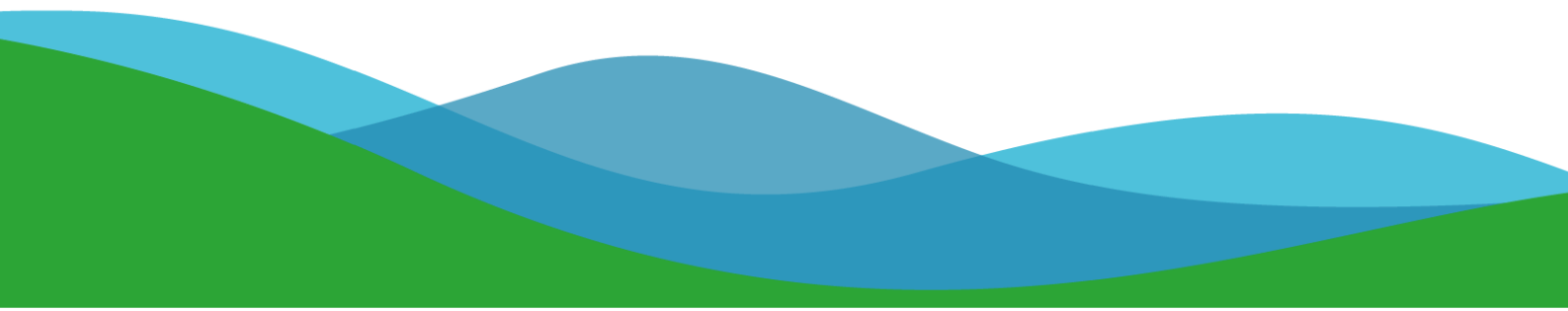




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7th March 2025

Reference: MUL230034

Request for additional information in accordance with section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 in respect of licence application reference number MUL230034.

Dear Erlend Christiansen,

I refer to the above licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 24/05/2024. MARA considers that it requires the additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application:

- 1) The licence applications states that fish and shellfish surveys will take approximately 4 weeks a year – at what times of year are these surveys proposed to be undertaken? In the response to previous request for further information, Codling Windpark Ltd stated that this information would be agreed with the Marine Institute, Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Sea Fisheries Protection Agency as part of the 30-day public consultation for the MUL application. It should be noted that this is not the purpose of the public consultation.
- 2) Clarify the purpose of the proposed maritime usage, including if the proposed maritime usage forms part of the project the subject of the marine development application under consideration with the planning authority at present (An Bord Pleanála Reference: OA29N.320768).

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within four weeks of the date of this notice, i.e. by 7th April 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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INTRODUCTION

On 07 March 2025 the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) requested further information from Codling Wind Park (CWP) to assist in its assessment of the CWP Maritime Usage Licence Application (Reference MUL230034) ("CWP MUL Application").

This document provides further information in response to the two questions set out in MARA's letter of 07 March 2025.

1.1 Question 1

The licence applications states that fish and shellfish surveys will take approximately 4 weeks a year – at what times of year are these surveys proposed to be undertaken? In the response to previous request for further information, Codling Windpark Ltd stated that this information would be agreed with the Marine Institute, Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Sea Fisheries Protection Agency as part of the 30-day public consultation for the MUL application. It should be noted that this is not the purpose of the public consultation.

Fish and shellfish surveys have been assessed on the basis to happen all year round. However, they will most likely take place between May and September.

1.2 Question 2

Clarify the purpose of the proposed maritime usage, including if the proposed maritime usage forms part of the project the subject of the marine development application under consideration with the planning authority at present (An Bord Pleanála Reference: OA29N.320768).

The purpose of the proposed maritime usage licence is data gathering. The licence, when authorised will allow temporary site investigations and surveys to take place - not permanent development activities. Site investigations are required to better understand the seabed characteristics and geotechnical make up across the offshore site. The data gathered from the proposed activities will further inform the design of the CWP Project.

The CWP MUL Application will only ever authorise temporary surveying in the service of the wind farm. In that regard, it allows the applicant to do offshore what developers do onshore as of right and without controversy: investigate a development site. As described in the MUL Application, temporary surveys are not an activity listed in Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive and do not therefore require screening for EIA. Further, in circumstances where a full EIAR has been submitted with the planning application currently before ABP, there is no attempt being made to avoid the requirement to have an EIA.

If An Bord Pleanála decides to grant permission for the CWP project, that permission will authorise all pre-construction surveys necessary for the purposes of constructing the development, as described in the EIAR in CWP's marine development application (An Bord Pleanála Reference: OA29N.320768).