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# Louth County Council submission on Maritime Usage Licence Application Ref MUL260049 (Uisce Éireann)

## Introduction

Louth County Council (LCC) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Non-Statutory Consultation in relation to the Maritime Usage Licence Application (Reference MUL260049) submitted by Uisce Éireann.

## Proposed Application

Uisce Éireann has submitted an application for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) under Section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to cover the following proposed works:

- Deployment of up to fourteen bottom mounted ADCPs. Additionally, four (4) vessel-mounted ADCP required for locations VADCP02, VADCP03, VADCP04 and VADCP05;
- Deployment of nine (9) tide gauges;
- Ancillary data will also be collected at the ADCP and tidal gauge locations such as conductivity, temperature and depth (CTD) measurements;
- Bathymetric surveys of the intertidal areas using either single beam & multibeam echosounders, or a combination of these technologies;
- Water quality sampling from the shoreline and from a vessel at multiple locations with each proposed licence area.

The applicant is seeking a 5-year MUL duration to allow for an overall survey programme to be established with regard to specific constraints (including weather, prioritisation of Uisce Éireann projects and to provide a level of resilience to adapt project timelines with unexpected delays). Each survey campaign will be 1-3 months in duration.

## Louth County Council Comments

Having reviewed the documentation submitted as part of the Maritime Usage Licence Application (Reference MUL260049), Louth County Council have no comment to the proposed Maritime Usage Licence.



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