



SFPA Observations on Marine Usage Licence Applications

Applicant Name & Area: Uisce Éireann Irish coast from Carlingford Lough to Kilcoole.	Application No: MUL260049
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
1. <i>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 proposed areas of investigations hold wild stocks of Live Bivalve Shellfish which are commercially harvested on an ongoing basis. Potting for crustaceans on an ongoing basis and trawling for demersal fish and shellfish species on an ongoing basis. There will be no issue for the SFPA to conduct official controls with the specified areas due to the nature of the equipment being temporarily deployed to the seabed.
2. <i>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> Possible impacts are only to the movement of the subsea devices which may be directly affected by dredging operations from the razor clam fishery which operate in water depths of 1-15m. The trawl resistant housings may not be sufficient to hold with the razor clam fisheries. There will be no issue for the SFPA to conduct official controls with the specified areas due to the nature of the equipment being temporarily deployed to the seabed. <i>MUL260049-101: Proposed MUL Map A Covers the Classified shellfish production areas of Carlingford Lough, Dundalk Bay, Gormanstown and Skerries.</i> <i>MUL260049-102: Proposed MUL Map B covers the classified shellfish production area of Malahide.</i>



3. *Possible impacts, if any, on seafood safety, with an emphasis on the implications for the SFPFA in conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.*

Due to the nature of the proposed equipment (ADCP) being deployed it is not envisaged that there will be any impact on food safety while the environmental monitoring is taking place.

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority

Howth Sea Fisheries Protection Office,

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