



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

To	John Evans, MULPA Director
From	Joanne Staunton, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Paula O’Toole, Licensing Caseworker
Date	13/03/2026

Maritime Usage Licence Application:

Applicant Name	Uisce Eireann	
Applicant Address	Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, D01 NP86	
Application Received	28/11/2024	
MUL Reference Number	MUL230015	
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	<p>To conduct a strategic modelling study of water currents along a section of the South Cork coast. The proposed maritime usage requires the deployment of static Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCPs) within the proposed licence area to provide the required modelling data. The project also includes vessel-based assessments of water currents and bathymetry using a combination of vessel mounted ADCPs, single-beam and multibeam surveys.</p>	
Term of Licence	5 Years from the MUL Commencement Date	
Schedule 7 activity	7(3) Marine environmental survey (site investigation)	
Documents submitted with application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natura Impact Statement (NIS) Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: AIMU Report and Indicative Schedule of Works 	
Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	
1 st RAI	Issued: 04/09/2025	Received: 02/10/2025

<p>Document(s) submitted: Confirmation of Schedule 7 applied for; Clarification on number and locations of tidal gauges, locations for bottom mounted and vessel mounted ADCPs; details on acoustic pinger device; details of multibeam, single beam, LiDAR and GPS rover surveys; revised in-combination effects assessment and Derogation licence number; Updated GIS files and Maps</p>		

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: 07/10/2025 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 02/10/2025 Approved by John Evans on 07/10/2025
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: 06/11/2025 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 06/11/2025 Approved by John Evans on 19/11/2025
If SCREENED IN: Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: New NIS requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Updated NIS requested Date Requested: 19/11/2025 Date Received: 17/12/2025
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 24/11/2025 (Delayed due to transition of new website)
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 30/01/2026 Date ends: 02/03/2026
Local Newspaper Name	The Echo
Local Newspaper Publication Date	30/01/2026
National Newspaper Name	The Irish Times
National Newspaper Publication Date	30/01/2026
Date public consultation published on MARA website	30/01/2026
Submissions from public received?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <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 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Port Company <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 7 (BIM submitted twice) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report:	
Final MUL Assessment Report includes appropriate assessment	Date of final report: 10/03/2026 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 10/03/2026 Signed by John Evans on 13/03/2026
Public Submissions taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Public Bodies Responses taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Conditions Scrumped in the Licence	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Legal Advice requested during this Application Lifecycle	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" 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) **Joanne Staunton**

Date **13/03/2026**

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