

# MARA

An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí  
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

## **Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)**

### **General Application (Form MUL1)**





### **Important information:**

Applicants are strongly advised to read the "[Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence](#)" before completing this application.

The application form and supporting documentation, including confirmation of payment of fee, must be submitted to [licence@mara.gov.ie](mailto:licence@mara.gov.ie).

Complete this form electronically using the free text and tick boxes provided, free text boxes will expand as required. Responses should, in so far as is possible, clearly and concisely address the information requested. Where appropriate, supporting documentation may be submitted for assessment, providing that any information relevant to the application is clearly referenced in the application form.

Before completing this form, the declaration and consent at the end of the application form should be read.

### **Application Fee:**

An application fee of EUR €2,000 applies for each Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) application.

This requirement is detailed in legislation:

Section 117(1) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and Maritime Area Usage (Licence Fees) Regulations 2023, SI No 402/2003.

The application fee must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). MARA Bank Details are provided upon request by email to [licence@mara.gov.ie](mailto:licence@mara.gov.ie)

Proof of application fee payment /confirmation of funds transfer must be provided with the application documentation.

Should the Maritime Usage Licensing application screen out for Appropriate Assessment, a refund of EUR €1,000 applies.

### **Privacy Policy**

MARA may require applicants to provide certain personal data in order to carry out its legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that an applicant provides in accordance with MARA's obligations under data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). A Privacy Statement explaining how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data the applicant provides, how that information will be used and what rights the applicant may exercise in relation to its personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Policy - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#).

### **Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment**

MARA is a public body for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as amended (the "FOI Act") and is also subject to the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007-2018 (the "AIE Regulations") and MARA may be required to disclose information and records provided by the applicant in response to a request made under the FOI Act and/or the AIE Regulations, subject to applicable exemptions. Where the applicant considers that any information supplied to MARA is commercially sensitive, confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act or the AIE Regulations, the applicant must clearly identify such information at the time. Notwithstanding this, the final decision on disclosure rests with MARA, in accordance with the applicable legislation. The applicant must, upon reasonable request and within a reasonable timeframe, provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to MARA in connection with any request for information made under the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.

### **Confidential/Commercially Sensitive Information**

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application to MARA is commercially sensitive and/or confidential. The applicant should clearly identify and separate the specific sections of their application containing such information. The applicant should specify the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity with regard to the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.



## Form MUL1 – Application for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) for an activity listed in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act

### Part 1 Activity in Schedule 7 and relevant section of the MAP Act

1.1 Part 1 Activity in Schedule 7, for which this MUL application is made.

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| Tick Maritime Usage applicable to the purpose of the MUL.<br>The Applicant should refer to the MUL Guidance Note for Applicants before completing this section.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     |
| 1. Dredging (including dredging involving the use of a device to remove any material, whether or not suspended in water, from one part of the seabed to another part of the seabed) other than—<br>(a) dredging carried out to create a new harbour, berth or waterway, or to deepen existing facilities in order to allow access for larger ships, or<br>(b) dredging ancillary to development authorised under the Act of 2000, whether or not it involves the removal of any material from the sea or seabed.                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of scientific discovery or research.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The installation or placement of navigational markers or aids to navigation, or both, not undertaken or authorised by the Commissioners of Irish Lights.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5. The installation of non-permanent platforms, pontoons or slipways.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 6. The deposit of any substance or object, either in the sea or on or under the seabed, from—<br>(a) a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft or marine structure (other than a pipeline),<br>(b) a container floating in the sea, or<br>(c) a structure on land constructed or adapted wholly or mainly for the purpose of depositing solids in the sea.                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 7. The use of a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft, marine structure (other than a pipeline) or floating container to remove any substance or object from the seabed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 8. The use of explosives not related to development authorised under the Act of 2000 and not requiring authorisation under any other enactment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 9. The maintenance of any cable, pipeline, oil, gas or carbon storage facility structure that does not require an authorisation (whether the authorisation takes the form of the grant of a licence, consent, approval or any other type of authorisation) under any other enactment in order to be undertaken.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 10. The harvesting, disturbance or removal of seaweed, whether growing or rooted on the seabed, or deposited in or washed up thereon by the action of any one or more than one of the following:<br>(a) tides;<br>(b) winds;<br>(c) waves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 11. The deposit, construction or removal of any mooring not requiring authorisation under any other enactment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 12. (a) The removal of beach material from, or the disturbance of beach material in, the maritime area otherwise than in the course of the ordinary or reasonable recreational enjoyment of the maritime area.<br>12 (b) In this paragraph, "beach material" means sand, clay, gravel, shingle, stones, rocks, mineral substances, seashells, coral and maerl and any flora, in or on the surface of the seabed or suspended in the water of the maritime area, and includes outcrops of rock or any other mineral substance above the surface of the seabed. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 13. The laying or installation of telecommunications cables or ducting by or between coastal States where such cables or ducting pass through the exclusive economic zone (as construed in accordance with the Act of 2021) or the continental shelf but do not land in the State.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 14. A maritime usage specified, for the purposes of this paragraph, in regulations made under section 113(2)."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |



