be undertaken in this area. All other associated maps, drawings, GIS files should be updated as necessary. Note that only areas that relate to the Maritime Usage Licence application should be included inside the red line boundaries.
- 3) Provide a map that illustrates the two existing foreshore licence areas (FS007045 and FS007546) and the proposed maritime usage licence area to graphically show the new areas identified for site investigations under this licence application.
- 4) The response to further information submitted included details of site investigations and surveys completed under the two foreshore licences (FS007045 and FS007546), in light of this information please revise the proposed list of activities submitted with the licence application (*Table A: Summary of proposed activities and indicative programme* of the AIMU Report) and provide justification for same. This information should exclude activities that have already been licensed and completed under the foreshore system.

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The requested information should be submitted to MARA within four weeks of the date of this notice, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

Please direct any queries to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Your faithfully,

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