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13/10/2026

Request for revised Natura Impact Statement under section 117(6)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Re: Wexford County Council
Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL260047

Dear applicant,

I refer to the above referenced Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA), which included a Natura Impact Statement.

Following screening pursuant to Regulation 42 of the *European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011),* MARA made a determination on 13/10/2026 that an appropriate assessment is required to be carried out in respect of the proposed maritime usage which is the subject of this MUL application.

The Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination is available on the MARA website at the following link: MUL260047 - MARA - Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

For the purposes of the Appropriate Assessment, you are required to prepare a revised **Natura Impact Statement (NIS)** in relation to the proposed maritime usage, in view of MARA's Appropriate Assessment Screening and Determination Report.

The revised Natura Impact Statement is to address the following matters:

The Report for the Screening of Appropriate Assessment and Natura Impact Statement, as submitted by the applicant, has not considered potential underwater noise impacts on migratory fish from the Slaney River Valley SAC, as screened in in MARAs AA Screening and Determination Report.

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This requested information should be submitted to MARA (by email to licence@mara.gov.ie) within 4 weeks of the date of this notice i.e. by **10/11/2026**.

Failure to submit the revised Natura Impact Statement by this date (or any extension to this date permitted by MARA for good and sufficient reason) will result in the subject MUL application being deemed to be withdrawn in accordance with Section 117(8) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. Should you require an extension, please contact us at your earliest possible opportunity.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Maritime Usage Licensing Team at licence@mara.gov.ie.

Yours faithfully,

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