



SFPA Observations on Marine Usage Licence Applications

Applicant Name & Area:	Application No:
Wexford County Council, Co.Wexford	MUL260047
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, 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> The location of the survey site is above the main bridge in Wexford Town. There is negligible commercial fisheries within the survey zone. The closest wild commercial fisheries are in lower Wexford Harbour, which should not be impacted by any of the proposed survey works outlined in this application.
<i>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.</i> There is significant shellfish aquaculture in lower Wexford Harbour including blue mussel (<i>Mytilus edulis</i>) relaying and trestles for Pacific oyster (<i>Magallana gigas</i>). The physical surveying techniques proposed as part of this MUL are primarily restricted to 10 faunal grabs which will result in negligible increase in turbidity and sedimentation within the immediate vicinity. Therefore, there are no probable negative impacts of shellfish production areas expected based on the surveying techniques outlined in this application.



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.*

There are no foreseen impacts to seafood safety based on the surveying techniques outlined in this application.

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority

Dunmore East

Date:

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