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The Environmental Protection Agency
PO Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
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14th November, 2025

Re Application for a Dumping at Sea Permit to facilitate dredging the Approach to Kilrush Marina.

Dear Sir, Madame,

Kilrush Maritime Ltd are hereby applying for a DaS Permit to enable the maintenance dredging of the approach channel to Kilrush Marina. This is an ongoing requirement to enable vessel access at low tide and has been carried out routinely over the last 35 years.

This company is operating the marina on a purely commercial basis, receiving no support from the state or any commercial shipping income. The marina is a significant economic generator for the West Clare area, approximately 24 people are employed full time either by the Marina or by other marine based businesses operating from the marina facilities. Further seasonal jobs are generated in the Summer months and the marina is a high profile element of the local tourism offering.

The marina services the Scatterry Island National Heritage Site operated by the OPW, and provides berthage to the Irish Naval Reserve, and an Irish Customs patrol boat. Furthermore, it provides an emergency haven to both the Kilrush inshore RNLI vessel, and the Shannon Foynes Port Company's Pilot Boat, both of which are essential 24/7, 365 services.

The timely maintenance dredging of the approach channel is critical to the provision of all-tide access to the Marina, and we include letters of support from both the RNLI and SFPC to that effect.

Alongside the comprehensive environmental, social and economic considerations that accompany this application, a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) is also being applied for in accordance with the requirements of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, ensuring that the proposed dredging activity and associated marine operations are fully aligned with, and compliant with, both regulatory frameworks.

We hope that this application can be processed expeditiously and look forward to further communication from you.

Yours faithfully,

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Louis Keating

Director, Kilrush Maritime Ltd



09th SEPTEMBER 2025

To Whom it may concern

Pilotage Service Operations – Kilrush Marina support

Shannon Foynes Port Company (SFPC) is the Port Authority for the Shannon Estuary.

One of the key services provided by SFPC in support of shipping on the Estuary is the pilot boat service. This service operates on a 365/24/7 basis and is critical to operations on the Estuary.

The pilot boat operates from Cappa, Kilrush, Co. Clare.

Kilrush Marina is an important support to the provision of this service.

During periods of heavy weather, the boat very frequently operates from the Marina. Safe access during all states of tide is critical to the continued safe provision of this service.

Equally, Kilrush Marina provides an immediate ability to lift-out and inspect the boat at short notice in the event of any incident/issue. Again, safe and continuous access to the Marina is critical.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Michael Kennelly.

Michael Kennelly

Harbour Master



Directors:
Pat Keating (Chief Executive), Michael Walsh (Chairperson),
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On Thu 11 Sept 2025, 16:48 Shawna Johnson (Lifeboat Operations Manager),
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10/09/2025

To: whom it may concern

Subject: Access and Berthing Facilities for Lifeboat Operations

Kilrush Marina has proved invaluable in providing access for our lifeboat operations, as well as berthing arrangements for our vessels if we are unable to recover our lifeboat at our own slipway

As part of our essential services, we are therefore able to move in and out of the marina without delay to ensure timely response in emergencies.

Kilrush Marina allows unhindered access to the marina at all necessary times, including out-of-hours operations when required.

Berths for our lifeboat and associated support vessels are always supplied by Kilrush Marina at a moment's notice, which allows for quick and safe access to the lifeboat if required.

Kilrush Marina has facilitated the change over of actual lifeboats at marina slips as this is impossible at the lifeboat station itself.

At Kilrush Lifeboat Station we rely on Kilrush Marina to provide us excellent support, and we hope to continue with this arrangement in the future

We understand the need to work in collaboration with your team and are committed to complying with marina regulations while ensuring public safety remains uncompromised.

Yours sincerely,
Shawna Johnson
Lifeboat Operations Manager
Kilrush RNLI

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