



SFPA Observations on Marine Usage Licence Applications

Applicant Name & Area:		Application No: MUL 260003	
OCEYON AG			
Ireland South Coast			
Application Category			
<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish Aquaculture Licence	<input type="checkbox"/> Dumping at Sea	<input type="checkbox"/> Water discharge	<input type="checkbox"/> Harbour Developments
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Shellfish Aquaculture Licence	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine Renewables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cables/ Fiber Optics/ Site investigations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fin Fish Aquaculture Licence			
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Fin Fish Aquaculture Licence			
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreshore Licence			

Sea Fisheries Protection Officer Observations
<p>1. Possible impacts, if any, on existing wild fisheries in the area, with an emphasis on the possible implications for the SFPA in conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.</p> <p>This project proposes to develop underwater technology on ROVs and AUVs to survey and support salvage of anthropogenic structures (wrecks) by creating 3D and other models from data. The aim is to augment proprietary deep learning technology for public use. This project will test the equipment in saline waters in the North Atlantic by deploying noninvasive survey technology at a number of wrecks along the south coast. These wrecks will be surveyed using photographic and acoustic techniques. Using a small, chartered vessel (up to 5 people and crew) and remotely operated electric underwater vehicles (ROV and AUV) that will not disturb the wreck. Survey is by photographic and acoustic means only. No divers will be used. There are 4 sites within the Dunmore office jurisdiction, all are significantly far enough off shore to be only sporadically used by Gill net fishermen targeting Pollack, Saithe and Ling in the summer season. Therefore, this project is unlikely to interact/interfere with fishing activities. But are reminded to be aware of surface marker bouys that may indicate passive fishing gear adjacent to the wrecks.</p> <p>Activity at each site is expected to take 1-2 days.</p> <p>SFPA believe that this activity will have little or no impact on existing wild fisheries.</p>
<p>2. Possible impacts, if any, on adjacent or nearby shellfish production areas adjacent, including possible implications for the SFPA in conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.</p>

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There are no Live Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas classified in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/727 for the commercial harvesting of shellfish for human consumption adjacent to the areas that the proposed testing of ROVs and AUVs will be conducted.

Consequently, it is believed by SFPA, that MUL application 260003 will not have an impact on shellfish growing areas, as no such shellfish growing areas are in existence within the proposed dive sites.

3. *Possible impacts, if any, on seafood safety, with an emphasis on the implications for the SFPA in conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.*

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Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority

Dunmore East, Clonakilty & Castletownbere Port

Date:

16 March 2026