

BIM comments:

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Request for obs/comments in relation to an application for a Marine Usage Licence (MUL250024) by Port of Cork Company

Location of Activity: Ringskiddy, Port of Cork

Description of activity: to undertake surveys to inform the Port of Cork expansion project.

BIM acknowledges that this activity will be localized and the potential impact from sediment disturbance and increased turbidity during survey operations and potential accidental release of pollutants, such as hydrocarbons or suspended sediments will be temporary within the water column.

However, BIM would like to highlight the existing activities of the European flat native oyster fishery order (T05-017OFO) within the North Channel which intersects with Great Island Channel SAC – 001058 and Cork Harbour SPA – 004030 and blue mussel fishery order T05-002OFO along with aquaculture site T05-522B which is located in Rostellan shellfish waters and intersects with Cork Harbour SPA - 004030. <https://dafm-maps.marine.ie/aquaculture-viewer/>

There are also economically important in-shore fishing activities such as potting (lobster, shrimp, whelk and crab) and herring fishery up the river mouth, occurring at various times of year which are located within and outside Cork Harbour. <https://atlas.marine.ie/#?c=51.8247:-8.1951:11>

Timely notification to aquaculture producers and fishers on the ground, through direct contact using the Irish Fleet Register [Sea-Fishing Boat Licence Applications, Forms and Conditions](#) should be taken. This will allow them to make informed food safety decisions around timing of shellfish harvesting and fishing activity during the scheduled proposed activities.