

<b>1. Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determination Case Worker Report</b>		
To	John Evans, Director of MULPA Division	
From	Joanne Staunton, Paula O’Toole Licensing Caseworker	
Reviewed by	Dr Ciar O’Toole, Senior Marine Advisor	
Date	25/03/2026	
<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application:</b>		
Applicant Name	Uisce Éireann	
Applicant Address	Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1	
Application Received	19/12/2024	
MUL Reference Number	MUL240033	
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	The proposed Maritime Usage is for the purpose of developing a hydrodynamic water quality model to support water quality assessments - Uisce Eireann ‘Marine Modelling Studies - Lot 4 Galway Bay’, the data from which will then be used to inform potential future Uisce Eireann works in the region.	
Term of Licence	5 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	
Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 14/01/2025	Received: 31/01/2025

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<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Revised Application Form, AA Screening Report, AIMU report, Annex and NIS reports. And revised proposed licence area maps/licence maps A to D, site location maps A to D and fishing aquaculture proximity maps A to D.		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 06/10/2025	Received: 29/10/2025
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Letter to MARA 29 Oct 2025 containing a response to the NPWS Derogation and Relevant Usage under Schedule 7 of MAP Act query.		

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: 01/09/2025 Signed by Tom Manning on 28/08/2025 Approved by John Evans on 01/09/2025  Comment: Received by MUL on 01/09/2025
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: 29/10/2025 Signed by Tom Manning on 02/10/2025 Peer Reviewed and signed by Ciar O’Toole on 29/10/2025 Approved by John Evans on 29/10/2025  Comment: Received by MUL on 30/10/2025
<b>If SCREENED IN:</b> Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>New</b> NIS requested <input type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>Updated</b> NIS requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: Not Required
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 30/10/2025
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 20/11/2025 Date ends: 21/12/2025
Local Newspaper Name	The Connacht Tribune Newspaper
Local Newspaper Publication Date	21/11/2025
National Newspaper Name	The Irish Independent Newspaper
National Newspaper Publication Date	21/11/2025
Date public consultation published on MARA website	20/11/2025
Submissions from public received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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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 10 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report and proposed Licence:	
Final MUL Assessment Report <i>includes AA Report &amp; Determination</i>	Date of final report: 23/03/2026 Signed by M. O' Connell -on 25/03/2026 Approved by John Evans on 25/03/2026
Public Submissions taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>insert reason why not</i> <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 <i>insert reason why not</i> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Conditions Scrummed (for this application) or amended conditions in this Licence:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>insert which condition and outcome</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Legal advice requested for this application:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <i>section 3 of the draft licence</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Mitigation Measure reference in the MUL Assessment Report have been included in the proposed Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
The proposed license accurately reflects all other conditions and reasons found in the Master 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 <i>3.7 Applicant outlined that Derogation Licence is not required</i>
MARA Licence Map is inserted into Proposed Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

<b>Minded to Determination of Licence Application:</b>	
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)**                      **Paula O’Toole**

**Date**    **27/03/2026**

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