

SFPA Observations on Marine Usage Licence Applications

Applicant Name & Area: Donegal County Council RNLI Berth at Buncrana Harbour	Application No: MUL260023
Application Category	
☐ Shellfish Aquaculture Licence ☐ Renewal of Shellfish Aquaculture Licence ☐ Fin Fish Aquaculture Licence ☐ Renewal of Fin Fish Aquaculture Licence ☐ Foreshore Licence	☐ Dumping at Sea ☐ Water discharge ☒ Harbour Developments ☐ Marine Renewables ☐ Cables/ Fiber Optics/ Site investigations

Sea Fisheries Protection Officer Observations
1. <i>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.</i> There are no negative impacts on existing wild fisheries in the area, or no foreseeable implications for SFPA officials that are conducting official controls in the area and on any possible non-compliance issues that may arise. Surveys have been carried out and detailed in the application; with negligible impact on any wild fisheries or animals in the area.
2. <i>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.</i> There is no negative impact on shellfish growing areas as the tresses of oysters are too far away from the site for it to have any impact. Water sampling of this area is done at Ballybegly for Lough Swilly so this will not be impacted either. Lough Swilly is also classified as a B area for Pacific and Native Oysters. There is no negative impact here for SFPA official controls either.



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.*

Lough Swilly is a class B area for Pacific and Native Oysters; and therefore, cannot be put on the market straight for consumption until they are purified – making the risk negligible.

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority

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