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An tUdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuiri
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)

General Application (Form MUL1)





Important information:

Applicants are strongly advised to read the "[Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence](#)" before completing this application.

The application form and supporting documentation, including confirmation of payment of fee, must be submitted to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Complete this form electronically using the free text and tick boxes provided, free text boxes will expand as required. Responses should, in so far as is possible, clearly and concisely address the information requested. Where appropriate, supporting documentation may be submitted for assessment, providing that any information relevant to the application is clearly referenced in the application form.

Before completing this form, the declaration and consent at the end of the application form should be read.

Application Fee:

An application fee of EUR €2,000 applies for each Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) application.

This requirement is detailed in legislation:

Section 117(1) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and Maritime Area Usage (Licence Fees) Regulations 2023, SI No 402/2003.

The application fee must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). MARA Bank Details are provided upon request by email to licence@mara.gov.ie

Proof of application fee payment /confirmation of funds transfer must be provided with the application documentation.

Should the Maritime Usage Licensing application screen out for Appropriate Assessment, a refund of EUR €1,000 applies.

Privacy Policy

MARA may require applicants to provide certain personal data in order to carry out its legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that an applicant provides in accordance with MARA's obligations under data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). A Privacy Statement explaining how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data the applicant provides, how that information will be used and what rights the applicant may exercise in relation to its personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Policy - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#).

Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment

MARA is a public body for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as amended (the "FOI Act") and is also subject to the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007-2018 (the "AIE Regulations") and MARA may be required to disclose information and records provided by the applicant in response to a request made under the FOI Act and/or the AIE Regulations, subject to applicable exemptions. Where the applicant considers that any information supplied to MARA is commercially sensitive, confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act or the AIE Regulations, the applicant must clearly identify such information at the time. Notwithstanding this, the final decision on disclosure rests with MARA, in accordance with the applicable legislation. The applicant must, upon reasonable request and within a reasonable timeframe, provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to MARA in connection with any request for information made under the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.

Confidential/Commercially Sensitive Information

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application to MARA is commercially sensitive and/or confidential. The applicant should clearly identify and separate the specific sections of their application containing such information. The applicant should specify the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity with regard to the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.



Form MUL1 – Application for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) for an activity listed in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act

Part 1 Activity in Schedule 7 and relevant section of the MAP Act

1.1 Part 1 Activity in Schedule 7, for which this MUL application is made.

Tick Maritime Usage applicable to the purpose of the MUL. The Applicant should refer to the MUL Guidance Note for Applicants before completing this section.	
1. Dredging (including dredging involving the use of a device to remove any material, whether or not suspended in water, from one part of the seabed to another part of the seabed) other than— (a) dredging carried out to create a new harbour, berth or waterway, or to deepen existing facilities in order to allow access for larger ships, or (b) dredging ancillary to development authorised under the Act of 2000, whether or not it involves the removal of any material from the sea or seabed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of scientific discovery or research.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The installation or placement of navigational markers or aids to navigation, or both, not undertaken or authorised by the Commissioners of Irish Lights.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The installation of non-permanent platforms, pontoons or slipways.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The deposit of any substance or object, either in the sea or on or under the seabed, from— (a) a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft or marine structure (other than a pipeline), (b) a container floating in the sea, or (c) a structure on land constructed or adapted wholly or mainly for the purpose of depositing solids in the sea.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The use of a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft, marine structure (other than a pipeline) or floating container to remove any substance or object from the seabed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The use of explosives not related to development authorised under the Act of 2000 and not requiring authorisation under any other enactment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The maintenance of any cable, pipeline, oil, gas or carbon storage facility structure that does not require an authorisation (whether the authorisation takes the form of a licence, consent, approval or any other type of authorisation) under any other enactment in order to be undertaken.	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. The harvesting, disturbance or removal of seaweed, whether growing or rooted on the seabed, or deposited in or washed up thereon by the action of any one or more than one of the following: (a) tides; (b) winds; (c) waves.	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The deposit, construction or removal of any mooring not requiring authorisation under any other enactment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. (a) The removal of beach material from, or the disturbance of beach material in, the maritime area otherwise than in the course of the ordinary or reasonable recreational enjoyment of the maritime area. 12 (b) in this paragraph, "beach material" means sand, clay, gravel, shingle, stones, rocks, mineral substances, seashells, coral and maerl and any flora, in or on the surface of the seabed or suspended in the water of the maritime area, and includes outcrops of rock or any other mineral substance above the surface of the seabed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. The laying or installation of telecommunications cables or ducting by or between coastal States where such cables or ducting pass through the exclusive economic zone (as construed in accordance with the Act of 2021) or the continental shelf but do not land in the State.	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. A maritime usage specified, for the purposes of this paragraph, in regulations made under section 113(2)."	<input type="checkbox"/>



Select activity type from the list below:

Dredging/Deposits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>
ORE Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seaweed	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Infrastructure (Water/Sewage)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Infrastructure (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telecoms	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.2 Select the relevant section(s) of the MAP Act under which this MUL application is made. If more than one section applies, then select all applicable sections.

