

Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2001, as amended.

Consideration of Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, to determine whether it is necessary to carry out a screening for environmental impact assessment for a proposed maritime usage the subject of a licence application.

Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	MUL240001
Date:	2 nd December, 2024
Name of Applicant:	APEM Ireland
Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	Woodrow Sustainable Solutions trading as APEM Ireland are seeking a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) to carry out marine environmental surveys. The works would consist of deployment of four temporary static passive acoustic monitoring devices , conduct of intertidal and subtidal surveys, grey seal counts and boat based surveys at Great Blasket Island, Blasket Sound, Co. Kerry. The purpose of the surveys is to gather baseline information on behalf of the Office of Public Works who propose to redevelop the landing zone on the Great Blasket Island in tandem with a revitalized Island Management Plan. The monitoring devices are proposed to be in place for up to 1 year and each device will be serviced every 2-3 months to replace batteries and download data. The overall area subject to this licence application is 5441 hectares.
Type of maritime usage activity in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021):	<i>Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation</i>

Part A - Consideration of schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001

Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?

If Yes, EIA screening is required.

If No, proceed to question 2.

Answer: No

Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?

If Yes, proceed to question 3.

If No, EIA screening is not required.

Answer: No

Question 3: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?

If Yes, EIA screening is required.

If No, EIA screening is not required.

Answer: No

Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

Given the nature and scale of the proposed activities and taking account of the information provided by the applicant no significant impacts are envisaged as result of the proposed activities.

I conclude, that after having regard to schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 in the context of the above referenced proposed maritime usage, it is not necessary to carry out a screening for environmental impact assessment.



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