



## Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

**Screening of Maritime Usage Licence application, in accordance with Section 117(5)(a), to determine whether Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.**

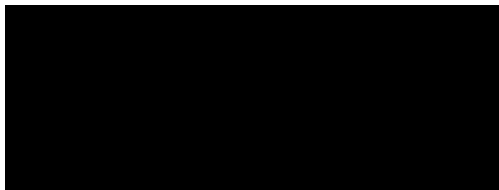
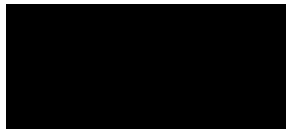
<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:</b>	MUL240054
<b>Date of Application:</b>	15/04/2025
<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Saoirse Wave Energy Ltd, 27 Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin 2, D02KT92
<b>Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:</b>	Schedule 7 (3) - Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.
<b>Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:</b>	Saoirse Wave Energy Ltd has proposed marine site investigations incorporating geotechnical, metocean and geophysical surveys, benthic and intertidal ecological surveys, marine mammal acoustic monitoring, offshore bat surveys, water quality and archaeological surveys. The location of the proposed investigations is off the coast of County Clare from Freagh point to Ballard Bay extending seaward to a maximum of 10km from shore.

### Part A - Consideration of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

<b>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, as amended?</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	proceed to Question 2.
<b>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, as amended <u>and</u> does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 <u>but</u> is sub-threshold. Proceed to Part B.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	Usage is <u>not</u> listed in Schedule 5 Part 2. No requirement to proceed to Part B. Proceed to EIA Consideration Conclusion.

### EIA Screening Conclusion

It is concluded that, having had regard to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced maritime usage licence application, that the proposed maritime usage does not fall within any of the project categories listed in Schedule 5 and therefore does not require an EIA or further EIA Screening consideration under Schedule 7.

<p>Signature of Recommending Marine Analyst</p>  <p>Maria O Connell, Marine Analyst</p>	<p>Date: 12/09/2025</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker:</p>  <p>John Evans, Director</p>	<p>Date: 15/09/2025</p>

### Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

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

**Not applicable**