



Aquaculture & Foreshore Application Observations

Applicant Name & Area:	Application No:
Wexford County Council for River Slaney	MUL260005
Application Category	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Review of Aquaculture Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Aquaculture Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Usage Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Trial Licence
Type of Aquaculture	
Marine Based Shellfish <i>Subtidal</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Intertidal</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Seaweed / Aquatic Plants/Aquatic Fish Food <input type="checkbox"/>	Land Based Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fish Food <input type="checkbox"/>

Sea Fisheries Protection Officer Observations
<p>1. <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> <p>This MUL intends to carry out environmental surveys and ground investigation works within the River Slaney adjacent to the Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarrig, Wexford. The proposed works are required to inform the design, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) of works associated with the proposed Irish National Heritage Park.</p> <p>The scope of the proposed works include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The deployment of two acoustic doppler current profiler (ADCP) Flow Meters to measure tidal flow, speed and direction within the channel. 2. Sediments samples to be obtained at 5 no. indicative locations within the River Slaney to determine the sediment particle sizes present and benthic sediment quality.



3. Ground investigation works including 5 no. boreholes in the River Slaney in the form of cable percussion boreholes followed by rotary core drilling, 1 land based borehole as well as geophysical (non-intrusive) surveys comprising High Multi-Beam Echo Sounder survey, Side Scan Survey and Sub-Bottom Profiling techniques.

None of these activities are expected to impact on Commercial fish species.

2. *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.*

There is several bottom grown mussel aquaculture sites approx. 5.5km down stream in the Estuary mouth, but this project wouldn't be expected to negatively impact these sites.

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

There are no foreseen impacts to Food safety issues for the SFPA as a result of this MUL.

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority

Date:

Dunmore East Port office

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