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Inland Fisheries Ireland

MARINE LICENCE VETTING COMMITTEE:
MUL260047 Request for observations from Ms. Paula O'Toole (MARA) dated 01.07.2026

Overview:
The surveys are required to inform the design of the N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Road scheme.

Wexford County Council are proposing the following surveys within the marine environment: A hydrographic survey (bathymetry and current measurements) of the River Slaney is required for a section that flows through Wexford. An archaeological wade and metal detector survey of the nearshore at low tide under licence from National Monument Survey (NMS), in order to assess its archaeological potential. Subtidal and intertidal benthic survey to provide a comprehensive and up-to-date description of the species and habitats found within and in the vicinity of the proposed development.

IFI Comment

The mitigation measures listed in the application should be a condition of the licence. To reduce impact on fish species the use of soft-start and ramp-up procedures for any sound-generating works undertaken – both on a day-to-day basis and on re-start after any stoppages within any day should be undertaken. This measure should be a condition of the foreshore licence. The comments of IFI in this regard relate to fish species of conservation significance and of leisure angling significance all of which constitute part of IFI's brief.

The timings of the work should be cognisant of the migratory window of diadromous species. It will be important to ensure that there is free passage for fish species along one bank to allow species migrating up and downstream. It is not clear from the application the timings of surveys; for example will the surveys take place between a 7am-7pm time period or over 24hr which could interfere with fish migrations.

The IFI office in Clonmel should be informed 5 days in advance of the start of surveys works. Email: clonmel@fisheriesireland.ie or phone +353 52 6180 055.

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