



Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Screening of Maritime Usage Licence application, in accordance with Section 117(5)(a), to determine whether Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

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		Date:	21/09/2026
Please see below for AA screening and determination report from external consultant Aoife Edgely of Tetra Tech, prepared using MARA procedures and templates with my supervision. I have reviewed the report below.			

Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	MUL250020
Application received:	07/11/2025
Name of Applicant:	Kilrush Maritime Ltd
Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:	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— (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 (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.
Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	The proposed Maritime Usage in this application is part of a long-established programme of maintenance dredging in this area, which has been carried out periodically since the completion of Cappagh Pier in the mid-19th century. The proposed works involve plough dredging of the Kilrush Marina approach channel to maintain safe navigable depth for vessels using the marina. The dredging area encompasses the full width (20 m) and length (250 m) of the approach channel and extends from the outermost fairway buoy through the marina approach channel to the lock gates. The equipment proposed to plough the marina approach channel will include a Multicat type tug towing an 8 m wide plough blade suspended from an A-frame on the stern of the vessel. the area to be dredged is approximately 0.5 Ha. Dredged sediment will be

	redistributed within the defined dredging/MUL footprint as part of the plough-dredging operation.
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Part A - Consideration of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?	
☐ Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
☒ No	proceed to Question 2.
Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended <u>and</u> does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?	
☐ Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
☐ No	Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 <u>but</u> is sub-threshold. Proceed to Part B.
☒ No	Usage is <u>not</u> listed in Schedule 5 Part 2. No requirement to proceed to Part B. Proceed to EIA Screening Conclusion.

EIA Screening Conclusion

It is concluded that, having had regard to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced maritime usage licence application, that the proposed maritime usage does not fall within any of the project categories listed in Schedule 5 and therefore does not require an EIA or further EIA Screening consideration under Schedule 7.	
 Aoife Edgely Associate Marine Scientist (Tetra Tech)	Date: 11/09/2026
Signature of Decision Maker:  Dr. Alison McCarthy Senior Marine Advisor Maritime Usage Licensing and Planning Advisory MARA	Date: 24/09/2026

Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

Not applicable