



Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determine Case Worker Report

To	John Evans, MUL Director
From	Paula O’Toole, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	John Evans , MUL Director
Date	20/02/2026

Maritime Usage Licence Application:

Applicant Name	Wexford County Council
Applicant Address	Wexford County Council, Unit 7 Key West, Custom House Quay, Wexford,
Application Received	25/10/2024
MUL Reference Number	MUL240003
Decision sought	<p>Approval sought for issuance of notice to the Applicant in accordance with Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, to inform that:</p> <p>The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is minded to GRANT a Maritime Usage Licence in respect of their application and the reasons why MARA is so minded.</p>
Description of works	Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation to establish baseline oceanographic and environmental data for use in assessments in relation to the potential dredging of these locations. Wexford County Council (the authority for the port of New Ross) propose to undertake a number of surveys in this section of estuary.
Term of Licence	3 Years from the MUL Commencement Date
Schedule 7 activity	7(3) Marine environmental survey (site investigation)
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	Not applicable
Documents submitted with application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Form <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime Usage Map & GIS Shape files <input type="checkbox"/> Other Maps & Drawings <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Assessment Screening Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of Water Framework Directive (WFD) <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) <input type="checkbox"/> Natura Impact Statement (NIS) Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: SISAA, AIMU, Survey Chart layout map, Admiralty Chart 2046 Waterfrod Harbour, Fishing/Aquaculture location chart

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Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required	
1st RAI	Issued: 25/11/2024 (GIS)	Received: 04/12/2024 (GIS)
2nd RAI	Issued: 04/02/2026	Received: 11/02/2026
Document(s) submitted: Response to RAI – answered in letter format		

Assessment, Research & Data (ARD) Assessment:	
Screening for EIA: Section 117(5)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: NOT REQUIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: REQUIRED Date of Report: 12/09/2025 Signed by Tom Manning on 11/02/2026 Approved by John Evans on 12/02/2026
Screening for Appropriate Assessment: Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> Screened IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened OUT Date of AA Screening Report & Determination: DD MM YYYY Signed by XX on DD MM YYYY Approved by John Evans on DD MM YYYY <i>Note if received by MUL Unit at a date later than this</i>
If SCREENED IN: Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: New NIS requested <input type="checkbox"/> YES: Updated NIS requested Date Requested: DD MM YYYY Date Received: DD MM YYYY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: Not Required
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 19/02/2026
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: DD MM YYYY Date ends: DD MM YYYY
Local Newspaper Name	
Local Newspaper Publication Date	DD MM YYYY
National Newspaper Name	
National Newspaper Publication Date	DD MM YYYY
Date public consultation published on MARA website	DD MM YYYY
Submissions from public received?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received XX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

Referral to Public Bodies:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Parks and Wildlife Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Institute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bord Iascaigh Mhara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sea Fisheries Protection Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland Fisheries Ireland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Protection Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner for Irish Lights <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Transport - Marine Survey Office <input type="checkbox"/> National Monuments Service and Dept. of Housing, Local Government & Heritage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Survey of Ireland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Climate, Energy & the Environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Local Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Port Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Housing (FEM DAU), OPW,	
Date of Referral to Public Bodies	16/01/2026
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 8 (BIM Submitted twice) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Appropriate Assessment Determination (relevant where SCREENED IN)	
AA Report & Determination	Date of final report: DD MM YYYY Signed by XX on DD MM YYYY Approved by John Evans on DD MM YYYY <i>Note if received by MUL Unit at a date later than this</i>
ARD MUL Assessment Report:	
Final ARD MUL Assessment Report <i>includes environmental & engineering reports</i>	Date of final report: DD MM YYYY Signed by XX on DD MM YYYY <i>Note if received by MUL Unit at a date later than this</i>
Public Submissions taken into account in Final ARD MUL Assessment Report:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>insert reason why not</i> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Public Bodies Responses taken into account in Final ARD MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>insert reason why not</i> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Minded to Determination of Licence Application:

Case Worker Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> PART GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE
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Period Specified to Applicant for submission of supplementary material in relation to the reasons for conditions: Section 119(6)(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 days <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Signed by (Caseworker) **Paula O'Toole (MARA)**

Date **03/03/2026**

Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:	
Screening for AA Report & Determination	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appropriate Assessment Report and Determination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ARD MUL Assessment Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed Minded to Notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>