

Uisce Fireann



By email only:



14/08/2025

Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

**Re: Uisce Eireann
Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL230037**

Dear



I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 05/12/2024.

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

1. Provide details of the expected frequency and duration of the proposed LiDAR survey flights.
2. Provide further information on the expected frequency and duration of the MBES surveys.
3. Water sampling pontoons:
 - a. Submit a map showing the locations of the proposed water sampling pontoons (map should be provided in line with MARA Technical Guidance)
 - b. Provide the dimensions of the proposed water sampling pontoons to give an indication of scale
 - c. Clarify if it is intended that the water sampling pontoons will remain in place for the duration of the proposed maritime usage, or will they be moved

around to locations within the study area? If so, provide further information in this regard.

4. Regarding the locations of the ADCPs labelled A4 and A5, situated within the Clew Bay Complex SAC, confirm that these ADCPs will not be located on Reef or on maerl dominated communities.
5. In relation to the proposed dye tracing studies provide details of the following:
 - a. The maximum number of dye tracing studies to be carried out
 - b. The number of dye release events per survey
 - c. Submit a map showing the exact location(s) of the dye release point(s) (map should be provided in line with MARA Technical Guidance)
 - d. The time of year that the studies are expected to be carried out
 - e. The expected duration of each dye tracing study.
6. Submit a dispersion model showing the expected dispersion (spatial and temporal) of the dye plume within the study area. The model should take in to account any possible interactions with Protected Areas for economically significant aquatic species and areas designated as bathing waters as defined in Annex IV of the Water Framework Directive.

Please refer to MARA [Technical Guidance](#) and/or [MARA Technical Mapping Guidance](#) when providing the information requested.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within **4 weeks** of the date of this notice, i.e by **11/09/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

Yours faithfully,

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MARA