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Request for Observations MUL250020 – Kilrush Maritime Ltd., Maintenance dredging of the approach channel to Kilrush Marina, Co. Clare

Dear Licence Authorisation Team,

I refer to your correspondence dated 8th December 2025 requesting comments from the Agency on the Maritime Usage Licence application for the above referenced activities. The Agency makes the following observations.

Kilrush Maritime Ltd. submitted a Dumping at Sea permit application to the Agency on 17th November 2025 for the dumping of dredged material over an 8-year period arising from maintenance dredging of the approach channel to Kilrush Marina, seaward of the lock gates, situated on the north shore of the lower River Shannon Estuary, Co. Clare.

Dredging will be carried out by plough dredging and it is proposed to dump a maximum of 40,000 tonnes of alluvial deposits over an 8-year period, commencing in 2026. Five individual dredging campaigns are planned, each disposing up to 8,000 tonnes of dredged material, to maintain navigation depth.

The application documents, including a Natura Impact Statement and updated Natura Impact Statement received on 18th November 2025, can be viewed on the EPA website under Reg. No. S0020-03 at this link: <https://leap.epa.ie/licence-profile/S0020/versions/28790f51-8fc4-f011-a32c-0050568a66b2>

This application is under assessment by the Agency in accordance with the requirements of the Dumping at Sea Act 1996, as amended.

Kilrush Maritime Ltd. does not currently hold any active Dumping at Sea permit.

The Agency would further advise that in considering and deciding on the maritime usage application that the proposed activity should not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC, Bathing Water Directive 73/160/EEC or Environmental Liabilities Directive 2004/35/EC.

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Kind regards,

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached a request for observations in relation to application MUL250020 Kilrush Maritime Ltd.

Kind regards,

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