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Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL250003

Dear Applicant,

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

1. With reference to the strict protection of species listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), confirm if you are required, or not, to apply for a derogation under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended.
2. Please provide approximate diameter measurements for proposed vibrocore cores, along with estimated maximum depths for these vibrocores.
3. Please detail why a five-year term has been requested for the licence and if consideration was given to a shorter term more appropriate to the scale and proposed duration of the investigations.
4. Are you aware of details or consents from other state bodies relating to a “Native Oyster Project” in Dun Laoghaire Harbour in 2025.

Please refer to MARA’s [Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence \(MUL\)](#) when providing the information requested.

address:

An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuiri / Maritime Area Regulatory Authority
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Garman, Y35RF29.
2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford,
Y35RF29.

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licence@mara.gov.ie

website:

www.maritimeregulator.ie

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within **2 weeks** of the date of this notice, i.e by **05/05/2026**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

Please direct any queries to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Yours faithfully,

Paula O'Toole
Maritime Usage Licensing Team
MARA