

SFPA Observations on Marine Usage Licence Applications

Applicant Name & Area:	Application No:
RNLI Courtmacsherry	MUL 240047
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
<i>1. Possible impacts, if any, 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> MUL 240047 is an application made by RNLI Ireland to conduct site investigation works in a localised area close by the town pier of Courtmacsherry to inform the design of a new RNLI jetty and berth and to inform disposal options for dredged sediment material. Identified works include Site investigation works include: • 3 x Boreholes – Target depth 25m • 12 x Vibrocores – Target depth 4m • In situ sampling with further testing and reporting to be undertaken off site. • Works will require a small jack-up barge suitable for shallow water depths at nearshore sites and a small vessel capable of undertaking activities in shallow water depths An identified start date is scheduled for end July 2026 with an expected duration of 10 days. It is believed by SFPA that the works involved in the proposed site investigation survey are both localised and temporary in nature and will not adversely affect existing wild fisheries in the area.



2. *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.*

Nil.

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- 3 x Boreholes – Target depth 25m
- 12 x Vibrocores – Target depth 4m
- In situ sampling with further testing and reporting to be undertaken off site.
- Works will require a small jack-up barge suitable for shallow water depths at nearshore sites and a small vessel capable of undertaking activities in shallow water depths

An identified start date is scheduled for end July 2026 with an expected duration of 10 days.

There are no Live Bivalve Mollusc production areas within the MUL area or close by Classified in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 for the commercial harvesting of shellfish for human consumption.

Consequently, it is believed by SFPA, that Foreshore Licence application MUL 240047 will not have an impact on shellfish growing areas, as no such shellfish growing areas are in existence within the Marine Usage Licence application Area.

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.*

Nil.

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- 3 x Boreholes – Target depth 25m
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An identified start date is scheduled for end July 2026 with an expected duration of 10 days.

There are no Live Bivalve Mollusc production areas within the MUL area or close by Classified in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 for the commercial harvesting of shellfish for human consumption.

Consequently, it is believed by SFPA, that Marine Usage Licence application MUL 240047 and its associated geophysical and geotechnical survey works will not have an impact on seafood safety.

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority

Clonakilty Port

Date:

15 July 2026