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By email only [REDACTED]

04/09/2025

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

Re: Uisce Eireann Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL230015

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 31/10/2024.

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

1. The application form states: "*The proposed studies are supporting the design and consenting of essential wastewater infrastructure...*". Confirm if this application is being made under Schedule 7 (3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended.
2. Clarify the number and locations of the tidal gauges and submit a map showing the locations of same.
3. The AIMU Report submitted with the states that the locations for both the bottom mounted and vessel mounted ADCPs may be subject to change within the licence area. Please provide the reason(s) why these locations are subject to change.
4. Provide further information on the acoustic pinger device to be mounted on the ADCP to aid recovery. Include an assessment of the potential impacts associated with any underwater noise emitted by this device.

5. Provide details of the proposed multibeam, single beam, LiDAR and GPS rover surveys (to include locations, maps, duration and frequency) proposed to be undertaken as part of the maritime usage.
6. Indicate if single and/or multibeam surveys are to be carried out in one proposed licence area at a time, or if multiple licence areas are to be surveyed concurrently (i.e. two or more surveys happening at the same time). If multiple areas are to be surveyed at once, provide an assessment of any potential cumulative impacts of carrying out these surveys concurrently.
7. The SISAA Report states that the Cumulative Effects Temporal Scope (CETS) was set to 1 year. The CETS is set based on the licence duration proposed. Please revise the in-combination effects assessment to reflect the licence duration applied for, i.e. 5 years.
8. With reference to the strict protection of species listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), confirm if you are required to apply for a derogation under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended. If yes, provide details of the application submitted, including the NPWS Licence Derogation Number or application reference number.
9. The GIS files submitted have an '**Area A - F**' drawn, which correspond directly to the following Map Title: "**Licence Map Ref: LIC230015**" submitted which depict the proposed areas which Uisce Éireann intend to apply to MARA for a maritime usage license to conduct strategic modelling studies of water currents and bathymetry along a section of the South Cork Coast.
 - i. Revise maps to ensure that the GIS shapefile represents the multiple areas to be included in the footprint of the maritime area that the maritime usage licence will occupy below the High Water Mark as defined by the Chief Boundary Surveyor, excluding all islands:
 - a. Map the proposed MUL areas using the digital High Water Mark, excluding all islands (see images 1 and 2) and terrestrial land (see images 3 and 4)
 - i. Do not include additional polygon areas (see image 5)
 - b. Title the proposed MUL map accordingly
 - c. Recalculate the areas of the proposed MUL areas, using the appropriate unit of measurement and coordinate system (see image 6)

- ii. Please ensure all documentation, diagrams, cartographic maps and GIS data files are updated accordingly and resubmitted to MARA.

[MARA Technical Mapping Guidance for MAC MUL Applications.pdf](#)

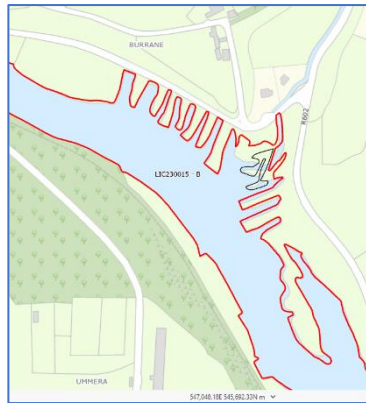
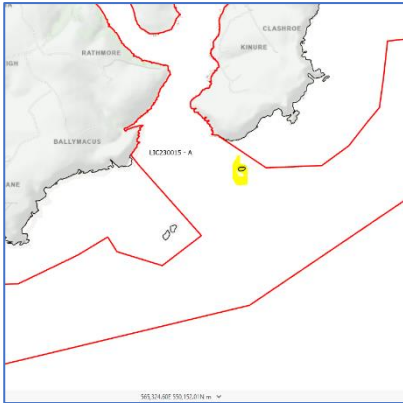
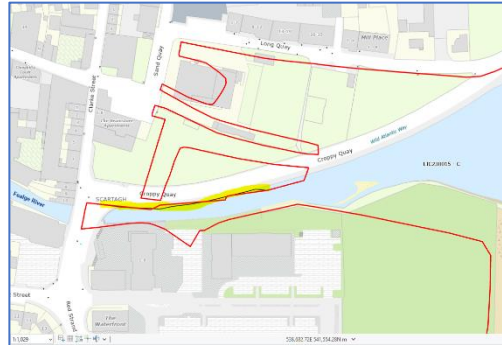


Image 1 and 2: Source: Tailte Eireann Map Genie Premium ITM mapping



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Image 3 and 4: Source: Tailte Eireann Map Genie Premium ITM mapping

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6	5	Polygon ZM	LIC230015	D
7	6	Polygon ZM	LIC230015	F

Image 5: Source: Attribution table of GIS shapefile submitted by applicant

MUL230015_MARA

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Image 6: Source: Attribution table, with areas calculated by MARA using HA as the unit of measurement with ITM coordinate system

Please refer to MARA's [Guidance and Technical Mapping note](#) 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 **02/10/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

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Yours faithfully,

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