

3. Maritime Usage Licence – Determination Case Worker Report	
To	Laura Brien, CEO MARA
From	Martina Monaghan, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	John Evans, Director ARD Unit
Date	21/10/2025
Maritime Usage Licence Application:	
Applicant Name	Iarnród Éireann
Applicant Address	Engineering & New Works Building, Inchicore, Dublin 8
MUL Reference Number	MUL240023
Decision sought	Approval sought for issuance of a maritime usage licence to this Applicant. ☒ Following consideration of supplementary material submitted by the applicant in accordance with Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 as amended, or ☐ NO supplementary material submitted
<i>Minded to Determine Notice Issued</i>	30/09/2025
Period Specified to Applicant in <i>Minded to Determine Notice</i>	☒ 21 days ☐ Other:
Supplementary Information (if applicable):	
Supplementary material received from applicant (if applicable)	Date received: 14/10/2025 The applicant is seeking clarification on Condition 26. Birds (ii) The Holder shall not undertake the Permitted Maritime Usage in the site identified as "Area D" between 30th April and 1st August annually to ensure least disturbance to known bird nesting areas.
Supplementary material forwarded to ARD	14/10/2025
Details of Supplementary Information and Recommendation from Assessment, Research & Data (ARD) Team:	
Reason and associated Condition	Applicant comment: <i>"We would like to request clarification and propose potential refinements to ensure the conditions are both environmentally effective and allow us to obtain the necessary data for the EIAR."</i>

	<i>Condition: “Works not to take place in ‘Area D’ between 30th April and 1st August to prevent disturbance to nesting birds.”</i> <i>Clarification Requested:</i> <i>• Could you confirm whether this restriction applies to all survey activities, including offshore surveys that are unlikely to cause disturbance to nesting birds within Area D?</i> <i>• Is the restriction intended to apply to all of Area D, or would it be possible to refine the spatial extent to focus on specific sensitive locations within Area D where nesting activity has been confirmed or is most likely?”</i> <i>ARD recommendation: It is noted that the applicant sought two clarifications on Specific Condition 26 only, rather than providing supplementary material relating to the reasons for the condition in accordance with Section 119(6)(b)(ii) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended.</i> <i>1. In relation to the first query, in part (ii) of Specific Condition 26, the Permitted Maritime Usage applies to all of the surveys which were applied for under the MUL application. The survey activities applied for include coastal intertidal and subtidal surveys only.</i> <i>2. In relation to the second query, the restriction applies to all of Area D. The applicant has not submitted any relevant material in this submission pertaining to the reason for the condition and thus MARA cannot consider any changes to the spatial extent of the restriction to specific sensitive locations within Area D.</i> <i>Recommendation: Specific Condition 26 No change</i>
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Determination of Licence Application:		
Caseworker Recommendation	☒	GRANT
	☐	PART GRANT
	☐	REFUSE

Signed by (Caseworker) Martina Monaghan

Date 21/10/2025

Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:	
Tab 01 Supplementary Information	☒
Tab 02 ARD Recommendation	☒
Tab 03 FINAL Licence	☒