

Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Screening of Maritime Usage Licence application, in accordance with Section 117(5)(a), to determine whether Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	MUL240012
Date of Application:	12/06/2024
Name of Applicant:	Uisce Éireann
Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:	3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.
Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	Strategic modelling study of water currents across 5 Bays in Donegal, Sligo and Mayo. The proposed works will gather information on water currents, bathymetry and ancillary data on temperature, conductivity and salinity required by Uisce Éireann to inform the future design and installation of wastewater treatment plant.

Part A - Consideration of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?				
	Yes	EIA is required.		
		Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section		
		117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.		
	No	proceed to Question 2.		
Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended <u>and</u> does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?				
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	Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 but is sub-threshold. Proceed to Part B.		

EIA Screening Conclusion

It is concluded that, having had regard to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced maritime usage licence application, that the proposed maritime usage does not fall within any of the project categories listed in Schedule 5 and therefore does not require an EIA or further EIA Screening consideration under Schedule 7.				
Signature of Recommending Marine Advisor:				
	Micheal Mac Monagail Date: 15.09.2025			
Signature of Decision Maker:	Date: 15/09/2025			

Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

<u>Characteristics</u>, <u>location</u> and <u>the types & characteristics</u> of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage <u>comprising a project:</u>

Not applicable