


Uisce Éireann,


By email only 

Date: 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: MUL240048

Dear Mr. ,

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 01/10/2024.

Further to our request on 12/08/2025, MARA requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

1. 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.
2. MARA also request the re-submission of GIS data and the supporting Proposed MUL Map. The GIS files submitted have an 'Area A, B & C' drawn, which correspond directly to the following Map Title: "OVERALL SITE LOCATION MAP". This map depicts the proposed locations for the deployment of nine Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCPs) within Cork Harbour. The applicant is requested to undertake the following:
 - 2.1 Revise maps to ensure that the GIS shapefile represents the multiple areas included in the footprint of the maritime area that the development will occupy below the High-Water Mark as defined by the Chief Boundary Surveyor, excluding all islands, with correct individual area calculations (see Image 1):
 - i. For MUL applications with multiple areas a single polygon shapefile with an attributed polygon for each area to be submitted, named sequentially, A, B, C etc.
 - ii. Title the proposed MUL map accordingly: Label Multiple areas alphabetically, e.g. Area A, XXha, Area B, XXha etc.;

2.2 Ensure GIS shapefile attribution adhere's to MARA requirements:

- i. Attribute Field: "File_R_N" e.g. MUL##### as assigned by MARA.
- ii. Attribute Field: "Site_R_N" e.g. A, B, C etc.

3. Please ensure all documentation, diagrams, cartographic maps and GIS data files are updated accordingly and resubmitted to and adhere to the Technical Guidance: outlined below: https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/MARA_Technical_Mapping_Guidance_for_MAC_MUL_Applications.pdf

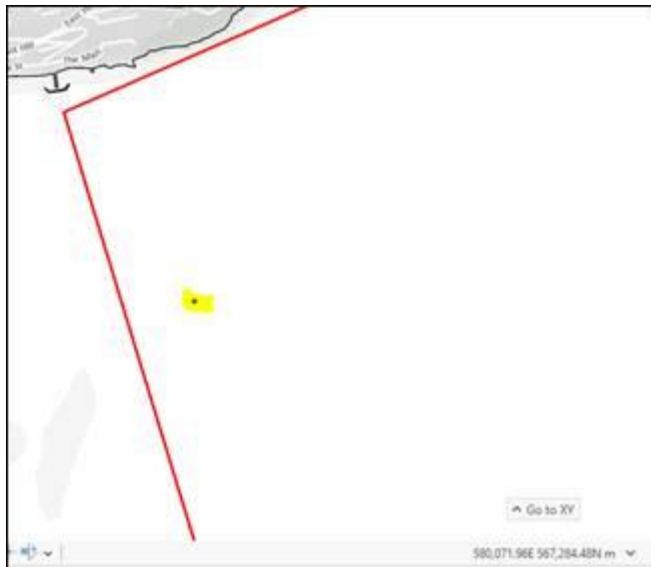


Image 1: Source: Tailte Eireann Map Genie Premium ITM mapping

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.

Yours faithfully,

Joanne Staunton
Maritime Usage Licensing Team MARA