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Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL260003

Dear Applicant,

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

1. With reference to the strict protection of species listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), confirm if you are required to apply for a derogation under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended. If yes, provide details of the application submitted, including the NPWS Derogation Number or application reference number.
2. Six of the proposed survey sites are within the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (SCDMAP) Boundary and one of these sites is also within SCDMAP Maritime Area A (Tonn Nua). As such, the applicant should provide information to MARA detailing how the proposed maritime usage is consistent with the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan.
3. In lieu of the submitted AIMU report, which reflects out of date formatting and guidance, please produce the following attachments in sufficient detail and in accordance with current MARA guidance for MUL applications (which has been in use since 19/12/2025): Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL):
 - Describe how the proposed Maritime Usage is consistent with the objectives of the National Marine Planning Framework. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the NMPF. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.1. Emphasis should be made on the interaction of the proposed maritime usage with underwater archaeology and/or cultural heritage.

- Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.5. Note that one survey site overlaps WFD waterbody (Western Celtic Sea (HAs 18;19;20) – WFD code IE_SW_010_0000)
- Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Ireland's Marine Strategy under the Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.6.
- Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the Irish State's obligations under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act.
- Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with achieving the National Climate Objective, as defined in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended.
- Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA (by email to licence@mara.gov.ie) within 30 days of the date of this notice, (by **04/09/2026**) in order for MARA to assess the licence application. Should you require an extension to this date (for good and sufficient reason), please contact us at your earliest possible opportunity.

Please refer to MARA's [Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence \(MUL\)](#) when providing the information requested.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Maritime Usage Licensing Team at licence@mara.gov.ie.

Yours faithfully,

Paula O'Toole
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MARA