Section 117 application for a new Schedule 7 usage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Section 129 application to amend an existing foreshore authorisation or continue to occupy that part of the maritime area after the expiration of the authorisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 130 application for an existing unauthorised maritime usage	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.3 Provide below details when MUL application is made under Section 129 of the MAP Act.

A. Confirm that you are transitioning from an existing foreshore authorisation to a MUL to continue the previously consented maritime usage, or to amend an existing authorisation.

Yes No

B. If yes, provide the following details.

i. Foreshore authorisation reference number.

N/A

ii. Date of Issue.

N/A

iii. Expiration date.



N/A

iv. Description of Authorised Usage.

N/A

v. Reason for transition from foreshore authorisation to MUL.

N/A

vi. Confirm that you have attached a copy of the existing foreshore authorisation including foreshore consent map in this MUL application as Attachment 1.3.

Yes No

1.4 Provide below details when MUL application is made under Section 130 of the MAP Act.

A. Confirm that you are applying for a MUL for an existing unauthorised maritime usage.

Yes No

B. If yes, provide the following details.

i. Description of existing unauthorised maritime usage.

N/A

ii. Location of unauthorised maritime usage.

N/A

iii. Date of commencement of unauthorised maritime usage.

N/A

Part 2 Applicant Details

2.1 Applicant Details



The name and address should be of the legal or natural person that is to be the MUL Holder. This information would be recorded on the MUL.

Name of Applicant	Fingal County Council
Company/Organisation (if Applicable)	Fingal County Council
Applicant Address: Where a legal person would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Companies Registration Office. Where a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Register of Charitable Organisations.	
Address line 1	Fingal County Council
Address line 2	County Hall
Address line 3	Main Street
City/Town	Swords, County Dublin
Eircode	K67 X8Y2
Applicant Email Address	customercareunit@fingal.ie
If the Applicant is a legal person, Company Registration Office Number. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation (certified copy provided by CRO) and a list of Directors must be provided as Attachment 2.1.	N/A
If the Applicant is a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, the Registered Charity Number	N/A

Attachment 2.1 included (if required).

Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.2 Authorised Contact Person for MUL Application.

The Authorised Contact Person for the MUL Application will be the person that MARA will contact in relation to any aspect of the MUL application. The Authorised Contact Person can be a person within the Applicant Organisation or a person (agent) nominated by the Applicant

Authorised Contact Name	Darragh O'Brien
Authorised Contact Position	Agent - Senior Project Engineer (Ayesa)
Email	dobrien@ayesa.com
Telephone	0212407988

2.3 If MARA provided a statutory declaration under Section 115 of the MAP Act as to whether or not a MUL was



required for the proposed usage, provide the reference number associated with that declaration.

No statutory declaration was provided. However confirmation was provided during the pre-application meeting that the proposed works fall under a MUL activity.

2.4 Existing Foreshore Authorisation

- A. Provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore Authorisations you may hold, or have a current application for, within, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage, which you do not wish to transition (refer to 1.3 for Foreshore Authorisations you wish to transition).

N/A

- B. Do you intend to surrender any existing foreshore consent(s) (Lease/Licence) for any maritime usage other than that granted by the foreshore authorisation?

Yes No

- C. If yes, provide description of the existing foreshore consent(s) authorised usage. If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.4.

N/A

- D. Attachment 2.4 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

2.5 Other authorisations or consents

- A. Provide the reference number, a brief description and the status (e.g. application made or authorisation/consent granted) of any other authorisations or consents in the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage area, held by the applicant.

If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.5.

N/A

- B. Attachment 2.5 included.

Yes No Not Applicable



Part 3 Details of Maritime Usage

3.1 Maritime Usage

- A. Provide a brief description of proposed Maritime Usage.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.1.

The Balbriggan Harbour basin is to undergo maintenance dredging to a depth of -1.5 m ODM. The dredging will be undertaken by a contractor utilising their approved preferred methodology, where health and safety consideration are paramount to the execution of the works, taking into account the structural stability of the existing quay walls.

