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SFPA Observations on Marine Usage Licence Applications

Applicant Name & Area:	**Application No:**
Port of Waterford Company	LIC230013
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. *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.* This project comprises of site feasibility studies/investigations to extend the pier in Bellview. Coring and drilling onsite to the extent of Drilling ca. ten (10No.) boreholes ca. 200mm in diameter, drilling ca. ten (10No.) coreholes ca. 200m in diameter; and associated sampling and testing. There is expected to be a local noise impact over the course of 3-week period when project does commence. But in reviewing the additional scientific report provided by the external environmental consultancy, it is not envisaged at this time that this project will present *possible implications for the SFPA in conducting official controls or possible non-compliance issues.*
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.* Potentially associated impacts are considered to have negligible impact on adjacent shellfish production areas.

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.*

It is not considered that this project will have any impact on seafood safety in the local environment.

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority	**Date:**
Dunmore East	06/10/2026