

Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determine Case Worker Report	
To	John Evans, MUL Director
From	Paula O’Toole, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Martina Monaghan, Manager MUL Unit
Date	20/04/2026
Maritime Usage Licence Application:	
Applicant Name	Uisce Éireann
Applicant Address	1 Foley Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1 (address as per application form) Colvill House, 24/26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, Dublin, D01NP86 (as per CRO)
Application Received	24/01/2025
MUL Reference Number	MUL230037
Decision sought	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: 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.
Description of works	<i>Marine surveys within Newport Bay and Clew Bay to inform the outfall discharge location for a proposed new Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) to serve the Newport agglomeration in Co. Mayo.</i>
Term of Licence	5 Years from the MUL Commencement Date
Schedule 7 activity	Choose an item.
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	7(3) Marine environmental survey (site investigation)
Documents submitted with application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime Usage Map & GIS Shape files <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Maps & Drawings <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natura Impact Statement (NIS) Report <input type="checkbox"/> Other: AIMU

Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	
1st RAI	Issued: 04/04/2025	Received: 09/04/2025
Document(s) submitted: Updated GIS		
2nd RAI	Issued: 10/04/2025	Received: 16/04/2025
Document(s) submitted: GIS Files and Updated MAP		
3rd RAI	Issued: 22/04/2025	Received: 28/04/2025
Document(s) submitted: Vertex requested in Shapefile		
4th RAI	Issued: 14/08/2025	Received: 04/09/2025
Document(s) submitted: Mapping		
5th RAI	Issued: 29/08/2025	Received: 04/09/2025
Document(s) submitted: Annex IV – NPWS Derogation Required?		
6th RAI	Issued: 19/09/2025	Received: 19/09/2025
Document(s) submitted: Confirmation that Uisce Éireann no longer wishes to include water sampling pontoons as part of the maritime usage activity being applied for in this licence application		

Screening Assessment:	
Screening for EIA: Section 117(5)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: NOT REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: REQUIRED Date of Report: 16/07/2025 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 16/07/2025 Approved by John Evans on 24/07/2025 <i>received by MUL Unit 25/07/2025</i>
Screening for Appropriate Assessment: Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened IN <input type="checkbox"/> Screened OUT Date of AA Screening Report & Determination: 24/09/2025 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 24/09/2025 Approved by John Evans on 24/09/2025
If SCREENED IN: Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: New NIS requested <input type="checkbox"/> YES: Updated NIS requested Date Requested: 25/09/2025 Date Received: 30/01/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> NO: Not Required
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 24/09/2025
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 10/03/2026 Date ends: 12/04/2026
Local Newspaper Name	Western People
Local Newspaper Publication Date	10/03/2026
National Newspaper Name	Irish Independent
National Newspaper Publication Date	10/03/2026
Date public consultation published on MARA website	10/03/2026
Submissions from public received?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received <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 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 checked="" 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 Mayo Co Co <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Port Company Mayo Harbour Master <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Date of Referral to Public Bodies	14/10/2025
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 8 (2 from BIM) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report and Proposed Licence:	
Final MUL Assessment Report <i>includes AA Report & Determination</i>	Date of final report: 17/04/2026 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 17/04/2026 Approved by John Evans on 24/04/2026
Public Submissions taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Public Bodies Responses taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Conditions Scrumped (for this application) or amended conditions in this Licence:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Legal advice requested for this application:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Mitigation Measures referenced in the MUL Assessment Report have been included in the proposed Licence:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A



The proposed license accurately reflects all other conditions and reasons found in the Master Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is a Derogation Licence from the National Parks and Wildlife Service required:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <i>The Applicant states a licence is not required</i>
MARA Licence Map is inserted into Proposed Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Minded to Determination of Licence Application:	
Case Worker Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> PART GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE
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:

Signed by (Caseworker) **Paula O'Toole**

Date **20/04/2026**

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