Select activity type from the list below:

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dredging/Deposits                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Energy Infrastructure               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| ORE Development                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Ports                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Research                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Seaweed                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| State Infrastructure (Water/Sewage) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| State Infrastructure (Other)        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Telecoms                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Tourism & Recreation                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

- 1.2 Select the relevant section(s) of the MAP Act under which this MUL application is made. If more than one section applies, then select all applicable sections.

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| Section 117 application for a new Schedule 7 usage                                                                                                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Section 129 application to amend an existing foreshore authorisation or continue to occupy that part of the maritime area after the expiration of the authorisation | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Section 130 application for an existing unauthorised maritime usage                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

- 1.3 Provide below details when MUL application is made under Section 129 of the MAP Act.

- A. Confirm that you are transitioning from an existing foreshore authorisation to a MUL to continue the previously consented maritime usage, or to amend an existing authorisation.

Yes ☐ No ☒

- B. If yes, provide the following details.

- i. Foreshore authorisation reference number.

Not Applicable

- ii. Date of Issue.

Not Applicable



iii. Expiration date.

Not Applicable

iv. Description of Authorised Usage.

Not Applicable

v. Reason for transition from foreshore authorisation to MUL.

Not Applicable

vi. Confirm that you have attached a copy of the existing foreshore authorisation including foreshore consent map in this MUL application as Attachment 1.3.

Yes ☐ No ☒

1.4 Provide below details when MUL application is made under Section 130 of the MAP Act.

A. Confirm that you are applying for a MUL for an existing unauthorised maritime usage.

Yes ☐ No ☒

B. If yes, provide the following details.

i. Description of existing unauthorised maritime usage.

Not Applicable

ii. Location of unauthorised maritime usage.

Not Applicable

iii. Date of commencement of unauthorised maritime usage.

Not Applicable



## Part 2 Applicant Details

### 2.1 Applicant Details

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| The name and address should be of the legal or natural person that is to be the MUL Holder. This information would be recorded on the MUL.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                        |
| Name of Applicant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company |
| Company/Organisation (if Applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company |
| Applicant Address: Where a legal person would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Companies Registration Office.<br>Where a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Register of Charitable Organisations. |                                                        |
| Address line 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 27 Fitzwilliam St. Lower                               |
| Address line 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Dublin 2                                               |
| Address line 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |
| City/Town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Dublin                                                 |
| Eircode                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | D02 KT92                                               |
| Applicant Email Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Moira.walsh@esb.ie                                     |
| If the Applicant is a legal person, Company Registration Office Number.<br>A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation (certified copy provided by CRO) and a list of Directors must be provided as Attachment 2.1.                                                                                                                          | 735009                                                 |
| If the Applicant is a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, the Registered Charity Number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                        |

Attachment 2.1 included (if required).