Ayesa has undertaken studies to ensure the stability of the harbour prior to, during and after the dredging works, including a Structural Assessment and Dredging Assessment Report. These studies also examined the history of the harbour and previous dredging campaigns carried out during the life cycle of the harbour, with evidence indicating that historic dredging campaigns at approximately -1.5 m ODM depth have occurred before with no indication of structural implications.

Based on the annual bathymetric surveys recommended for monitoring sedimentation build-up, which will provide up-to-date seabed levels to inform the timing of future maintenance requirements, the application seeks to cover all maintenance dredge campaigns under this licence to maintain safe navigable depths.

The dredge spoil (approximately 3,000 – 4,000 m³) per campaign is to be dried and disposed of at a suitably licensed landside disposal facility.

Further detail on the proposed usage of the maritime area is provided as supplementary information to this application as attachment 3.1.

- B. Attachment 3.1 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

- 3.2 Describe the purpose of the proposed Maritime Usage, with reference to the classes of usage in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act.

Due to increased sedimentation containing debris such as navigational hazards within the harbour basin makes it unnavigable at lower tidal levels. This maintenance dredging campaign aims to remove the sediment build-up and debris within the harbour, clean the basin, and maintain accessibility for fishing vessels at lower tidal levels.

This maintenance dredging campaign is essential to restore and maintain safe navigable depths of -1.0 m OD within the harbour basin, ensuring consistent vessel accessibility. The works will remove accumulated sediment and debris, restoring the harbour's operational capacity for the local fishers.

The proposed maintenance approach re-institutes the established maintenance regime previously undertaken at Balbriggan Harbour, with documented evidence of regular maintenance dredging campaigns from the



1910s- 1930s (including specific campaigns in 1920, 1921, 1924, 1927, and 1929), subsequent campaigns in 1948, 1951, and 1953, and the most recent campaign in 1996. These have been included in the additional information under attachment 3.1. The frequency of future maintenance dredging campaigns will be determined through recommended annual bathymetric surveys that will monitor sedimentation build-up and provide up-to-date seabed levels to inform the timing and necessity of future interventions.

3.3 Duration

- A. Indicate the overall MUL duration requested. Indicate the duration of any individual activities included in the overall activity. Give reasons for the proposed durations. Indicate any seasonal, vessel or other schedule constraints.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.3.

The initial maintenance dredging campaign at Balbriggan Harbour will have a duration of 3-4 months from the award of the works contract. With the nature of Balbriggan Harbour being a tidal harbour with the River Bracken feeding into the harbour, there is expected to be consistent patterns of sedimentation within the harbour. Therefore, an 8-year MUL is requested for the maintenance dredging activities, allowing for multiple maintenance dredging campaigns at the harbour to maintain accessibility.

- B. Attachment 3.3 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

3.4 Describe the area of proposed Maritime Usage

- A. State the total size of the Maritime Area (in m², ha or km², as appropriate), which is the subject of the application.

Approximately 1.87ha.

- B. Attach map, titled 'Proposed MUL Map' and GIS Shapefiles outlining the proposed Maritime Area(s). If the application relates to more than one area, each area should be labelled on the accompanying maps/drawings and its area provided. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 3.4. List the attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

Proposed MUL Map (C0203-AYE-ZZ-XX-DR-MA-0301) and GIS Shapefile is attached to this application.

- C. Attachment 3.4 included.



Yes No

3.5 Describe the location of proposed Maritime Usage

- A. Provide the distance in kilometres and direction of the main body of the proposed Maritime Usage area from the shore at its closest point.

The proposed Maritime Usage area is located along the shore, as it is within the bounds of a harbour. Therefore, the closest distance is 0km.

- B. Attach map(s)/drawing(s) showing the location of the proposed Maritime Usage. The attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) should also be listed in the space below. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 3.5.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

The map showing the location of the proposed Maritime Usage (C0203-AYE-ZZ-XX-DR-MA-0302 & C0203-AYE-ZZ-XX-DR-MA-0302) is attached to this application.

- C. Attachment 3.5 included.

Yes No

3.6 Ownership

- A. Is any part of the Maritime Area within the proposed site in private ownership?

Yes No

- B. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s).

- C. Is the Applicant aware of any actual or claimed legal rights or interests held by third parties in the proposed site that may be affected by the proposed Maritime Activity?

Yes No

- D. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s) of such legal rights or interests.

- E. The letter(s) and drawing(s)/map(s) referred to in B and D above should be included as Attachment 3.6. List the attached letters, map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

N/A



F. Attachment 3.6 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

3.7 Planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)

A. Does the proposed Usage require planning permission and/or other authorisation(s), or is it ancillary to or part of to a proposed development which requires planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)?

