

<b>1. Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determination Case Worker Report</b>	
To	John Evans, Director of MUL
From	Paula O’Toole, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Martina Monaghan, MUL Manager
Date	30/01/2026
<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application:</b>	
Applicant Name	Port of Waterford Company
Applicant Address	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Marine Point, Belview Port, Slieverue, Waterford X91 W0XW
Application Received	14/03/2024
MUL Reference Number	LIC230025
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	Maintenance dredging of accumulated sediments to maintain the port’s navigational trade areas
Term of Licence	8 Years from the MUL Commencement Date
Schedule 7 activity	1 Dredging
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	6 Deposit of any substance or object on or under the seabed
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	3 Marine environmental survey (site investigation)
Documents submitted with application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime Usage Map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natura Impact Statement (NIS) Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assessment of Impact of Maritime Usage Report (AIMU) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Marine Sediment & Benthic Survey Report, Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment, Aquaculture Assessment Report, Fisheries Impact Assessment
Section 117(3) notice issued:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required



Request for Additional Information -RAI		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 11/02/2025	Received: 11/02/2025
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Map & GIS files		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 28/02/2025	Received: 03/03/2025
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> GIS data		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 19/09/2025	Received: 01/10/2025
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Letter responding to questions		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 28/11/2025	Received: 02/12/2025
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Letter responding to questions		

Assessment, Research & Data (ARD) 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: 22/09/2025 Signed by: Suzanne Wylde & John Evans
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: 19/11/2025 Signed by: Suzanne Wylde & John Evans
<b>If SCREENED IN:</b> Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>New</b> NIS requested <input type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>Updated</b> NIS requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: Not Required
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 02/12/2025
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 16/12/2025 Date ends: 24/01/2026
Local Newspaper Name	Munster Express
Local Newspaper Publication Date	16/12/2025
National Newspaper Name	Irish Examiner
National Newspaper Publication Date	16/12/2025
Date public consultation published on MARA website	16/12/2025
Submissions from public received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 4 <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Referral to Notified Consultees, as directed by Assessment, Research & Data (ARD) Team:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bord Iascaigh Mhara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioners of Irish Lights <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Environment, Climate & Communications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Housing, Local Government & Heritage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Transport - Marine Survey Office <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Protection Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Survey of Ireland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland Fisheries Ireland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Institute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Monuments Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Parks and Wildlife Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Local Authority (Waterford Co Co) <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Harbour Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Date of Referral to Public Bodies	18/09/2025
Observations from notified consultees received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 6 (IFI twice) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Appropriate Assessment Determination (relevant where SCREENED IN)	
AA Report & Determination	Date of final report: 27/01/2026 Signed by Suzanne Wylde on 28/01/2026 Approved by John Evans on 30/01/2026
ARD MUL Assessment Report:	
Final ARD MUL Assessment Report <i>includes environmental &amp; engineering reports</i>	Date of final report: 27/01/2026 Signed by Suzanne Wylde Approved by John Evans on 30/01/2026
Public Submissions taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input 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

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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
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**    **30/01/2026**



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