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### 2.2 Authorised Contact Person for MUL Application.

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| The Authorised Contact Person for the MUL Application will be the person that MARA will contact in relation to any aspect of the MUL application. The Authorised Contact Person can be a person within the Applicant Organisation or a person (agent) nominated by the Applicant |                                          |
| Authorised Contact Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Emma Delaney                             |
| Authorised Contact Position                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Environmental Consenting Project Manager |



|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Email     | emma.delaney@esb.ie |
| Telephone | +353 87 9728749     |

- 2.3 If MARA provided a statutory declaration under Section 115 of the MAP Act as to whether or not a MUL was required for the proposed usage, provide the reference number associated with that declaration.

Not Applicable

#### 2.4 Existing Foreshore Authorisation

- A. Provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore Authorisations you may hold, or have a current application for, within, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage, which you do not wish to transition (refer to 1.3 for Foreshore Authorisations you wish to transition).

ESB Wind Development Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of ESB applied for a Foreshore Licence for Site Investigations from the Foreshore Unit within the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (Application Ref: FS007136). The area subject of this Foreshore Licence application overlaps in parts with the MUL licence area which is the subject of this application. This application has not been determined.

- B. Do you intend to surrender any existing foreshore consent(s) (Lease/Licence) for any maritime usage other than that granted by the foreshore authorisation?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- C. If yes, provide description of the existing foreshore consent(s) authorised usage. If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.4.

Not Applicable

- D. Attachment 2.4 included.

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

#### 2.5 Other authorisations or consents

- A. Provide the reference number, a brief description and the status (e.g. application made or authorisation/consent granted) of any other authorisations or consents in the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage area, held by the applicant.

If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.5.

Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company (DAC) does not hold any other authorisations or consents within the footprint of this application.  
Helvick Head Offshore Wind do intend to submit a MAC application to MARA subject to the results of



the Offshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (ORESS) Tonn Nua auction. A pre application meeting with MARA was held in October 2024 (Mara Reference Number MAC240057).

B. Attachment 2.5 included.

Yes ☐      No ☒      Not Applicable ☐

### Part 3 Details of Maritime Usage

#### 3.1 Maritime Usage

A. Provide a brief description of proposed Maritime Usage.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.1.

Full details of the proposed surveys are as detailed in the Schedule of Works document provided in Attachment 3.1. In summary these include the following;

Geophysical surveys which include:

- Multibeam Echosounder (MBES)
- Side Scan Sonar (SSS)
- Sub-Bottom Profiling (SBP) / Ultra High Resolution Seismic (UHRS)
- Magnetometer Survey
- Subsurface navigation systems (USBLs)

Geotechnical surveys which include:

- Boreholes
- Cone Penetration Testing (CPT)
- Vibro Core (VC)
- Down the Hole testing

Metocean surveys which include:

- Equipment Deployment & Recovery from a vessel or use of Autonomous Floating Platform
- Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP) to measure ocean currents
- Wave Buoys
- Floating Lidar System

Environmental/Ecological & Archaeological surveys include:

- Benthic Sampling
- Static Acoustic monitoring
- Archaeological Surveys (as part of Geophysical surveys)

B. Attachment 3.1 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

3.2 Describe the purpose of the proposed Maritime Usage, with reference to the classes of usage in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act.

The South-Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (SC-DMAP) is Ireland's first DMAP and was published in 2024. This plan identified an area of the Celtic Sea as having significant potential for offshore renewable energy (ORE). Within this, Maritime Area A – Tonn Nua has been designated as the location for Ireland's first DMAP-led offshore wind project, targeted to deliver approximately 900 MW under ORESS 2.1. The proposed site investigation (SI) works are activities required to characterise the physical, biological, and environmental conditions of Maritime Area A - Tonn Nua. The data collected will underpin project design, environmental assessment, and consenting, for any future offshore wind development within Maritime Area A – Tonn Nua.

