

<b>Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determine Case Worker Report</b>	
To	John Evans, MUL Director
From	Paula OToole, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Martina Monaghan, Manager MUL Unit
Date	29/04/2026
<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application:</b>	
Applicant Name	University College Cork
Applicant Address	MaREI Centre, Sustainability Institute, Beaufort Building, Ringaskiddy, Cork, P43C573
Application Received	12/01/2026
MUL Reference Number	MUL260002
Decision sought	Approval sought for issuance of notice to the Applicant in accordance with Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, to inform that:  The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is minded to GRANT a Maritime Usage Licence in respect of their application and the reasons why MARA is so minded.
Description of works	<i>Marine Environmental Surveys to investigate the effect of an electromagnetic field (EMF) from a buried high voltage cable on a sensitive elasmobranch (sharks, skates &amp; rays) species; the lesser spotted catshark Scyliorhinus canicula.</i>
Term of Licence	2 Years from the MUL Commencement Date
Schedule 7 activity	7(2) Marine environmental survey (scientific discovery or research)
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	Choose an item.
Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required

Preliminary Assessment:	
Screening for EIA: Section 117(5)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: NOT REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: REQUIRED  Approved on 24/04/2026 Name of Approver: John Evans
Screening for Appropriate Assessment:  Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> Screened IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened OUT  Approved on 24/04/2026 Name of Approver: John Evans
EIA & AA Screening reports published on MARA website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Referral to Public Bodies:	
Date of Referral to Public Bodies	06/03/2026
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 8 (1 after closing date & 1 no comment) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report and Proposed Licence:	
Final MUL Assessment Report <i>includes AA Report &amp; Determination</i>	Signed by Alison McCarthy on 28/04/2026 Approved by John Evans on 29/04/2026
Public Submissions taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Public Bodies Responses taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Conditions Scrumped (for this application) or amended conditions in this Licence:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Legal advice requested for this application:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Mitigation Measures/conditions referenced in the MUL Assessment Report have been included in the proposed Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO



The proposed license accurately reflects all other conditions and reasons found in the Master Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is a Derogation Licence from the National Parks and Wildlife Service required:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <i>The Applicant states that a licence is not required.</i>
MARA Licence Map is inserted into Proposed Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

<b>Minded to Determination of Licence Application:</b>	
Case Worker Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> PART GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE
Period Specified to Applicant for submission of supplementary material in relation to the reasons for conditions: Section 119(6)(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 days <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

**Signed by (Caseworker)** Paula O’Toole

**Date** 29/04/2026

<b>Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:</b>	
Screening for AA Report & Determination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Final MUL Assessment Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed Minded to Notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>