MI Response MUL250003

In response to request for observations on the MUL250003 application made by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, relating to marine surveys, assessing the feasibility of dredging within the harbour,

and with consideration of potential impacts on sea fisheries and the seafood sector, including aquaculture:

- As identified in the application there are some fishing operations recorded in the near vicinity, and spawning and nursery grounds (2014 – 2018; Ireland's Marine Atlas: https://atlas.marine.ie).

Nearby fishing activities include net fishing (nearest site *circa* 4 km to the southeast), whelk pot fishing (*circa* 5 km east) and dredging (*circa* 8 km northeast).

- There are no active aquaculture operations in the local vicinity l(https://dafm-maps.marine.ie/aquaculture-viewer/).
- Considering the short nature and small area of the proposed operations, survey operations should not interfere with fishing activities (assuming any necessary Marine Notices are made) fish ecology/biology or aquaculture.
- Cumulative impacts should be given consideration with regard to similar activities proposed/planned to take place in close spatial and temporal proximity to the survey area.