

# Aquaculture & Foreshore Application Observations

<b>Applicant Name &amp; Area:</b>		<b>Application No:</b>	
Marine Usage Licence Application (ref MUL250020) by Kilrush Maritime Ltd to undertake maintenance dredging near Cappagh Pier, Co. Clare		MUL250020	
<b>Application Category</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture Licence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review of Aquaculture Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Aquaculture Licence		<input type="checkbox"/> Foreshore Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Trial Licence	
<b>Type of Aquaculture</b>			
<b>Marine Based</b>		<b>Land Based</b>	
Shellfish <i>Subtidal</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Intertidal</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finfish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finfish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aquatic Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seaweed / Aquatic Plants/Aquatic Fish Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aquatic Fish Food	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Sea Fisheries Protection Officer Observations</b>
<p><i>Possible impacts, if any, on existing wild fisheries in the area, with an emphasis on the possible implications for the SFPA conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Risk Assessment for species screening report fails to identify aquaculture and fisheries so no potential risks or impacts were assessed, or mitigation plans compiled.</li> <li>2. The Appropriate Assessment screening report does not identify inshore fisheries so no mitigation plan compiled.</li> <li>3. In relation to the dredging/ploughing works, we would appreciate notification of any such works, particularly those that might impact on the adjacent shellfish beds. The Cammogue and Poulmasherry beds are classified as A and Seasonal A respectively (oysters can be marketed for direct human consumption) and any deterioration in microbial water quality, as is often associated with such re-suspension of sediments, could potentially have significant impacts on the health of consumers and future Classification of the beds. There is also the potential impact of heavy metal accumulation from resuspended solids, although this may be minimal. If both shellfish producers and the Competent Authority, namely local Sea Fisheries</li> </ol>



Protection Officers responsible for the area could be notified in advance of the dates of activities it would allow implementation of a management plan to possibly minimise harvesting around these dates and assess shellfish quality to ensure public health is maintained.

4. In addition to management plans, prior notification would allow us to monitor shellfish for any mortalities. If we can officially monitor potential mortalities during the period of dredging, it could prevent bogus claims and assist with legitimate ones.

*Impacts, if any, on shellfish growing areas adjacent to or within the area and the possible impact on the ability of the SFPA to conduct official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.*

*See above*

*Possible impacts, if any, on seafood safety.*

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**Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority**

**Date:**

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