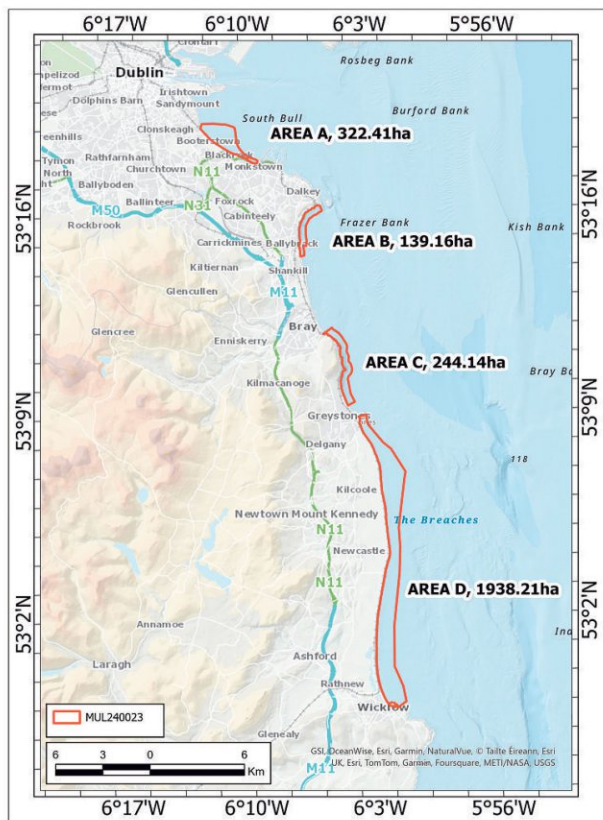


## The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011

larnród Éireann (Irish Rail) submitted an application on 17/06/2024 to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (“MARA”) for a maritime usage Licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to conduct geotechnical, geophysical, ecological and marine archaeological site investigations to inform design options for the proposed East Coast Railway Infrastructure Protection Projects (ECRIPP) required to provide long term protection/defence to sections of the Dublin to Rosslare coastal rail line from coastal erosion and flooding. The Licence application is for a period of 10 years.



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PROPOSED MARITIME USAGE LICENCE  
MUL240023**

A related Natura Impact Statement has been submitted with the above Licence application. The Licence application and the Natura Impact Statement are available for inspection on MARA's website <https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/applications/mul240023/> and at the following address by appointment – Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the Licence application and the Natura Impact Statement may do so quoting ref: MUL240023 to the following e-mail address – [licence@mara.gov.ie](mailto:licence@mara.gov.ie) or by post to the following address - Licence Unit, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The closing date and time for a written submission to be received by MARA is 17.30 on 15/08/2025.

MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the Licence application.

Dated this 10th day of July 2025

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