

Date: 25/08/2025

RE: Request for Observations – MUL 240001

Dear Sir/Madam,

MARA received an application from APEM Group on 25/04/2024 for a Maritime Usage Licence under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 for Marine environmental survey (site investigation) at Blasket Sound, Co. Kerry, for survey works to be carried out including deployment of static Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) devices, boat-based line transects, intertidal and subtidal surveys.

Details of the application and associated documentation are available for viewing on the MARA website at [MUL240001 Apem Group](#)

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 all documentation which will be considered by MARA in its determination, can be accessed using the link above.

We are consulting with you to ensure proper administration of our cases, and we would be grateful if you could please forward any observations, you may have as soon as possible, but no later than **24/09/2025**. If you have no comment, please respond confirming same.

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.

Please include in your observations, details of any other plans or projects that you are aware of that may, in conjunction with this application, have a cumulative effect on a European site.

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

Regards,

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