#### 3.3 Duration

A. Indicate the overall MUL duration requested. Indicate the duration of any individual activities included in the



overall activity. Give reasons for the proposed durations. Indicate any seasonal, vessel or other schedule constraints.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.3.

It is proposed to undertake the surveys on a phased approach, commencing in Q2/Q3 2026 (subject to grant of this MUL) with surveys proceeding over a 5-year period. The exact dates for the surveys are to be determined pending grant of this MUL, weather conditions and the appointment of survey contractors. Based on the scope of works the estimated duration of each project scope is as detailed in Table 1 in the Schedule of Works document provided in Attachment 3.1.

B. Attachment 3.3 included.

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

### 3.4 Describe the area of proposed Maritime Usage

A. State the total size of the Maritime Area (in m<sup>2</sup>, ha or km<sup>2</sup>, as appropriate), which is the subject of the application.

The overall area the subject of this Licence application is 464km<sup>2</sup>.  
This includes the Tonn Nua site (306km<sup>2</sup>) and a 1nm buffer. This buffer is included to facilitate line turns of Geophysical survey vessels.

B. Attach map, titled 'Proposed MUL Map' and GIS Shapefiles outlining the proposed Maritime Area(s). If the application relates to more than one area, each area should be labelled on the accompanying maps/drawings and its area provided. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 3.4. List the attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

A Proposed MUL Map has been provided in Attachment 3.4  
GIS shapefiles for this have also been provided.

C. Attachment 3.4 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

### 3.5 Describe the location of proposed Maritime Usage

A. Provide the distance in kilometres and direction of the main body of the proposed Maritime Usage area from the shore at its closest point.



The MUL boundary is located to the south of County Waterford and is approximately 11km from shore at its nearest point.

- B. Attach map(s)/drawing(s) showing the location of the proposed Maritime Usage. The attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) should also be listed in the space below. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 3.5.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

The location of the proposed maritime usage is as shown on the Proposed MUL map as provided in Attachment 3.4

- C. Attachment 3.5 included.

Yes ☐ No ☒

### 3.6 Ownership

- A. Is any part of the Maritime Area within the proposed site in private ownership?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- B. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s).
- C. Is the Applicant aware of any actual or claimed legal rights or interests held by third parties in the proposed site that may be affected by the proposed Maritime Activity?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- D. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s) of such legal rights or interests.
- E. The letter(s) and drawing(s)/map(s) referred to in B and D above should be included as Attachment 3.6. List the attached letters, map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

Not applicable

- F. Attachment 3.6 included.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

### 3.7 Planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)



- A. Does the proposed Usage require planning permission and/or other authorisation(s), or is it ancillary to or part of to a proposed development which requires planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- B. If yes, what is the status of the planning and/or other authorisation(s)? If applicable, provide a brief description of the proposed development, to which the proposed Maritime Usage is ancillary.

Provide the file reference number(s) and link(s) to the websites where information on the planning and/or other authorisation application(s) and/or planning permission/ authorisation(s) can be obtained.

Not applicable



## Part 4 Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations

### National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

#### 4.1 NMPF Objectives

- A. Describe how the proposed Maritime Usage is consistent with the objectives of the NMPF. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the NMPF. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.1.

- B. Attachment 4.1 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

#### 4.2 Designated Marine Area Plan

- A. Is the proposed Maritime Usage located in an area for which a Designated Marine Area Plan has been published?

Yes ☒ No ☐

- B. If yes, indicate if the proposed Usage is consistent with the Designated Marine Area Plan. Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.2.

Ireland's first statutory Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) - the South Coast (SC) - DMAP was formally made on 24 October 2024 under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. The SC-DMAP designates four maritime areas for fixed offshore wind development and establishes the spatial, environmental, and socio-economic framework for plan-led offshore renewable energy deployment in the Celtic Sea.

