



Marine Survey Office

Leeson Lane,

Dublin 2

8th January 2026

Subject: MUL240043, Seaweed harvesting of Ascophyllum nodosum in Clew Bay, Co. Mayo

Good day,

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

However, the following shall be noted;

1. The Licensee shall ensure all hazards to safe navigation are easily identifiable to all mariners operating within or in the vicinity of the license area for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. All buoys deployed to mark anchored “seaweed bags / nets” must be visible by day and with a light during hours of darkness.
2. 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. All buoys deployed to mark anchored “seaweed bags / nets” must be visible by day and with a light during hours of darkness.
3. All vessels engaged in the proposed operations must conform to Irish licencing and Certification standards, are suitable and manned by appropriately qualified personnel.



Regards,

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