

6th October 2025

RE: Request for Observations – MUL230029

Dear Sir/Madam,

MARA received an application from the Department of Defence for a Maritime Usage Licence under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 for maintenance dredging at Haulbowline Naval Base, Co. Cork. The application is for maintenance dredging of the entrance channel and southern part of the Graving Dock and the deposit of dredged material 8km southeast of Roches Point.

Details of the application and associated documentation are available for viewing on the MARA website at [MUL230029 - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

In accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, an Appropriate Assessment is required as part of this environmental assessment of the Maritime Usage Licence application.

Details of documentation which will be considered by MARA in its determination, can be accessed using the link above. Please note that observations will be published on the MARA website at the time of determination of the licence.

We would be grateful if you could please forward any observations you may have as soon as possible, but no later than 03/11/2025.

If no response is received from you by the above date it will be deemed that you have no observations to make on the proposed application.

All correspondence should be forwarded to licence@mara.gov.ie

Regards,

Maritime Usage Licensing Team
MARA