The proposed SI works are fully consistent with the SC - DMAP. They align with all seven objectives, safeguard the marine environment, and provide the evidence base required to deliver Ireland's offshore renewable energy targets in a sustainable and plan-led manner. Full detail, including objective-by-objective analysis, is set out in Attachment 4.2 – Designated Marine Area Plan Compliance Details.

- C. Attachment 4.2 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### Habitats and Birds Directives

#### 4.3 Report for Appropriate Assessment Screening

- A. Is the proposed Maritime Usage directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- B. If not, provide an Appropriate Assessment screening report to provide sufficient information for MARA to



undertake screening to determine if an Appropriate Assessment is required of the implications of the proposed Maritime Usage alone, or in combination with other plans or projects, for any relevant European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives.

If the Applicant has already determined that it is likely that an Appropriate Assessment will be required and have prepared an NIS, it may be submitted.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person's qualifications and experience must be included in the report/NIS.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS should be provided as Attachment 4.3.

Attachment 4.3 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

#### 4.4 Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species

- A. Do species listed in Annex IV of the Habitats Directive occur in the zone of influence of the proposed Maritime Usage?

Yes ☒ No ☐

- B. If yes, the Applicant should provide an assessment of the risk posed to such species by the proposed Maritime Usage. The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person's qualifications and experience must be included in the report.

The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report should be provided as Attachment 4.4.

Attachment 4.4 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

### Water Framework Directive

- 4.5 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.5.

Attachment 4.5 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

### Marine Strategy Framework Directive

- 4.6 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Ireland's Marine Strategy under the Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.6.



Attachment 4.6 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

## Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive

### 4.7 EIA Screening

A. With reference to Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended confirm that the activity:

- i. Is not of a class listed, where no quantity, area or other limit is specified in that Part, or
- ii. Does not either equal or exceed, any relevant quantity, area or other limit specified for a class listed in that Part.

|                                                              |                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Yes – is not of a class/does not equal or exceed a threshold | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No – is of a class/equals or exceeds a threshold             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

B. If yes, confirm if the activity is of a class listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended, but does not equal or exceed the relevant quantity.

Yes ☐ No ☒

C. If yes to '4.7 B', provide the information for EIA screening specified in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended. The information specified in Schedule 7A should be provided as Attachment 4.7.

Attachment 4.7 included.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

## UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act

4.8 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the Irish State's obligations under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.8.

A dedicated UNCLOS and Maritime Jurisdiction Act Consistency Statement has been prepared and is submitted as Attachment 4.8. This document confirms that the proposed SI works at Tonn Nua are fully consistent with Ireland's obligations under UNCLOS and national implementing legislation.

Attachment 4.8 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐



### Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended

- 4.9 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with achieving the National Climate Objective, as defined in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.9.

The proposed SI works at Tonn Nua are activities that will provide the baseline data required to design, assess, and progress offshore wind projects within Maritime Area A of the SC- DMAP. These works are therefore an essential step in enabling the delivery of Ireland's offshore wind targets—at least 5 GW operational by 2030 and up to 20+ GW by 2040-2050—as set out in the Climate Action Plans 2024/25 and the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce (OWDT). A detailed statement of consistency is provided in Attachment 4.9 - National Climate Objective Compliance Details.

Attachment 4.9 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030

- 4.10 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.10.

The proposed SI works at Tonn Nua are temporary, small-scale, and proportionate in nature activities. Embedded mitigation measures ensure that risks to biodiversity are avoided or reduced to negligible levels. A detailed analysis of consistency with NBAP objectives, outcomes, and marine-relevant policies is provided in Attachment 4.10 - National Biodiversity Action Plan Compliance Details.

Attachment 4.10 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### National or European Strategic or Policy Objectives

- 4.11 Provide any additional relevant information with regard to the overall purpose of the proposed maritime usage, with reference to, e.g. National or European strategic or policy objectives and national targets, and strategic research objectives.

