

<b>Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determine Case Worker Report</b>	
To	John Evans, MUL Director
From	Joanne Staunton, Licensing Caseworker
Date	13/03/2026
<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application:</b>	
Applicant Name	Uisce Éireann
Applicant Address	Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot St, Dublin 1
Application Received	28/11/2024
MUL Reference Number	MUL240026
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 GRANT a Maritime Usage Licence in respect of their application and the reasons why MARA is so minded.</p>
Description of works	<p>Uisce Éireann wish to conduct a strategic modelling study of water currents and bathymetry along the Southeast coast of Ireland between Dungarvan, Co. Waterford and Greystones, Co. Wicklow. The proposed maritime usage requires the deployment of up to nine static Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCPs) at separate locations within the proposed maritime usage area. Ancillary instruments, to collect salinity and temperature data, may also be contained within the trawl resistant frames in which the ADCPs will be deployed. Boat based ADCP and water sampling surveys, a bathymetric survey (multibeam and single beam) and installation of tidal gauges will also be carried out.</p>
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 and Indicative Schedule of Works
Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 28/08/2025	Received: 26/09/2025
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Confirmation of Schedule applied for; Clarification on locations, bathymetry, tidal gauges, details on proposed LiDAR & GPS rover surveys and Derogation licence.		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 04/09/2025	Received: 02/10/2025
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Revised Maps and GIS files		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 16/10/2025	Received: 07/11/2025
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Revised Maps 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: 07/10/2025 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 29/09/2025 Approved by John Evans on 07/10/2025
Screening for Appropriate Assessment:  Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> Screened IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened OUT  Date of AA Screening Report & Determination: 28/10/2025 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 28/10/2025 Approved by John Evans on 29/10/2025
<b>If SCREENED IN:</b> Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>Updated</b> NIS requested Date Requested: 30/10/2025 Date Received: 27/11/2025
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 29/10/2025
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 27/01/2026 Date ends: 02/03/2026
Local Newspaper Name	Waterford News Star Wexford People Wicklow People
Local Newspaper Publication Date	27/01/2026 28/01/2026 28/01/2026
National Newspaper Name	The Irish Times
National Newspaper Publication Date	30/01/2026
Date public consultation published on MARA website	27/01/2026
Submissions from public received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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	14/10/2025
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 5 (BIM submitted twice) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report:	
Final MUL Assessment Report <i>Includes Appropriate Assessment Determination and Report</i>	Date of final report: 11/03/2026 Signed by Ross Fitzgerald on 13/03/2026 Approved by John Evans on 13/03/2026
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 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

<b>Minded to Determination of Licence Application:</b>	
Case Worker Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input 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**    **13/03/2026**

<b>Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:</b>	
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"/>