

Uisce Éireann,



By email only



Date: 23/09/2025

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

Re: Uisce Eireann - Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL240012

Dear Applicant,

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

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

Derogation question

- 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 Derogation Number.

Survey equipment and deployment

LiDAR survey methodology

- Confirm whether LiDAR surveys will be undertaken using fixed wing aircraft or UAVs.
- If utilising UAV, please provide details of the anticipated frequency, duration and spatial coverage of LiDAR survey flights, including total operational days/flights.

Installation of galvanised steel poles for tidal gauges

- Describe the installation method, including how the Applicant intends on fixing the poles in place (e.g. drilled, anchored etc.)

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- Specify the total number of galvanised steel poles to be used/deployed
- Please provide maps identifying the indicative/planned piers, slipways or other permanent structures where poles will be fixed, ensuring clear spatial reference to sensitive habitats

Survey techniques

GPS Rover

- Provide full details of the GPS rover to be used, including the make and model
- Please confirm how the GPS rover will be deployed (handheld, vessel mounted)
- Clarify whether survey personnel will transverse sensitive Annex I habitats during GPS rover use

Marine mammals

Seal area breakdown

- Please provide the seal data with improved spatial resolution for the proposed MUL areas
- Please provide break down records by haul out type (e.g. breeding, resting or moulting), and clearly distinguish these layers clearly.

Vessel

- Please provide mapping of the planned vessel launch locations (slipways or piers) to be used for the survey activities. Please include mapping of the access points.

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 **21/10/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Maritime Usage Licensing Team
MARA

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