

# MUL240003 Wexford County Council

## Marine Institute Observations

In response to request for observations on the MUL240003 application by Wexford County Council to undertake benthic, ecological and oceanographic survey operations in the vicinity of the River Barrow, New Ross to Barrow Bridge,

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>).
- There are Licensed Aquaculture Sites and Shellfish Water Directive Areas in the vicinity (<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.