Yes No

B. If yes, what is the status of the planning and/or other authorisation(s)? If applicable, provide a brief description of the proposed development, to which the proposed Maritime Usage is ancillary.

Provide the file reference number(s) and link(s) to the websites where information on the planning and/or other authorisation application(s) and/or planning permission/ authorisation(s) can be obtained.

N/A



Part 4 Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations

National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

4.1 NMPF Objectives

A. Describe how the proposed Maritime Usage is consistent with the objectives of the NMPF. 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.

B. Attachment 4.1 included.

Yes No

4.2 Designated Marine Area Plan

A. Is the proposed Maritime Usage located in an area for which a Designated Marine Area Plan has been published?

Yes No

B. If yes, indicate if the proposed Usage is consistent with the Designated Marine Area Plan. Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.2.

N/A

C. Attachment 4.2 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

Habitats and Birds Directives

4.3 Report for Appropriate Assessment Screening

A. Is the proposed Maritime Usage directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site?

Yes No

B. If not, provide an Appropriate Assessment screening report to provide sufficient information for MARA to undertake screening to determine if an Appropriate Assessment is required of the implications of the proposed Maritime Usage alone, or in combination with other plans or projects, for any relevant European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives.

If the Applicant has already determined that it is likely that an Appropriate Assessment will be required and have prepared an NIS, it may be submitted.



The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person's qualifications and experience must be included in the report/NIS.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS should be provided as Attachment 4.3.

Attachment 4.3 included.

Yes No

4.4 Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species

- A. Do species listed in Annex IV of the Habitats Directive occur in the zone of influence of the proposed Maritime Usage?

Yes No

- B. If yes, the Applicant should provide an assessment of the risk posed to such species by the proposed Maritime Usage. The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person's qualifications and experience must be included in the report.

The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report should be provided as Attachment 4.4.

Attachment 4.4 included.

Yes No

- C. Are you required to apply for a derogation licence under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended?

Yes No

If yes, provide NPWS application reference number or derogation number:

N/A

Water Framework Directive

- 4.5 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.

Attachment 4.5 included.

Yes No

Marine Strategy Framework Directive

- 4.6 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.

Attachment 4.6 included.

Yes No

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive

4.7 EIA Screening

A. With reference to Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended confirm that the activity:

- i. Is not of a class listed, where no quantity, area or other limit is specified in that Part, or
- ii. Does not either equal or exceed, any relevant quantity, area or other limit specified for a class listed in that Part.

Yes – is not of a class/does not equal or exceed a threshold
No – is of a class/equals or exceeds a threshold

B. If yes, confirm if the activity is of a class listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended, but does not equal or exceed the relevant quantity.

Yes No

C. If yes to '4.7 B', provide the information for EIA screening specified in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended. The information specified in Schedule 7A should be provided as Attachment 4.7.

Attachment 4.7 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act

4.8 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.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.8.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), adopted in 1982 and in force since 1994, establishes a comprehensive international legal framework governing all maritime activities, including navigation, resource exploitation, environmental protection, and jurisdictional rights within defined maritime zones such as territorial seas, exclusive economic zones (EEZ), and the continental shelf. It also



requires member to protect and preserve the marine environment. Specifically, Articles 210 and 214 provide the basis under which Ireland regulate dredging activities through permitting.

Ireland ratified UNCLOS in 1996 and has implemented its provisions through national legislation, most notably the Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2021, which consolidates and updates Irish law on maritime boundaries and jurisdiction. This Act defines Ireland's internal waters, territorial sea (12 nautical miles), contiguous zone, EEZ (up to 200 nautical miles), and continental shelf, granting the State rights and responsibilities for resource management, environmental protection, and enforcement within these zones.

Since the proposed maritime usages (dredging works) are carried out under Ireland's permitting regime and with appropriate environmental safeguards (as noted in Attachment 4.3), it is in full compliance with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2021. The proposed maritime usage will not impede the right of innocent passage for any UN member state. All works are located within Ireland's territorial waters and respect the State's jurisdiction under national and international law. Pollution prevention measures have been incorporated to ensure no harm or contamination of the marine environment occurs.

Attachment 4.8 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended

4.9 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.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.9.

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 set national climate policy on a statutory footing for the first time in Ireland, with the target of pursuing the transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient, and environmentally sustainable economy by 2050.

