



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

To	John Evans, MUL & PA Director
From	Joanne Staunton, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Martina Monaghan, Licensing Manager
Date	31/03/2026

Maritime Usage Licence Application:

Applicant Name	Uisce Éireann
Applicant Address	Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot St, Dublin 1, D01 NP86
Application Received	16/08/2024
MUL Reference Number	MUL240012
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 PART GRANT a Maritime Usage Licence in respect of their application and the reasons why MARA is so minded.</p>
Description of works	To undertake marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation, required to gather information on water currents, bathymetry and ancillary data on temperature, conductivity and salinity within Donegal Bay, Sligo Bay and their adjoining waters. This data is required by Uisce Éireann in order for them to carry out numerical modelling for the purposes of informing future design and installation of wastewater treatment and to examine the impact that wastewater causes on water quality and designated shellfish waters in the surrounding areas.
Term of Licence	3 Years from the MUL Commencement Date
Schedule 7 activity	7(3) Marine environmental survey (site investigation)
Documents submitted with application	<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 Schedule of Works
Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required



1st RAI	Issued: 16/10/2024	Received: 18/10/2024
Document(s) submitted: GIS Files		
2nd RAI	Issued: 28.11.2024	Received: 04/12/2024
Document(s) submitted: GIS Files		
3rd RAI	Issued: 23/09/2025	Received: 21/10/2025
Document(s) submitted: Response to Derogation Question, LIDAR and GPS Rover Bathymetric Date, and Installation of Galvanised Steel Poles for Tidal Gauges.		
4th RAI	Issued: 24/10/2025	Received: 21/11/2025
Document(s) submitted: Response to updates of mapping and GIS files.		

Screening 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: 15/09/2025 Signed by Micheal MacMonagail on 15/09/2025 Approved by John Evans on 15/09/2025 Comment: EIA screening form was received by the MUL team on 13/11/2025
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: 23/10/2025 Signed by Micheal MacMonagail on 23/10/2025 Approved by John Evans on 24/10/2025
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: 24/10/2025 Date Received: 21/11/2025
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 24/10/2025
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 03/02/2026 Date ends: 08/03/2026
Local Newspaper Name	Mayo News, Donegal News, Sligo News and An Paípear
Local Newspaper Publication Date	03/02/2026 & 05/02/2026 (Donegal and Sligo News) & 06/02/2026 (An Paípear)
National Newspaper Name	Irish Times
National Newspaper Publication Date	06/02/2026
Date public consultation published on MARA website	03/02/2026
Submissions from public received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 1 <input type="checkbox"/> NO



	<p>This submission was received by the Port of Sligo during the Public consultation period but will be treated as a Public Body submission in the MUL Assessment Report.</p>
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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	13/10/2025
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 11 (BIM submitted twice) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report and Proposed Licence:	
Final MUL Assessment Report	Date of final report: 24/03/2026 Signed by Micheal Mac Monagail on 30/03/2026 Signed and Approved by John Evans on 30/03/2026 <i>MUL unit received the final version on 31/03/2026</i>
AA Report & Determination	Date of Report: 18/02/2026 Signed by Micheal Mac Monagail on 24/03/2026 Signed and Approved by John Evans on 30/03/2026 <i>MUL unit received the final version on 31/03/2026</i>
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
Conditions Scrummed (for this application) or amended conditions in this Licence:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Legal advice requested for this application:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Mitigation Measure reference in the MUL Assessment Report have been included in the Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is a Derogation Licence from the National Parks and Wildlife Service required:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Applicant concluded this licence was not required
The MARA Licence Map is inserted into Proposed Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Minded to Determination of Licence Application:	
Case Worker Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input checked="" 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 **31/03/2026**

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"/>