Additional information can be included as Attachment 4.11.

The SI works are directly aligned with Ireland's statutory climate and energy obligations and with the EU's Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy, REPowerEU, and the European Green Deal. National or European strategic or policy objectives Compliance Details including a detailed policy alignment table (Table 4.1), is provided in Attachment 4.11.



Attachment 4.11 included.

Yes ☒    No ☐    Not Applicable ☐



### **Declaration and Consent**

I declare that all information provided with this application, including this completed form and all attachments confirmed as included in the application checklist, is correct at the time of submission and that I will notify MARA of any changes to this information that may arise during the application process. MARA may, by notice in writing given to the applicant, require the applicant to provide in the specified form, by affidavit or otherwise, such additional information in relation to any matter to which the application relates as MARA reasonably considers necessary to assist it to determine the application.

By submitting this application form, I agree that certain details provided may be published on MARA's website and that the information provided in this form will be processed and retained by MARA and may be shared with bodies appropriate to assessing aspects of this application in furtherance of consideration of the granting of a MUL in accordance with the MAP Act.

This consent relates to this application and to any further information provided by me, or on my behalf, for the purposes of this application.

Name of Signatory:

Paul Lennon

Position held:

Head of Offshore Wind, ESB

Date:

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:





### Application Checklist

Complete the below application checklist

| Section No.                     | Document                                                                               | Required               | Submitted                           |
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| <b>Application Form</b>         |                                                                                        |                        |                                     |
| <b>Part 1</b>                   | Activity in Schedule 7                                                                 | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Part 2</b>                   | Applicant Details                                                                      | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Part 3</b>                   | Details of Maritime Usage                                                              | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Part 4</b>                   | Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations                                       | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Declaration and Consent</b>  | Signed Declaration and Consent                                                         | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Application Checklist</b>    | Application Checklist                                                                  | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Supporting Documentation</b> |                                                                                        |                        |                                     |
| <b>1.3</b>                      | Attachment 1.3 – Existing Foreshore Authorisation(s) wish to transition                | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>2.1</b>                      | Attachment 2.1 – List of Directors                                                     | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>2.4</b>                      | Attachment 2.4 – Details of Foreshore Authorisation(s)                                 | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>2.5</b>                      | Attachment 2.5 – Details of Other Authorisation(s)                                     | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>3.1</b>                      | Attachment 3.1 – Proposed Maritime Usage                                               | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>3.3</b>                      | Attachment 3.3 – MUL Duration                                                          | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>3.4</b>                      | Attachment 3.4 – MUL Map and GIS Shapefiles                                            | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>3.5</b>                      | Attachment 3.5 – Other Maps and Drawings                                               | Yes                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>3.6</b>                      | Attachment 3.6 – Private Ownership Details                                             | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>4.1</b>                      | Attachment 4.1 – Compliance with Objectives of NMPF                                    | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.2</b>                      | Attachment 4.2 – Designated Marine Area Plan Compliance Details                        | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.3</b>                      | Attachment 4.3 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report                               | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.3</b>                      | Attachment 4.3 – NIS                                                                   | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.4</b>                      | Attachment 4.4 – Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report                           | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.5</b>                      | Attachment 4.5 – Compliance with Objectives of the Water Framework Directive           | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.6</b>                      | Attachment 4.6 – Compliance with Objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.7</b>                      | Attachment 4.7 – Information for EIA screening                                         | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>4.8</b>                      | Attachment 4.8 – UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



| Compliance Details |                                                                                          |                        |                                     |
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| <b>4.9</b>         | Attachment 4.9 – National Climate Objective Compliance Details                           | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.10</b>        | Attachment 4.10 – National Biodiversity Action Plan Compliance Details                   | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.11</b>        | Attachment 4.11 – National or European strategic or policy objectives Compliance Details | Yes<br>(if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>0.0</b>         | Confirmation of Payment of Fee                                                           | Yes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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