

From: [REDACTED] (Transport)
Sent: Monday 20 October 2025 14:46
To: MARA Licence
Subject: RE: 4th Request for Observations on an application for a Maritime usage licence Ref: MUL240012

Categories: Joanne

Good day,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the proposed activities in the application referenced in the subject line from a navigational safety perspective.

However, the following shall be noted.

1. The licensee is advised of the presence of numerous fish farms / aquaculture activities in Areas A,B,C and D. It is recommended engagement with local / regional aquaculture / fisheries organisations enabling the sharing of information is achieved prior to commencing proposed activity.
2. Area E submarine cable exists within Killala Bay. Deployment of equipment shall not interfere with said submarine cable. A “recreational reef” has been established close to the southern extent of Killala Bay (approx. 3nm offshore). The location and extent of the reef is uncertain, is subject to shifting and position therefore unreliable. Proposed deployment of equipment or bathymetry surveys activities in Area E must consider the “Recreational Reef” as a significant hazard to navigation and must navigate with extreme caution.
3. The waters of the west coast of Ireland are susceptible to large unpredictable seas and swells during winter months, vessels employed shall be during deployment of equipment and / or survey shall be appropriate for operating in the prevailing weather and conditions.
4. **All vessels engaged in proposed activities must conform to Irish Certification standards and, vessels shall be manned by suitably qualified personnel. Where equipment is carried for survey activities an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant should contact mso@transport.gov.ie for clarification in relation to the above matters.**
5. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all maritime users operating within or in the proximity of the license area.
6. The Licensee shall, through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office, and Commissioners of Irish Lights, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the Maritime Safety Policy Division. All applications for the issue of a

Marine Notice shall be submitted supported by MAC or MUL reference. Where a Marine Notice is ***published and ANY subsequent changes to dates of operations, location, or area of schedule of works or vessels engaged in the operation, the licensee must inform MSPD of such changes in a prompt and timely manner***, so that relevant safety of navigation information is provided in an updated Marine Notice.

7. The promulgation and frequency of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed in advance with the Irish Coast Guard for the duration of the license period.
8. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings which create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner through the publication of a marine notice and all means appropriate.
9. In advance, and throughout the consent period the applicant shall be obliged to inform United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), of any activities that may impact the safety of navigation including deployment of equipment and survey activities,. All bathymetry data gathered shall be shared with UKHO and INFOMAR to ensure appropriate navigation safety information and charts can be updated. Email: sdr@UKHO.gov.uk and the INFOMAR program at support@geodata.gov.ie

Regards,

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To whom it may concern,

Please see attached a letter from MARA requesting your observations on the above application for a maritime usage licence.

The deadline for submitting observations is **12th November 2025** by close of business.

Regards

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MARA

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