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Your Ref: MUL260023

Request for Observations MUL260023 – Donegal County Council, to undertake maintenance dredging within Buncrana Harbour

Dear Licence Authorisation Team,

I refer to your correspondence dated the 28th April 2026 requesting comments from the Agency on the Maritime Usage Licence application for the above referenced activities. The Agency makes the following observations.

Donegal County Council submitted a Dumping at Sea permit application to the Agency on 20th April 2026 for the dumping of dredged material arising from maintenance dredging of the approach channel and berths at Buncrana Harbour, Co. Donegal. It is proposed to dump a maximum of 154,800 tonnes (wet weight) of dredged material by plough dredging over an eight-year period (2027-2034).

The application documents received from the applicant can be viewed on the EPA's online License and Enforcement Access Portal (<https://leap.epa.ie>) under Reg. No. S0011-04. This application is under assessment by the Agency in accordance with the requirements of the Dumping at Sea Act 1996, as amended.

Donegal County Council currently holds an active Dumping at Sea permit (permit reg. S0011-03) for the dumping at sea arising from maintenance dredging at Buncrana Harbour over an eight-year timeframe. Under this permit, a maximum of 8,000 tonnes of dredged material may be dumped at sea by plough dredging annually, up to a maximum of 64,000 tonnes, wet weight. Under the permit, all dumping activities shall be completed by 15th July 2026. The permit can be viewed on the EPA's online License and Enforcement Access Portal.

The Agency would advise that in considering and deciding on the maritime usage application that the proposed activity should not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC, Bathing Water Directive 73/160/EEC or Environmental Liabilities Directive 2004/35/EC.

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Kind regards,
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To whom it may concern,

Please see attached a letter from MARA requesting your observations on the above application for a maritime usage licence.

Regards

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