



## Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

**Screening of Maritime Usage Licence application, in accordance with Section 117(5)(a), to determine whether Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.**

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| <b>To:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | Dr Alison McCarthy, Senior Marine Advisor, MULPA | <b>From:</b> | Dr Ciar O'Toole, Senior Marine Advisor, MULPA |
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| Please see below for EIA screening form from external consultant Aoife Edgely of Tetra Tech, prepared using MARA procedures and templates with my supervision. I have reviewed the report below. |                                                  |              |                                               |

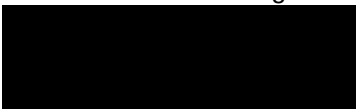
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| <b>Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:</b>                                                           | MUL260034                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Application received:</b>                                                                                | 12/05/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Name of Applicant:</b>                                                                                   | Wexford County Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:</b> | 3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:</b>                                                        | <p>The purpose of the proposed marine site investigation works is to support the Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme (CEFRS). These investigations are required to provide high quality baseline data that can contribute to project design and development, and the environmental impact assessment. The following survey investigations are included in the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drop-down camera survey</li> <li>• Geophysical survey, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Magnetometer</li> <li>o Sub-Bottom Profiler (SBP)</li> <li>o Side-Scan Sonar (SSS)</li> <li>o Multibeam Echo Sounder (MBES)</li> <li>o Marine seismic refraction</li> <li>o Marine Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Boreholes</li> <li>• Cone Penetration Tests (CPTs)</li> <li>• Grab samples</li> <li>• Surface water samples</li> <li>• Intertidal walkover survey</li> <li>• Intertidal core samples</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archaeological surveys and other investigations (i.e. underwater inspections, walkovers, metal detectors, dive surveys)</li> <li>Deployment of metocean monitoring buoys (including acoustic doppler current devices) to collect physical oceanographic data.</li> </ul> |
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**Part A - Consideration of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended**

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| <b>Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?</b>                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | EIA is required.<br>Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | Proceed to Question 2.                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended <u>and</u> does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?</b> |                                                                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | EIA is required.<br>Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 <u>but</u> is sub-threshold.<br>Proceed to Part B.                                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | Usage is <u>not</u> listed in Schedule 5 Part 2.<br>No requirement to proceed to Part B.<br>Proceed to EIA Screening Conclusion.         |

**EIA Screening Conclusion**

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| It is concluded that, having had regard to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced maritime usage licence application, that the proposed maritime usage does not fall within any of the project categories listed in Schedule 5 and therefore does not require an EIA or further EIA Screening consideration under Schedule 7. |                  |
| <br>Aoife Edgely<br>Associate Marine Scientist (Tetra Tech)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Date: 11/09/226  |
| <br>Dr. Alison McCarthy<br>Senior Marine Advisor<br>Maritime Usage Licensing and Planning Advisory                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Date: 02/10/2026 |

**Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.**

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

**Not applicable**