Given the scale of the proposed works and limited amount of plant machinery involved (excavator, pontoon barge and hopper barge are the main components), the contribution of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from the proposed works are considered negligible and will not impact upon the objectives of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015. Best environmental practices will be followed in order to mitigate for greenhouse gas emissions, including the choice and use of equipment.

Attachment 4.9 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030

4.10 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.10.

Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP) sets the national biodiversity agenda for the period



2023-2030 and aims to deliver the transformative changes required to the ways in which we value and protect nature. It will continue to implement actions within the framework of five strategic objectives:

- Objective 1: Adopt a Whole-of-Government, Whole-of-Society Approach to Biodiversity
- Objective 2: Meet Urgent Conservation and Restoration Needs
- Objective 3: Secure Nature's Contribution to People
- Objective 4: Enhance the Evidence Base for Action on Biodiversity
- Objective 5: Strengthen Ireland's Contribution to International Biodiversity Initiatives

The proposed works are cognisant of the requirement to conserve biodiversity in Ireland, particularly in respect of the requirements of the Habitats Directive regarding the preservation of Natura 2000 Protected Sites. As such, the MUL Application for these proposed works is accompanied by a NIS which considered potential effects to three European Sites and / or on the conservation objectives of their Qualifying Interests (QIs)/Special Conservation Interests (SCIs) through surface water, air, and/or land pathways. The NIS has been prepared cognisant of the requirements of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). It includes a series of mitigation recommendations where potentially significant adverse impacts were identified. These would ensure that the integrity of the QIs and SCI first and foremost but by association and given the nature of the measures proposed, would also contribute generally to the protection of biodiversity interests, ocean health, water quality, underwater noise and sea-floor and water column integrity.

Attachment 4.10 included.

Yes No Not Applicable

National or European Strategic or Policy Objectives

4.11 Provide any additional relevant information with regard to the overall purpose of the proposed maritime usage, with reference to, e.g. National or European strategic or policy objectives and national targets, and strategic research objectives.

Additional information can be included as Attachment 4.11.

The proposed maritime usages (dredging) within Balbriggan Harbour are fully aligned with the objectives of the National or European Strategic or Policy Objectives.

Further information included in attachment 4.11

Attachment 4.11 included.

Yes No Not Applicable



Declaration and Consent

I declare that all information provided with this application, including this completed form and all attachments confirmed as included in the application checklist, is correct at the time of submission and that I will notify MARA of any changes to this information that may arise during the application process. MARA may, by notice in writing given to the applicant, require the applicant to provide in the specified form, by affidavit or otherwise, such additional information in relation to any matter to which the application relates as MARA reasonably considers necessary to assist it to determine the application.

By submitting this application form, I agree that certain details provided may be published on MARA's website and that the information provided in this form will be processed and retained by MARA and may be shared with bodies appropriate to assessing aspects of this application in furtherance of consideration of the granting of a MUL in accordance with the MAP Act.

This consent relates to this application and to any further information provided by me, or on my behalf, for the purposes of this application.

Name of Signatory:

MARY T Daly. [Redacted]

Position held:

Director of Services (Operations)

Date:

10. 3. 2026

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:

[Redacted Signature]



Application Checklist

Complete the below application checklist

Section No.	Document	Required	Submitted
Application Form			
Part 1	Activity in Schedule 7	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Part 2	Applicant Details	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Part 3	Details of Maritime Usage	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Part 4	Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Declaration and Consent	Signed Declaration and Consent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Application Checklist	Application Checklist	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Documentation			
1.3	Attachment 1.3 – Existing Foreshore Authorisation(s) wish to transition	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.1	Attachment 2.1 – List of Directors	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Attachment 2.4 – Details of Foreshore Authorisation(s)	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Attachment 2.5 – Details of Other Authorisation(s)	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.1	Attachment 3.1 – Proposed Maritime Usage	Yes (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.3	Attachment 3.3 – MUL Duration	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.4	Attachment 3.4 – MUL Map and GIS Shapefiles	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Attachment 3.5 – Other Maps and Drawings	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.6	Attachment 3.6 – Private Ownership Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.1	Attachment 4.1 – Compliance with Objectives of NMPP	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.2	Attachment 4.2 – Designated Marine Area Plan Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.3	Attachment 4.3 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.3	Attachment 4.3 – NIS	Yes (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.4	Attachment 4.4 – Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	NPWS application or derogation reference number entered on form	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.5	Attachment 4.5 – Compliance with Objectives of the Water Framework Directive	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4.7	Attachment 4.7 – Information for EIA screening	Yes (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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0.0	Confirmation of Payment of Fee	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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